

TO:- Standards and Resources Committee

Councillor Barry Bond M.B.E. , Councillor Diane Holmes , Councillor Val Boote , Val Chapman , David Oldfield , Mary Roberts , Richard Taylor , Councillor Roger Tucker Councillor Penny Allen , Councillor Chris Benton , Councillor Joyce Bolton , Councillor Mike Boyle , Councillor Philip Davis , Councillor Lin Hingley , Councillor Ve Jackson , Councillor Dan Kinsey B.E.M , Councillor Kath Perry M.B.E. , Councillor John Raven , Councillor Robert Reade

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Standards and Resources Committee will be held as detailed below for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Date: Thursday, 26 January 2023

Time: 14:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX



D. Heywood
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

Part I – Public Session

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| 1 | Minutes
To approve the minutes of the Standards and Resources committee meeting of 24 November 2022. | 1 - 2 |
| 2 | Apologies

To receive any apologies for non-attendance. | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest. | |
| 4 | Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2022/23
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| 5 | Elections Act 2022
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RECORDING

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Standards and Resources Committee** South Staffordshire Council held in the Council Chamber Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 14:30

Present:-

Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Barry Bond, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Lin Hingley, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor John Raven

13 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Standards & Resources Committee held on 24 November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

14 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Kinsey BEM, V Jackson, K Perry MBE, R Reade and V Chapman.

15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

16 **MEMBERS ALLOWANCES**

Members received the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members Allowances be recommended to Council.

17 **REPORT ON WORK PROGRAMME/COMPLAINTS**

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be noted.

The Meeting ended at: 15:21

CHAIRMAN

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2023

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2022/23

REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS AND EXECUTIVE SUPPORT TEAM MANAGER

PART A – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Every local authority is required to carry out a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations every five years. This is to ensure reasonable facilities are provided for voting and that polling places are accessible to all electors.
- 1.2 The last compulsory review of polling districts and polling places in the South Staffordshire Constituency commenced in October 2018 and was completed in December 2018.
- 1.3 This review commenced in October 2022 and was completed in January 2023 and is as a result of the changes to District / Parish Ward boundaries following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Review of South Staffordshire; the review was timed to enable any changes to be implemented before the next scheduled District and Parish elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- Note the consultee responses
- Approve the final Polling Place scheme

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	The delivery of the democratic process underpins the operation of local government and thus the delivery of the Council Plan objectives.
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	N/A	The purpose of the review is to ensure that all voters have reasonable facilities for voting. Assessments for

		each polling station will be undertaken in accordance with requirements.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	N/A – report to Standards and Resources Committee	
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	May 2023	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	Yes	All Polling Stations have a booking fee; there is an establishment budget for the paying of these fees.
LEGAL ISSUES	None	The Council has undertaken the review in accordance with the principles in the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES		
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	All	

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 A notice was published to launch the review on the 24 October 2022 and full details of the review were made available on the Council’s website and noticeboards and widely publicised via the Weekly News Round-Ups and through libraries, South Staffordshire Partnership, local MP’s and Staffordshire County Council. A paper version and web-based version of the consultation was created and was promoted on social media.

Information on the proposed scheme by the Returning Officer was also made available on the website during the review.

The proposed scheme takes in the changes because of the LGBCE Review, to reduce District wards to 20 (from 25) and consequential amendments to parish wards in Great Wyrley, Penkridge, Perton and Wombourne.

The polling district references have been revised to make identification of the polling districts easier with a clearer link to the different wards.

The following changes to the Polling Districts and Stations have been necessitated either by the outcome of the Boundary Review, or as a result of the availability of particular polling stations, or to ensure better equality of voter numbers. New polling district references are given first with the former reference in brackets:

- 1) **ACB** (ACA3) - District Ward changed from Codsall South to Bilbrook in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.
- 2) **CEB** (BEA part) – New Parish Ward of Great Wyrley West created in Cheslyn Hay Village District Ward in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.
- 3) **GBA** (BEA part) – Part of area moved to **CEB** and Polling Station moved to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane to better reflect polling district area.
- 4) **GCA** (BGA part) – Part of area moved from **HBA**, District & Parish Ward changed from Great Wyrley Town to Landywood. Polling station moved to Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane from Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road. Great Wyrley Labour Group have suggested using Great Wyrley Methodist Church, Walsall Road as alternative, both are at either end of Polling District, and the preferred option is to use Senior Citizens Centre as proposed.
- 5) **HBA** (BGA part) – Remainder of polling district continue to use Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road as a single polling station (was a double station).
- 6) **HCA** (BHA) – Polling Station moved to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane to better reflect polling district area.
- 7) **LBA** (BQA) – Polling Station moved to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive as used successfully during COVID19 elections.
- 8) **LDA** (BSA) – Polling Station moved to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive as used successfully during COVID19 elections due to Methodist Church Hall no longer being available.
- 9) **OFA** (CEA1 part) – Vale Gardens & part of Wolverhampton Road moved to **PAA**, remaining area changed from Penkridge West to Parish Ward Penkridge North East and District Ward to Penkridge North & Acton Trussell in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.
- 10) **OGA** (CEA2) – District Ward changed from Penkridge West to Penkridge North & Acton Trussell in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.
- 11) **PAA** (CAA & CEA1 part) – Vale Gardens & part of Wolverhampton Road moved from **OFA** (CEA1). Part of Polling District, South of Boscomoor Lane, moved to **PCA** (CDA) due to Polling Station not able to accommodate a double station at Reading Room Market Street, Penkridge.
- 12) **PCA** (CDA) – Part of Polling District **PAA** (CAA), South of Boscomoor Lane, moved due to Polling Station not able to accommodate a double station at Reading Room Market Street, Penkridge, double station at Princefield First School, Saxon Road, Penkridge.

13) **RAA** (CGA2 & CFA part) – Rockingham Drive & part of Edge Hill Drive moved from **SAA/SBA** (CFA).

14) **SAA** (CFA & CGA2 part) – Rockingham Drive & part of Edge Hill Drive moved to **RAA** (CGA2), St Andrews Drive and surrounding area moved to **TAA** (CGA1). Polling district then split to **SAA / SBA** which will be moved to Perton Library, Severn Drive, Perton this will be more convenient for electors in part of Lakeside whilst allowing for the increase in electorate due to new development.

15) **SBA** (CFA) Polling district split to **SAA / SBA** and Polling station moved to Perton Library, Severn Drive, Perton this will be more convenient for electors in part of Lakeside whilst allowing for the increase in electorate due to the new development.

16) **TAA** (CGA1) St Andrews Drive and surrounding area moved from **SAA/SBA** (CFA) & District & Parish Ward changed from Perton Dippons to Perton Wrottesley in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.

17) **TCA** (CJA) Polling station moved to Perton Library, Severn Drive, Perton this will be more convenient for electors.

18) **WCA** (CUA & CTA part) – Estate North of Common Road moved to **XAA** (CUA), Rookery Road, roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech estates moved from **XAA** (CUA). District & Parish Ward changed from Wombourne South East to Wombourne North in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.

19) **XAA** (CTA & CUA part) – Estate North of Common Road moved from **WCA** (CTA), Rookery Road, roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech estates moved to **WCA** (CTA). District & Parish Ward changed from Wombourne South East to Wombourne South in accordance with Boundary Review recommendations.

20) **CCB** (ANA) – Polling Station moved to Salem Methodist Church Hall, High Street Cheslyn Hay, due to Cheslyn Hay WMC no longer being available. This will create a double station with **CDB** (APA).

4.2 During the consultation period there were a number of comments/representations made. These can be found at Appendix 1 along with the Returning Officer's response to the representations made. None of the comments resulted in a change to the original proposals.

4.3 The final Polling Places, Polling Districts and Polling Stations (Change Summary) are detailed at Appendix 2.

The final Polling Places, Polling Districts and Polling Stations (full details) are detailed at Appendix 3.

- 4.4 Mapping is detailed at Appendix 4a for the Polling Districts listed in 4.1 above.

Mapping is detailed at Appendix 4b for the Locality Areas listed in 4.1 above.

- 4.5 Following the combined local elections, feedback will be obtained from the Polling Station Inspectors, Presiding Officers, Candidates and agents along with any feedback from electors to ensure that the Polling Stations remain suitable for electors.

Publishing the conclusions of the review

- 4.6 Following approval from the Standards and Resources Committee, a notice of conclusion of the review will be published on the Council's website and a link to this report will be provided which shows all the correspondence received as part of the Review. Details will also be provided details to Parish Councils via the Elections newsletter.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Standards and Resources Committee on the 13 September 2018.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Consultation responses.

Appendix 2 – Final Polling Station scheme (Changes Summary).

Appendix 3 – Final Polling Station scheme (Full Details).

Appendix 4a – Polling District Maps

Appendix 4b – Area Maps

Report prepared by: Matt Powis, Elections and Executive Support Team Manager

2022/23 Polling Place Review

In total 4 responses were received to the consultation exercise and a summary of these can be found below:

Ward	Comments made	Is the Polling Station easy to find?	Is the Polling Station fully accessible to all members of the community?	Is the Polling Station suitable for voting?	Raised by	Returning Officer Response	Changes proposed as a result of comments made
Penkridge North	No issues with Polling Stations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cllr Len Bates	Response noted.	None.
Stafford Borough Council	We have no comments to make.	-	-	-	J Peat (Stafford BC Elections Manager)	Response noted.	None.
Great Wyrley Landywood	At its branch meeting on the 28 November discussed the possibilities of a further Polling Station at the Wyrley Wesley Methodist, Church, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley. The branch believed that this would	-	-	-	Great Wyrley Labour Party	With changes proposed it was felt that these will cover each area, the use of the Methodist Church would be instead of the Senior Citizens Centre, which is at the opposite end of the polling	None.

	allow residents of Landywood Ward voters to have a more accessible polling station.					district, this would not give any particular advantage.	
Cheslyn Hay Parish	Members had submitted comments to the LGBCE Review in 2021 saying that electors were having to travel from the top to bottom of village, in some cases going past closer polling stations.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Melanie Brown (Clerk).	The Parish ward boundaries are co-terminus with the Polling Districts, which means they are not within the LGBCE or Council remit to change unless a Ward Boundary had changed considerably. The locations of stations will continue to cause the issues described unless changes are made to the Parish Wards.	None.

						Advised the Parish clerk that they would need to request a Community Governance Review to do this.	
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21/1	ACA3	ACB	Bilbrook - Lane Green Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook - Lane Green Ward	Bilbrook	Codsall South	Bilbrook	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Road, Bilbrook, Wolverhampton	Moved to Bilbrook Dist from Codsall South	No Change to location Triple for Parish Elections Double for remainder	431
17	ANA	CCB	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay South	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Cheslyn Hay Club, Station Street, Cheslyn Hay	District Ward Name Change only	Moved to Salem Sunday School due to Cheslyn Hay Club no longer being available.	1172
		CEB	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - West Ward	Great Wyrley	Cheslyn Hay South	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Salem Sunday School, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7AB	District Ward Name Change, Pool Meadow & Highland Park moved from GBA (BEA) to create new Parish Ward	No Change to Location Double @ Salem Sunday School for Parish	493
36	BEA	GBA	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Landywood	Great Wyrley Landywood	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6EJ	Pool Meadow & Highland Park moved to CEB Cheslyn Hay Village	Move to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane	1232
		GCA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Landywood	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved from HBA (BGA) to Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	Move to Senior Citizens, Broadmeadow Lane. Gt Wyrley Labour Party suggest Gt Wyrley Methodist Church, Walsall Rd, WS6 6DP. Alternative to Senior Citizens Centre.	780
38	BGA	HBA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved to GCA Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	No change to Location Merge as single @ Scout & Guide	573
39	BGA	HBA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved to GCA Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	No change to Location Merge as single @ Scout & Guide	573
40	BHA	HCA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6EJ	No Change	Move to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane	1643
46	BQA	LBA	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	St Peters Church Hall, Vicarage Drive, Off High Street, DY7 6HJ	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as used during COVID19	1363
48	BSA	LDA	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Methodist Church Hall, Enville Road, Kinver, DY7 6AB	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as Methodist Church Hall is no longer available	1415
49	BSA	LDA	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Methodist Church Hall, Enville Road, Kinver, DY7 6AB	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as Methodist Church Hall is no longer available	1416
61	CEA1	OFA	Penkridge - West Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - North East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge West	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Penkridge	Stafford	The Peace Memorial Hall, Pinfold Lane, Penkridge, ST19 5AP	Vale Gdns & Part Wolverhampton Rd etc. moved to PAA (CAA) District / Parish Ward Change	No Change to location Double for Parish/County/ Elections Single for remainder	995

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61/1	CEA2	OGA	Penkridge - Levedale	Penkridge	Penkridge - Levedale	Penkridge	Penkridge West	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Brewood	Stafford	The Peace Memorial Hall, Pinfold Lane, Penkridge, ST19 5AP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Double for Parish/County/ Elections Single for remainder	345
56	CAA	PAA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	The Reading Room, Market Street, Penkridge, ST19 5DH	Vale Gdns & Part Wolverhampton Rd etc.moved from OFA (CEA1)	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate decreased by approx 730 due to room size.	1285
59	CDA	PCA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	Princefield First School, Saxon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5EP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate increased by approx 730.	1522
60	CDA	PCA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	Princefield First School, Saxon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5EP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate increased by approx 730.	1522
66	CGA2	RAA	Perton - East Ward	Perton	Perton - East Ward	Perton	Perton East	Perton East	Perton	South Staffordshire	Perton Pavillion and Scout Club, Gainsborough Drive, Perton, WV6 7NR	Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive from SAA/SBA (CFA)	No Change to Location	1988
62	CFA	SAA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	No Change to Location	1338
63	CFA	SAA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	No Change to Location	1339
64	CFA	SBA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	SAA (CFA) Split to include new development due to future size & moved to Perton Library, Severn Dr, Perton WV6 7QU. Double for Parish & District	870
65	CGA1	TAA	Perton - Dippons Ward	Perton	Perton - Wrottesley Ward	Perton	Perton Dippons	Perton Wrottesley	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Airman's Lounge - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	St Andrews Drive estate from SAA / SBA (CFA) & District / Parish ward Change	No Change to Location	1730
65/1	CJA	TCA	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton Dippons	Perton Wrottesley	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Airman's Lounge - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	District Ward Name Change only	Moved to Perton Library, Severn Dr, Perton WV6 7QU, Double for Parish & District	213

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78	CUA	WCA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne North	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne North	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Day Centre, Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Estate North of Common Rd moved to XAA (CTA). Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved from XAA (CTA)	No Change to Location	1125
76	CTA	XAA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved to WCA (CUA). Estate North of Common Rd moved from WCA (CUA)	No Change to Location	1110
77	CTA	XAA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved to WCA (CUA). Estate North of Common Rd moved from WCA (CUA)	No Change to Location	1110

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3	ACA1	AAB	Bilbrook - West Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook - West Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys Lane, Bilbrook, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	1006
4	ACA1	AAB	Bilbrook - West Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook - West Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys Lane, Bilbrook, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	1005
5	ACA2	ABB	Bilbrook - East Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook - East Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Bilbrook	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Road, Bilbrook, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to location Triple for Parish Elections Double for remainder	1321
21/1	ACA3	ACB	Bilbrook - Lane Green Ward	Bilbrook	Bilbrook - Lane Green Ward	Bilbrook	Codsall South	Bilbrook	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Road, Bilbrook, Wolverhampton	Moved to Bilbrook Dist from Codsall South	No Change to location Triple for Parish Elections Double for remainder	431
6	ADA	BAB	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard - Blymhill Ward	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard - Blymhill Ward	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	Stafford	Blymhill Village Hall, School Lane, Blymhill, Shropshire	Moved District Ward	No Change to Location	368
7	AEA	BBB	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard - Weston-Under-Lizard Ward	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard - Weston-Under-Lizard Ward	Blymhill & Weston-Under-Lizard	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	Stafford	The Institute Rooms, Watling Street, Weston-Under-Lizard, South Staffordshire	Moved District Ward	No Change to Location	223
9	AGA	BCB	Brewood & Coven - Bishopswood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Bishopswood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	Stafford	Bishopswood Village Hall, Ivetsey Bank Road, Bishopswood, Stafford	Moved District Ward	No Change to Location	599
10	AHA	BDB	Brewood & Coven - Brewood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Brewood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood and Coven	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Jubilee Hall, Bargate Street, Brewood, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1249
11	AHA	BDB	Brewood & Coven - Brewood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Brewood Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood and Coven	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Jubilee Hall, Bargate Street, Brewood, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1250
12	AJA	BEB	Brewood & Coven - Coven Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Coven Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood and Coven	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Coven Memorial Hall, Brewood Road, Coven, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1295
13	AJA	BEB	Brewood & Coven - Coven Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Coven Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood and Coven	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Coven Memorial Hall, Brewood Road, Coven, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1296
14	AKA	BFB	Brewood & Coven - Coven Heath Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood & Coven - Coven Heath Ward	Brewood & Coven	Brewood and Coven	Brewood, Coven & Blymhill	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Mobile at Allotments Car Park, Ball Lane, Coven, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	308
15	ALA	CAB	Cheslyn Hay - Littlewood Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay - Littlewood Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay North & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Hawkins Social Club, Coppice Lane, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1130
16	AMA	CBB	Cheslyn Hay - Pinfold Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay - Pinfold Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay North & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Cheslyn Hay Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1543
17	ANA	CCB	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay South	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Cheslyn Hay Club, Station Street, Cheslyn Hay	District Ward Name Change only	Moved to Salem Sunday School due to Cheslyn Hay Club no longer being available.	1172
18	APA	CDB	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay - South Ward	Cheslyn Hay	Cheslyn Hay South	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Salem Sunday School, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7AB	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location Triple @ Salem Sunday School for Parish	1651
		CEB	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - West Ward	Great Wyrley	Cheslyn Hay South	Cheslyn Hay Village	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Salem Sunday School, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7AB	District Ward Name Change, Pool Meadow & Highland Park moved from GBA (BEA) to create new Parish Ward	No Change to Location Triple @ Salem Sunday School for Parish	493
19	AQA	DAA	Codsall - North Ward	Codsall	Codsall - North Ward	Codsall	Codsall North	Codsall	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Codsall Village Hall (Main Hall), Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1747
20	AQA	DAA	Codsall - North Ward	Codsall	Codsall - North Ward	Codsall	Codsall North	Codsall	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Codsall Village Hall (Main Hall), Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1747
21	ARA	DBA	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall South	Codsall	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Road, Bilbrook, Wolverhampton	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Triple for Parish Elections Double for remainder	847
22	ASA	DCA	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall South	Codsall	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Church Lounge at Methodist Hall, Histons Hill, Codsall, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	960
23	ASA	DCA	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall - South Ward	Codsall	Codsall South	Codsall	Codsall	South Staffordshire	Church Lounge at Methodist Hall, Histons Hill, Codsall, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	961

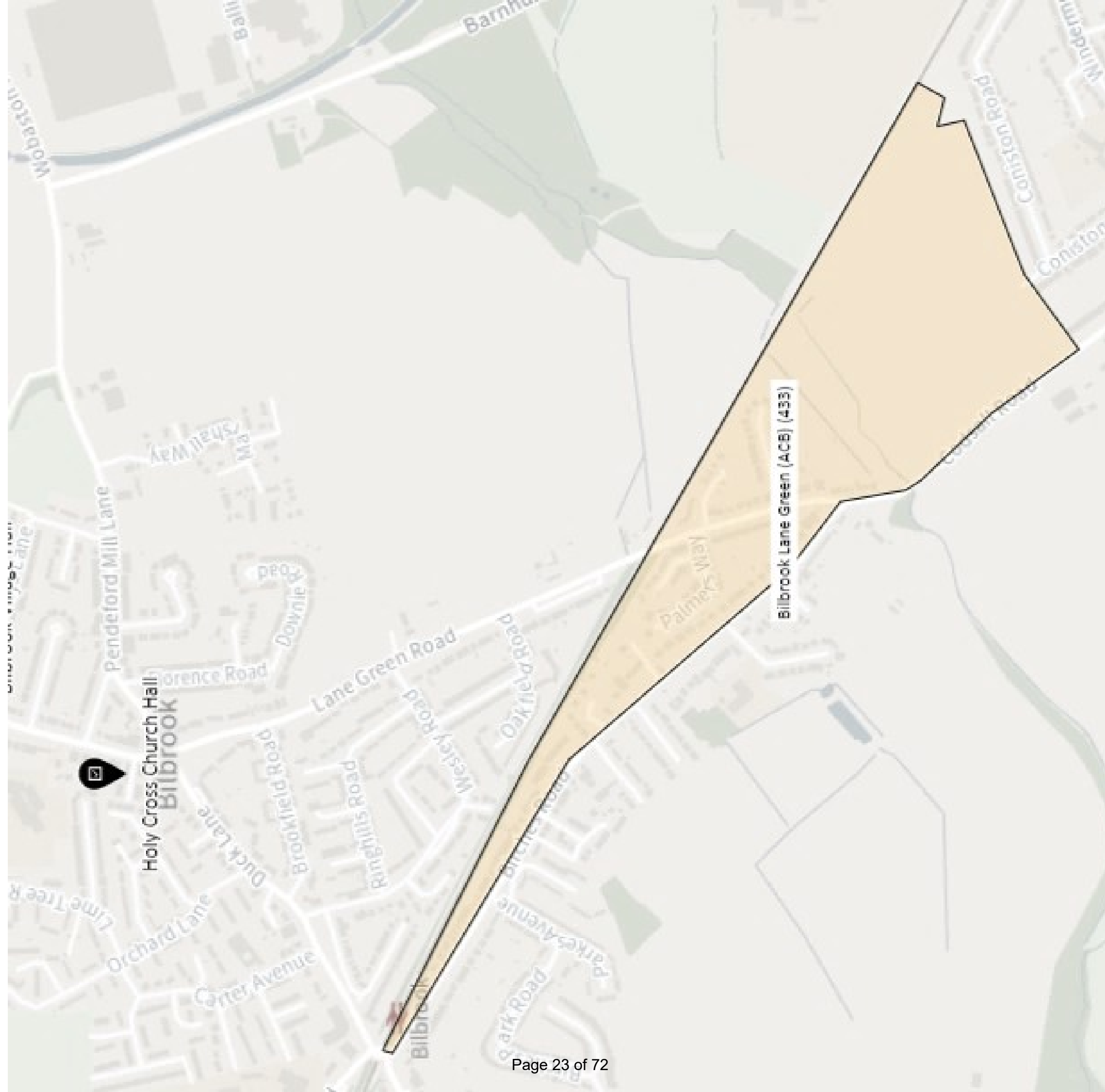
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27	AWA	EAA	Essington - Broad Lane Ward	Essington	Essington - Broad Lane Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	The Pavilion, Broad Lane, Essington, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	486
28	AXA	EBA	Essington - Central Ward	Essington	Essington - Central Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Essington Community Centre, Hobnock Road, Essington, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	1204
29	AXA	EBA	Essington - Central Ward	Essington	Essington - Central Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Essington Community Centre, Hobnock Road, Essington, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	1205
30	AYA	ECA	Essington - Newtown Ward	Essington	Essington - Newtown Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Wyrley Juniors FC Club House, Newtown Community Centre, Long Lane, Essington, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	381
31	AZA	EDA	Essington - Sneyd Ward	Essington	Essington - Sneyd Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Essington Rugby Club, High Hill, Essington, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	339
32	BAA	EEA	Essington - Westcroft Ward	Essington	Essington - Westcroft Ward	Essington	Essington	Essington	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Westcroft Nursery, Adjacent To 240 Cannock Road, Westcroft, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	388
33/1	BBA	FAA	Featherstone - Brinsford Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone - Brinsford Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone & Shareshill	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Featherstone Community Centre (Main Hall), Baneberry Drive, Featherstone, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	278
33	BCA	FBA	Featherstone - Featherstone Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone - Featherstone Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone & Shareshill	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Featherstone Community Centre (Main Hall), Baneberry Drive, Featherstone, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1289
34	BCA	FBA	Featherstone - Featherstone Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone - Featherstone Ward	Featherstone	Featherstone & Shareshill	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Featherstone Community Centre (Main Hall), Baneberry Drive, Featherstone, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1290
34/1	BKA	FCA	<None>	Hilton	<None>	Hilton	Featherstone & Shareshill	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Featherstone Community Centre (Main Hall), Baneberry Drive, Featherstone, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	176
68	CKA	FDA	<None>	Saredon	<None>	Saredon	Cheslyn Hay North & Saredon	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Wedges Mills Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	637
69	CLA	FEA	<None>	Shareshill	<None>	Shareshill	Featherstone & Shareshill	Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Shareshill Village Hall, Elms Lane, Shareshill, Wolverhampton	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	614
35	BDA	GAA	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Landywood	Great Wyrley Landywood	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Harrisons Sports and Social Club, Wharwell Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6EU	No Change	No Change to Location	1877
36	BEA	GBA	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Landywood	Great Wyrley Landywood	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6EJ	Pool Meadow & Highland Park moved to CEB Cheslyn Hay Village	Move to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane	1232
		GCA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Landywood Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Landywood	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved from HBA (BGA) to Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	Move to Senior Citizens, Broadmeadow Lane. Gt Wyrley Labour Party suggest Gt Wyrley Methodist Church, Walsall Rd, WS6 6DP. Alternative to Senior Citizens Centre.	780
37	BFA	HAA	Great Wyrley - North Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - North Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Church Hall At St Thomas More Primary School, Huthill Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6PG	No Change	No Change to Location	1360
38	BGA	HBA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved to GCA Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	No change to Location Merge as single @ Scout & Guide	573
39	BGA	HBA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Scout & Guide Centre, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ	Area West of Hilton Lane moved to GCA Great Wyrley Landywood Dist / Parish Ward	No change to Location Merge as single @ Scout & Guide	573
40	BHA	HCA	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley - Town Ward	Great Wyrley	Great Wyrley Town	Great Wyrley Town	Cheslyn Hay, Essington & Great Wyrley	South Staffordshire	Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6EJ	No Change	Move to Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane	1643

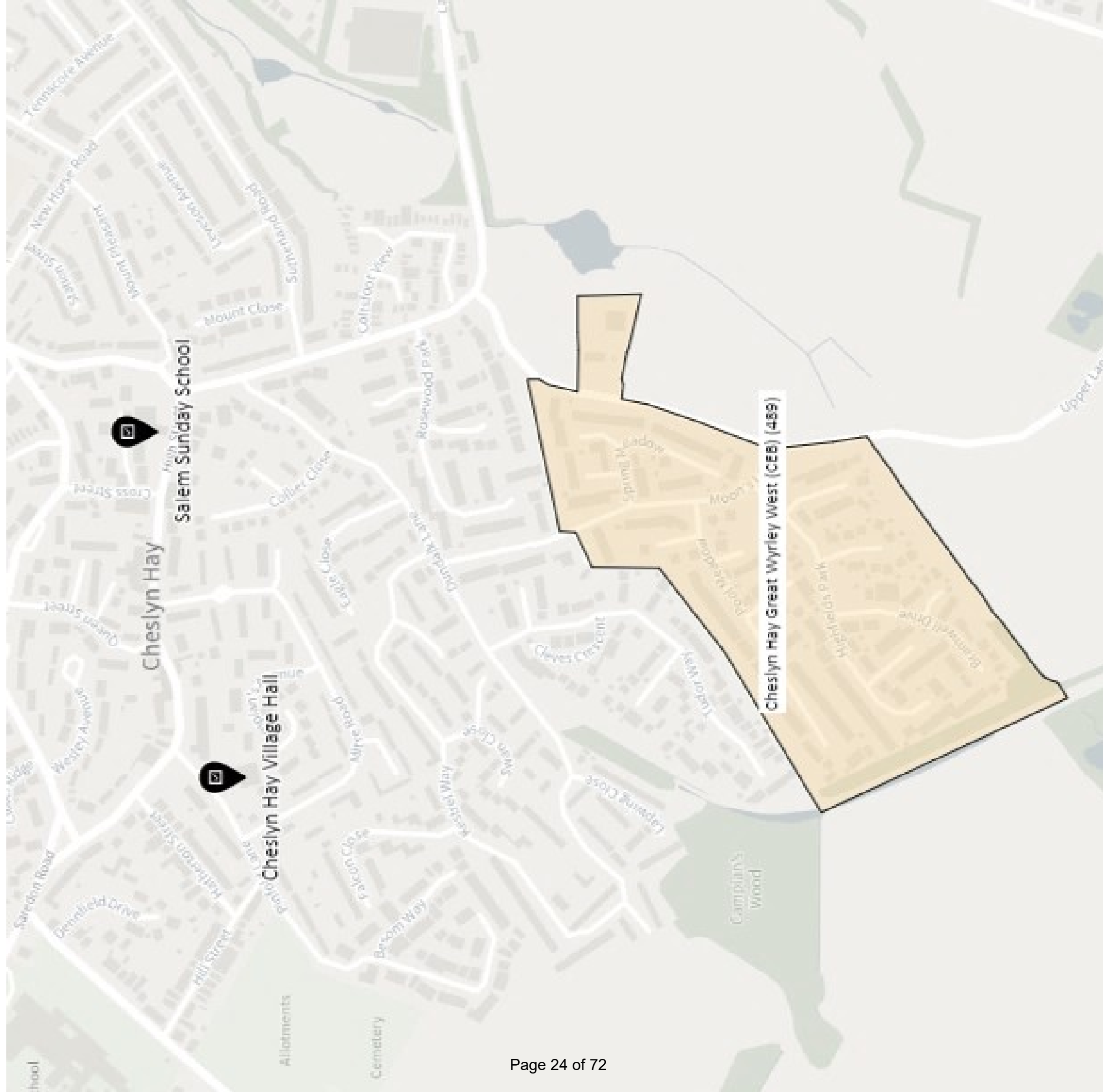
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42	BLA	JAA	<None>	Himley	<None>	Himley	Himley & Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Himley Cricket Club, Stourbridge Road, Himley	No Change	No Change to Location	375
43	BMA	JBA	<None>	Himley	<None>	Himley	Himley & Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Adventure Street, Baggeridge Craft Village, Brick Kiln Way, Gospel End, Dudley	No Change	No Change to Location	638
70	CMA	JCA	<None>	Swindon	<None>	Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Swindon Community Centre, High Street, Swindon, Dudley	No Change	No Change to Location	831
71	CNA	JDA	<None>	Swindon	<None>	Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Himley & Swindon	Kinver	South Staffordshire	The Wardens Office, Hinksford Mobile Home Park, Hinksford Lane, Hinksford Park, Swindon	No Change	No Change to Location	244
41	BJA	KA	<None>	Hatherton	<None>	Hatherton	Huntington & Hatherton	Huntington & Hatherton	Brewood	South Staffordshire	Hatherton Parish Rooms, Four Crosses Lane, Four Crosses, Hatherton, South Staffordshire	No Change	No Change to Location	505
44	BN	KBA	Huntington - Chase Ward	Huntington	Huntington - Chase Ward	Huntington	Huntington & Hatherton	Huntington & Hatherton	Penkridge	South Staffordshire	Huntington Community Centre, Stafford Road, Huntington, Cannock	No Change	No Change to Location	1215
45	BPA	KCA	Huntington - Littleton Ward	Huntington	Huntington - Littleton Ward	Huntington	Huntington & Hatherton	Huntington & Hatherton	Penkridge	South Staffordshire	Naden House-Communal Lounge, Stafford Road, Huntington, Cannock	No Change	No Change to Location	2202
26	AVA	LAA	<None>	Enville	<None>	Enville	Trysull & Seisdon	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Athletic Club, Hall Drive, Enville, Stourbridge	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	411
46	BQA	LBA	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	St Peters Church Hall, Vicarage Drive, Off High Street, DY7 6HJ	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as used during COVID19	1363
47	BRA	LCA	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Dunsley Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Stourbridge Tennis Club, Sugar Loaf Lane, Stourbridge	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	143
48	BSA	LDA	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Methodist Church Hall, Enville Road, Kinver, DY7 6AB	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as Methodist Church Hall is no longer available	1415
49	BSA	LDA	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Potters Cross Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Methodist Church Hall, Enville Road, Kinver, DY7 6AB	District Ward Name Change only	Move to Kinver Sports & Community Centre, Legion Drive, Kinver DY7 6ER as Methodist Church Hall is no longer available	1416
50	BTA	LEA	Kinver - Stourton Ward	Kinver	Kinver - Stourton Ward	Kinver	Kinver	Kinver & Enville	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Stourton Village Hall, Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, Stourbridge	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1597
51	BUA	MAA	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Lapley Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Lapley Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Brewood	Stafford	Stretton Lodge Day Nursery & Pre School, School Lane, Stretton	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	281
51/1	BVA	MBA	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Stretton Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Stretton Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Brewood	Stafford	Stretton Lodge Day Nursery & Pre School, School Lane, Stretton	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	105
52	BWA	MCA	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Wheaton Aston Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston - Wheaton Aston Ward	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood & Lapley	Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston	Brewood	Stafford	Wheaton Aston Village Hall, High Street, Wheaton Aston, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1712
8	AFA	NAA	<None>	Bobbington	<None>	Bobbington	Trysull & Seisdon	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Bobbington Village Hall, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	416
53	BXA	NBA	<None>	Lower Penn	<None>	Lower Penn	Wombourne North & Lower Penn	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Kinver	South Staffordshire	The Victory Hall, Greyhound Lane, Lower Penn, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	818
54	BYA	NCA	Pattingham & Patshull - Patshull Ward	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham & Patshull - Patshull Ward	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Crown Room At Dartmouth Arms, Snowdon Road, Burnhill Green, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	138
55	BZA	NDA	Pattingham & Patshull - Pattingham Ward	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham & Patshull - Pattingham Ward	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham & Patshull	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Perton	South Staffordshire	Pattingham Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, Pattingham, Wolverhampton	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1640
72	CPA	NEA	Trysull & Seisdon - Seisdon Ward	Trysull & Seisdon	Trysull & Seisdon - Seisdon Ward	Trysull & Seisdon	Trysull & Seisdon	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Trysull Village Hall, The Green, Trysull, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	552
72/1	CQA	NFA	Trysull & Seisdon - Trysull Ward	Trysull & Seisdon	Trysull & Seisdon - Trysull Ward	Trysull & Seisdon	Trysull & Seisdon	Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn	Kinver	South Staffordshire	Trysull Village Hall, The Green, Trysull, South Staffordshire	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	426

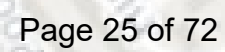
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1	AAA	OAA	Acton Trussell & Bednall - Acton Trussell Ward	Acton Trussell & Bednall	Acton Trussell & Bednall - Acton Trussell Ward	Acton Trussell & Bednall	Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Penkridge	Stafford	Acton Trussell Community Centre, Acton Hill Road, Acton Trussell, Stafford	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	670
2	ABA	OBA	Acton Trussell & Bednall - Bednall & Teddesley Hay Ward	Acton Trussell & Bednall	Acton Trussell & Bednall - Bednall & Teddesley Hay Ward	Acton Trussell & Bednall	Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Penkridge	Stafford	All Saints School, School Lane, Bednall, Stafford	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	345
24	ATA	OCA	Dunston with Coppenhall - Coppenhall Ward	Dunston with Coppenhall	Dunston with Coppenhall - Coppenhall Ward	Dunston with Coppenhall	Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Brewood	Stafford	Hyde Lea Village Hall, Hyde Lea, Stafford	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	252
25	AUA	ODA	Dunston with Coppenhall - Dunston Ward	Dunston with Coppenhall	Dunston with Coppenhall - Dunston Ward	Dunston with Coppenhall	Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Brewood	Stafford	Dunston Village Hall, School Lane, Dunston, Stafford	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	206
58	CCA	OEA	Penkridge - North East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - North East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Penkridge	Stafford	Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5DT	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1496
61	CEA1	OFA	Penkridge - West Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - North East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge West	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Penkridge	Stafford	The Peace Memorial Hall, Pinfold Lane, Penkridge, ST19 5AP	Vale Gdns & Part Wolverhampton Rd etc. moved to PAA (CAA) District / Parish Ward Change	No Change to location Double for Parish/County/ Elections Single for remainder	995
61/1	CEA2	OGA	Penkridge - Levedale	Penkridge	Penkridge - Levedale	Penkridge	Penkridge West	Penkridge North & Acton Trussell	Brewood	Stafford	The Peace Memorial Hall, Pinfold Lane, Penkridge, ST19 5AP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Double for Parish/County/ Elections Single for remainder	345
56	CAA	PAA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	The Reading Room, Market Street, Penkridge, ST19 5DH	Vale Gdns & Part Wolverhampton Rd etc.moved from OFA (CEA1)	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate decreased by approx 730 due to room size.	1285
57	CBA	PBA	Penkridge - Gailey Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - Gailey Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Brewood	Stafford	Spread Eagle Hotel, Watling Street, Gailey, ST19 5PN	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	167
59	CDA	PCA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	Princefield First School, Saxon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5EP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate increased by approx 730.	1522
60	CDA	PCA	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge - South East Ward	Penkridge	Penkridge South East	Penkridge South & Gailey	Penkridge	Stafford	Princefield First School, Saxon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5EP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to location Part of PAA (CAA) South of Boscomoor La moved to PCA (CDA), electorate increased by approx 730.	1522

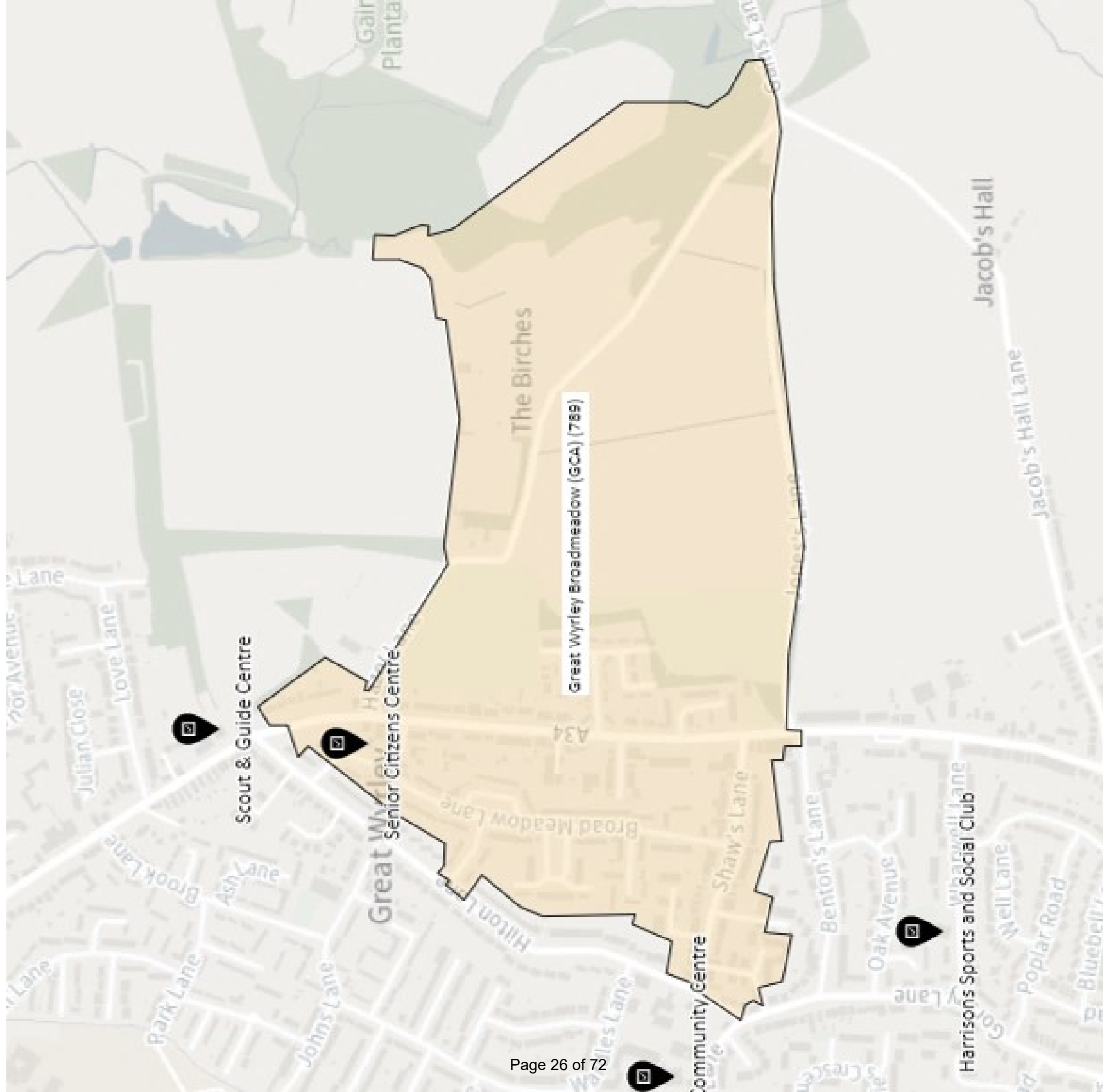
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66	CGA2	RAA	Perton - East Ward	Perton	Perton - East Ward	Perton	Perton East	Perton East	Perton	South Staffordshire	Perton Pavillion and Scout Club, Gainsborough Drive, Perton, WV6 7NR	Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive from SAA/SBA (CFA)	No Change to Location	1988
62	CFA	SAA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	No Change to Location	1338
63	CFA	SAA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	No Change to Location	1339
64	CFA	SBA	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton - Lakeside Ward	Perton	Perton Lakeside	Perton Lakeside	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Lakeside Hall - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	Extended by new development & Rockingham Drive, part Edge Hill Drive to RAA (CGA2) & St Andrews Drive estate to TAA (CGA1)	SAA (CFA) Split to include new development due to future size & moved to Perton Library, Severn Dr, Perton WV6 7QU. Double for Parish & District	870
65	CGA1	TAA	Perton - Dippons Ward	Perton	Perton - Wrottesley Ward	Perton	Perton Dippons	Perton Wrottesley	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Airman's Lounge - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	St Andrews Drive estate from SAA / SBA (CFA) & District / Parish ward Change	No Change to Location	1730
67	CHA	TBA	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton Dippons	Perton Wrottesley	Perton	South Staffordshire	Kingswood Trust, Holyhead Road, Kingswood, WV7 3AP	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	318
65/1	CJA	TCA	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton - Kingswood & Trescott Ward	Perton	Perton Dippons	Perton Wrottesley	Perton	South Staffordshire	The Airman's Lounge - Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton, WV6 7PD	District Ward Name Change only	Moved to Perton Library, Severn Dr, Perton WV6 7QU, Double for Parish & District	213

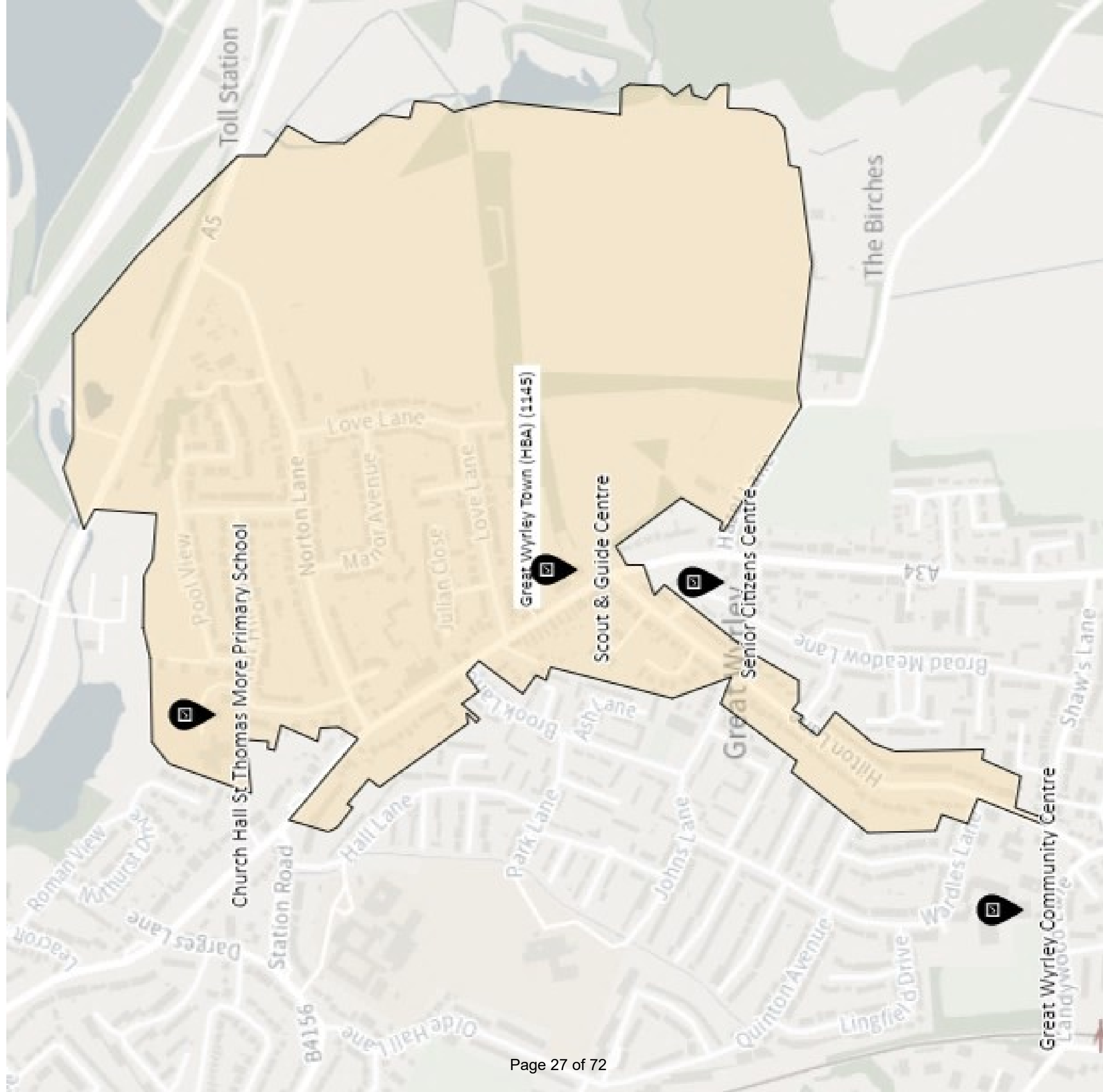
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73	CRA	WAA	Wombourne - North Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne North	Wombourne	Wombourne North & Lower Penn	Wombourne North	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Community Centre, Church Road, Wombourne, WV5 9JD	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	2050
74	CRA	WAA	Wombourne - North Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne North	Wombourne	Wombourne North & Lower Penn	Wombourne North	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Community Centre, Church Road, Wombourne, WV5 9JD	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	2050
75	CSA	WBA	Wombourne - North Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne North	Wombourne	Wombourne North & Lower Penn	Wombourne North	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Penn, WV4 5HU	District Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	231
78	CUA	WCA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne North	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne North	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Day Centre, Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Estate North of Common Rd moved to XAA (CTA). Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved from XAA (CTA)	No Change to Location	1125
76	CTA	XAA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved to WCA (CUA). Estate North of Common Rd moved from WCA (CUA)	No Change to Location	1110
77	CTA	XAA	Wombourne - South East Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South East	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change. Rookery Rd inc. roads South of it, all rural areas and Roads NE of Gittins Park & Copper Beech Estates moved to WCA (CUA). Estate North of Common Rd moved from WCA (CUA)	No Change to Location	1110
79	CVA	XBA	Wombourne - South West Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South West	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1199
80	CVA	XBA	Wombourne - South West Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South West	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA	District/Parish Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1098
81	CWA	XCA	Wombourne - South West Ward	Wombourne	Wombourne South	Wombourne	Wombourne South West	Wombourne South	Wombourne	South Staffordshire	Bede Hall, Wombourne Parish Offices, Giggetty Lane, WV5 9EZ	District/Parish Ward Name Change only	No Change to Location	1145

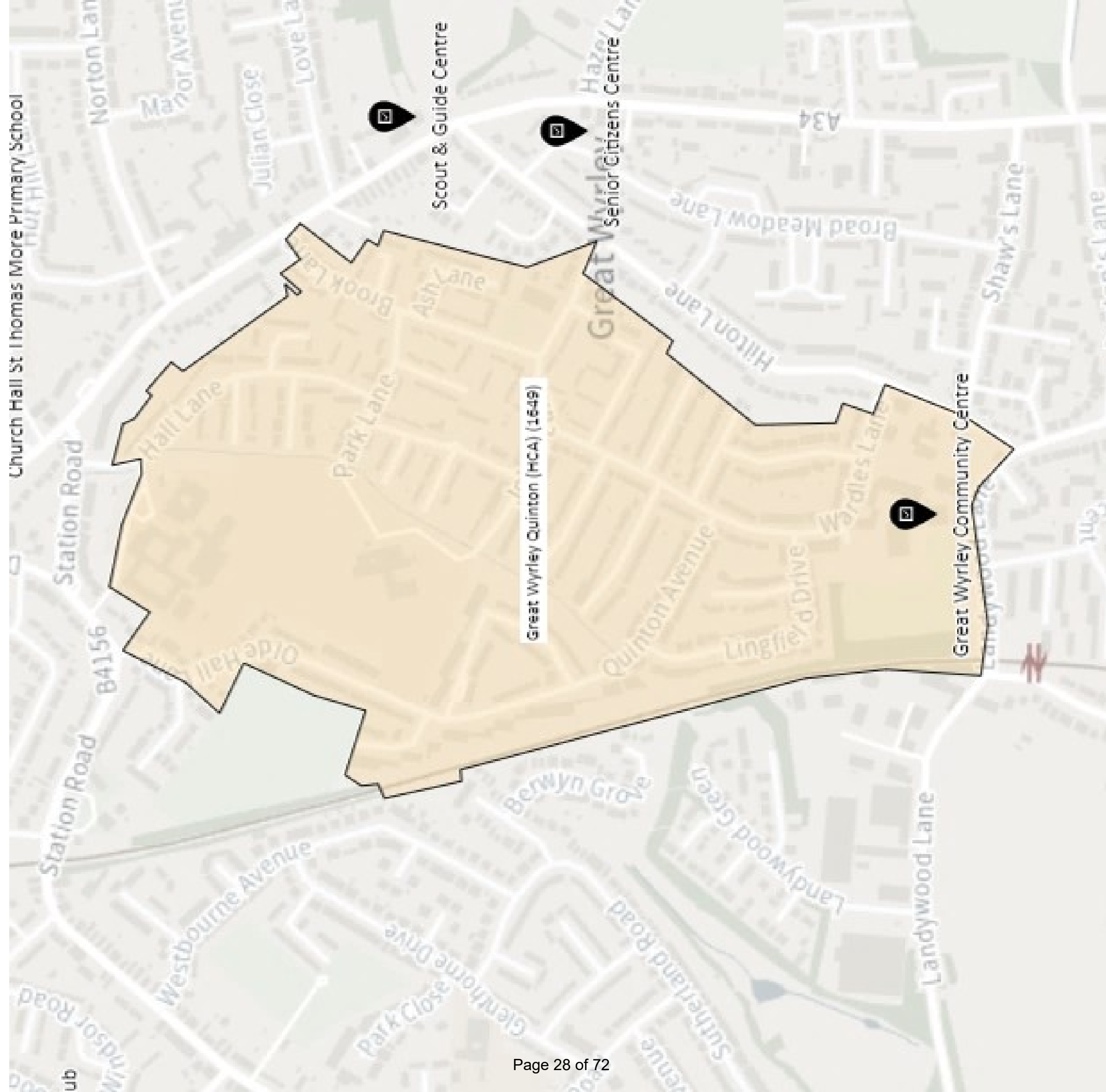


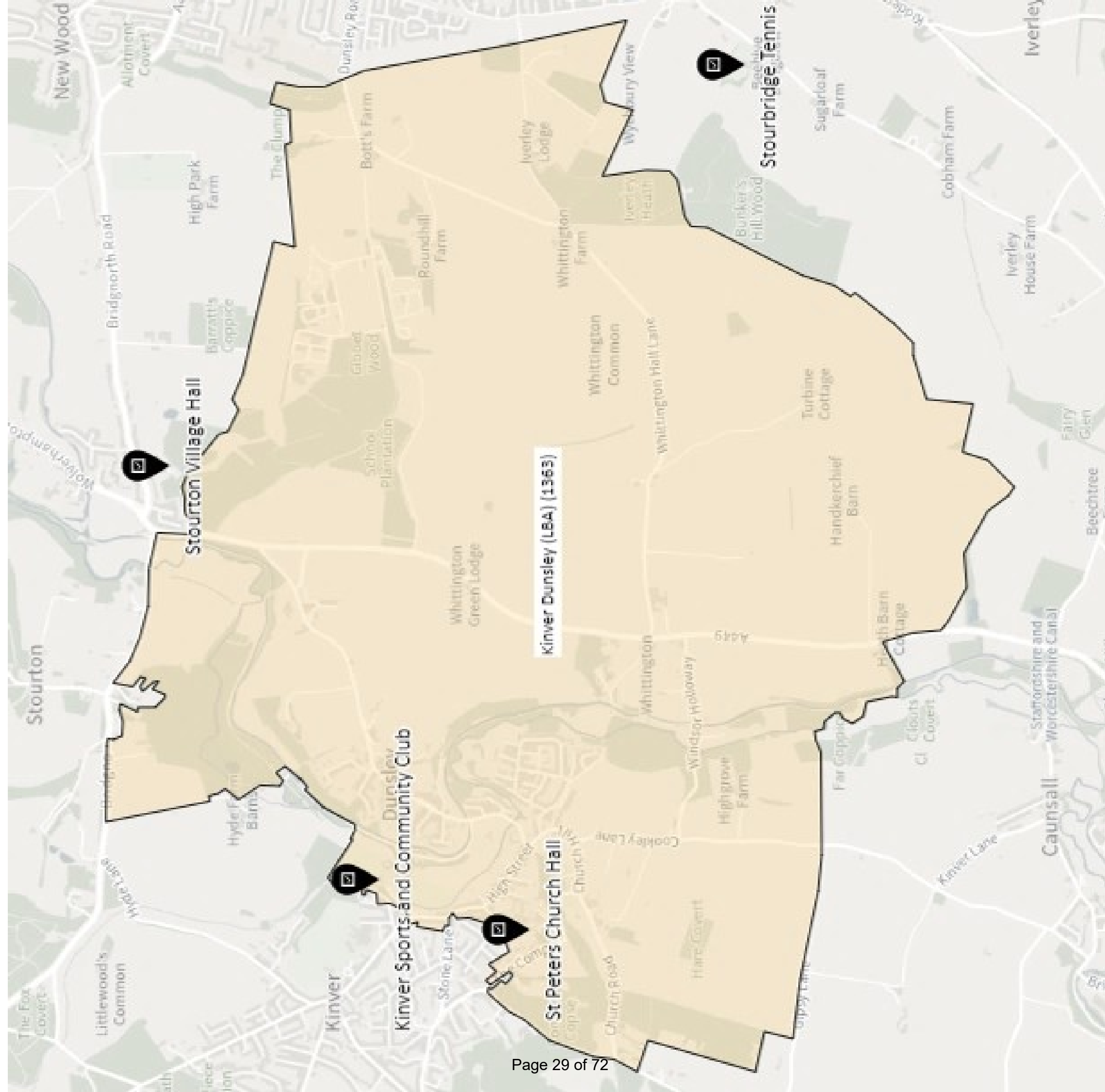


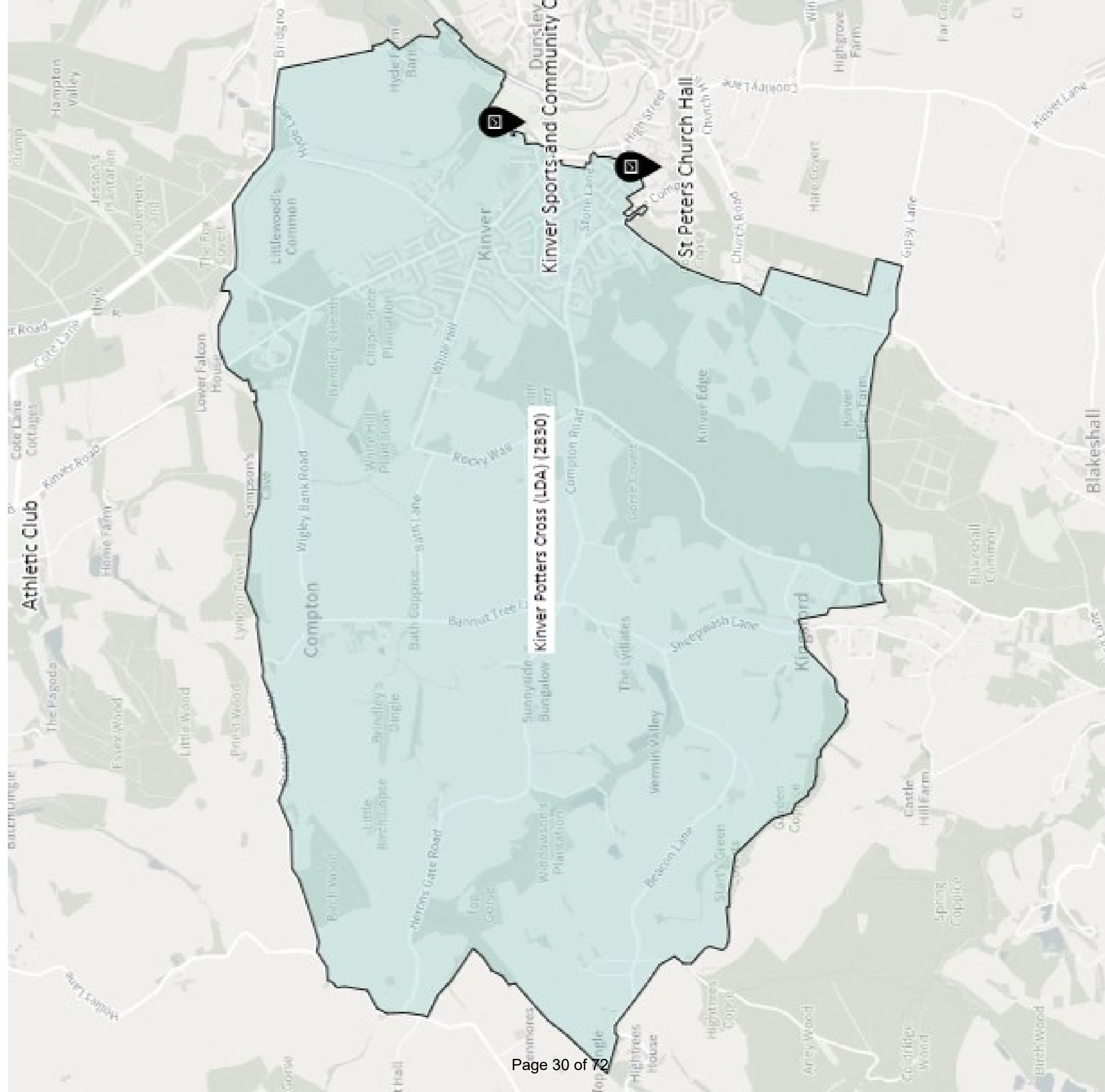


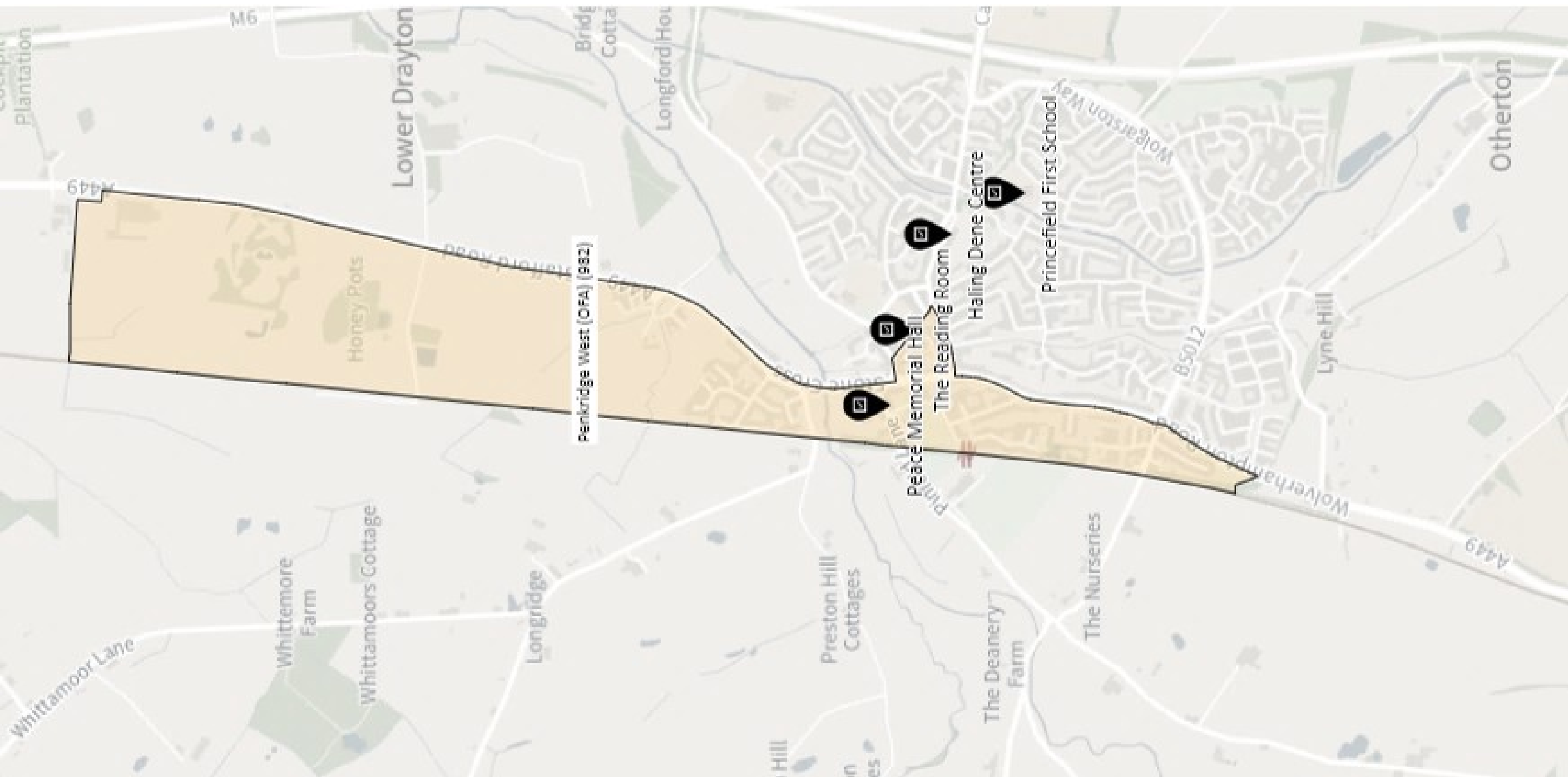


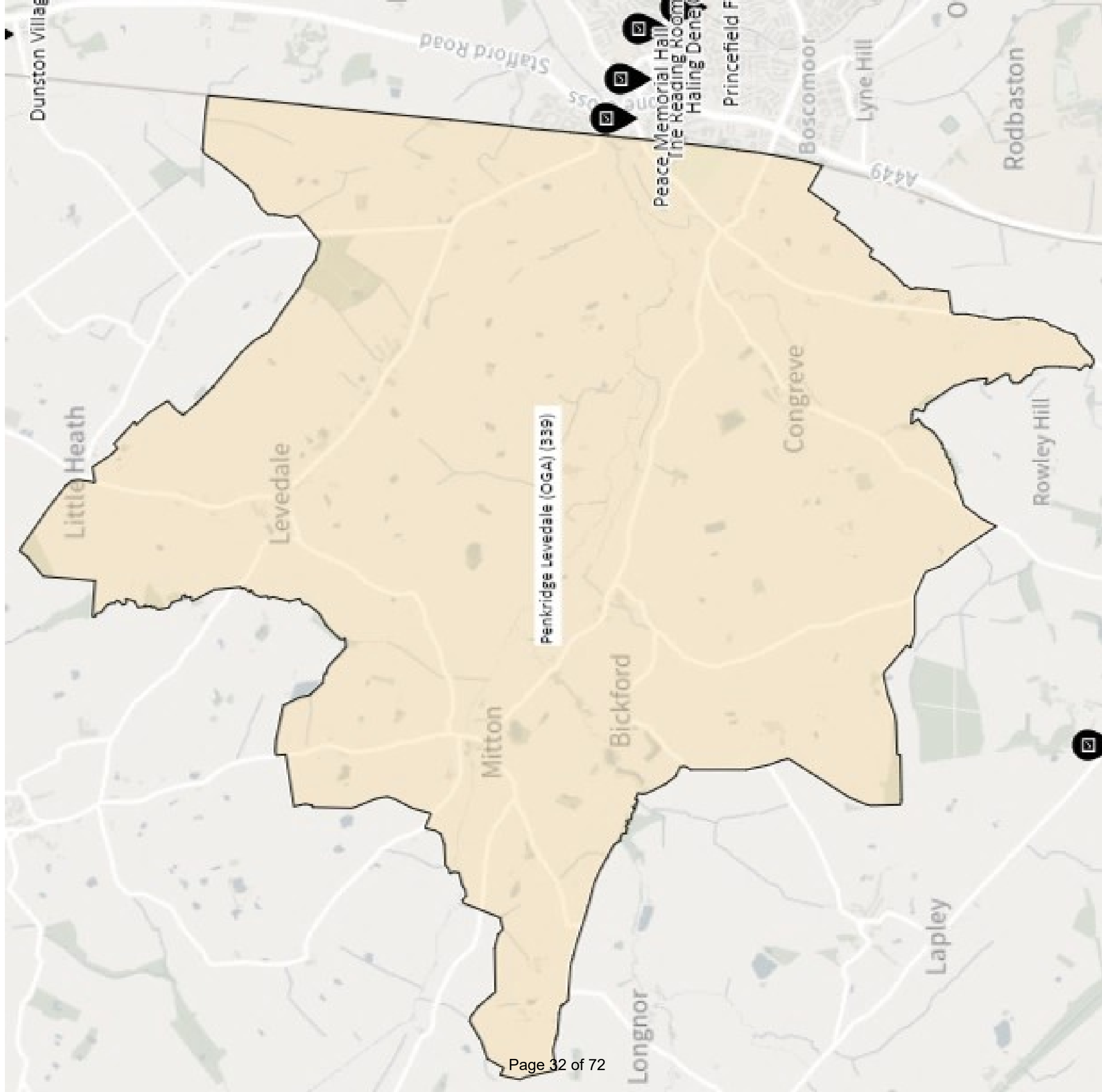


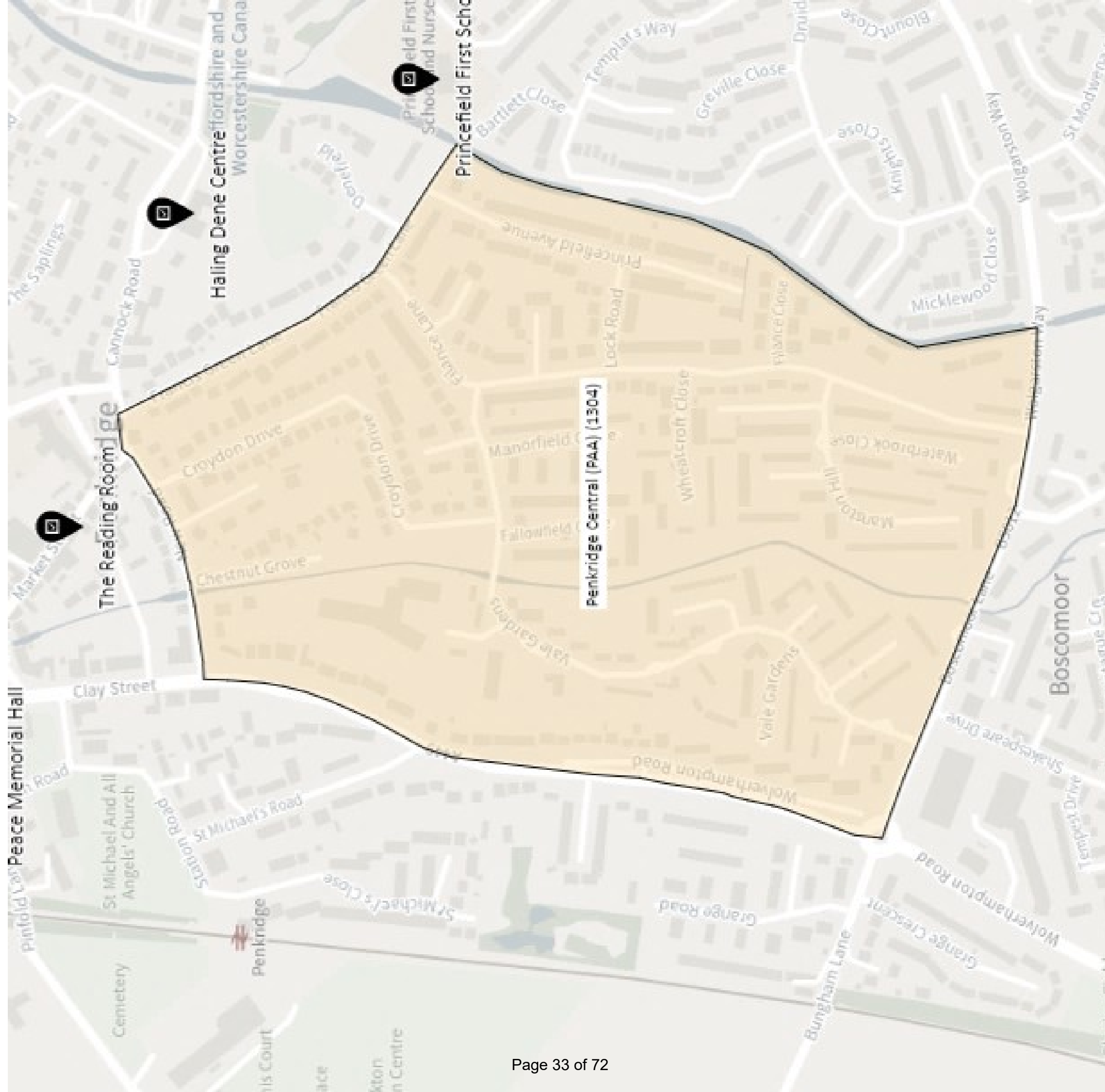


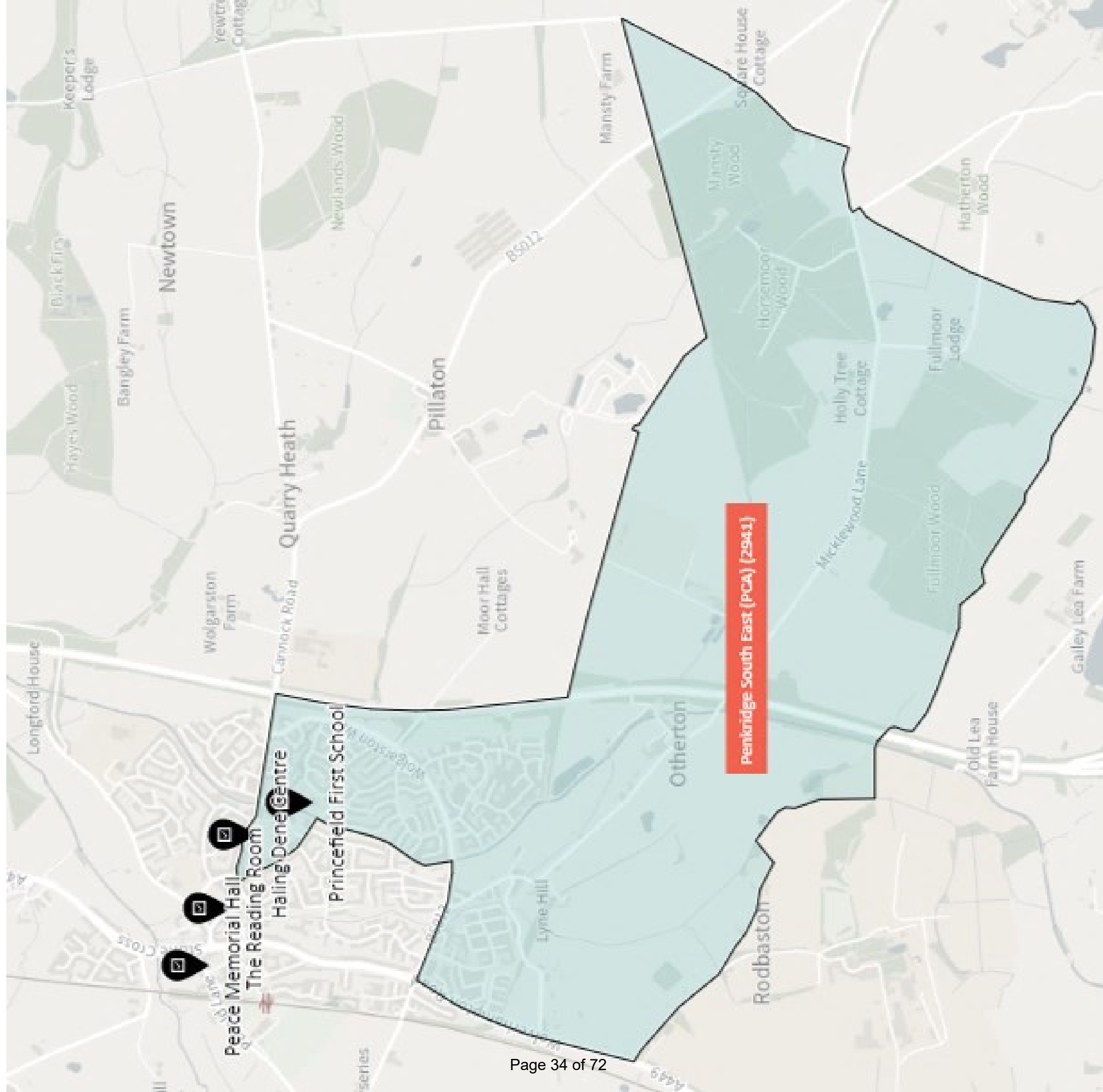


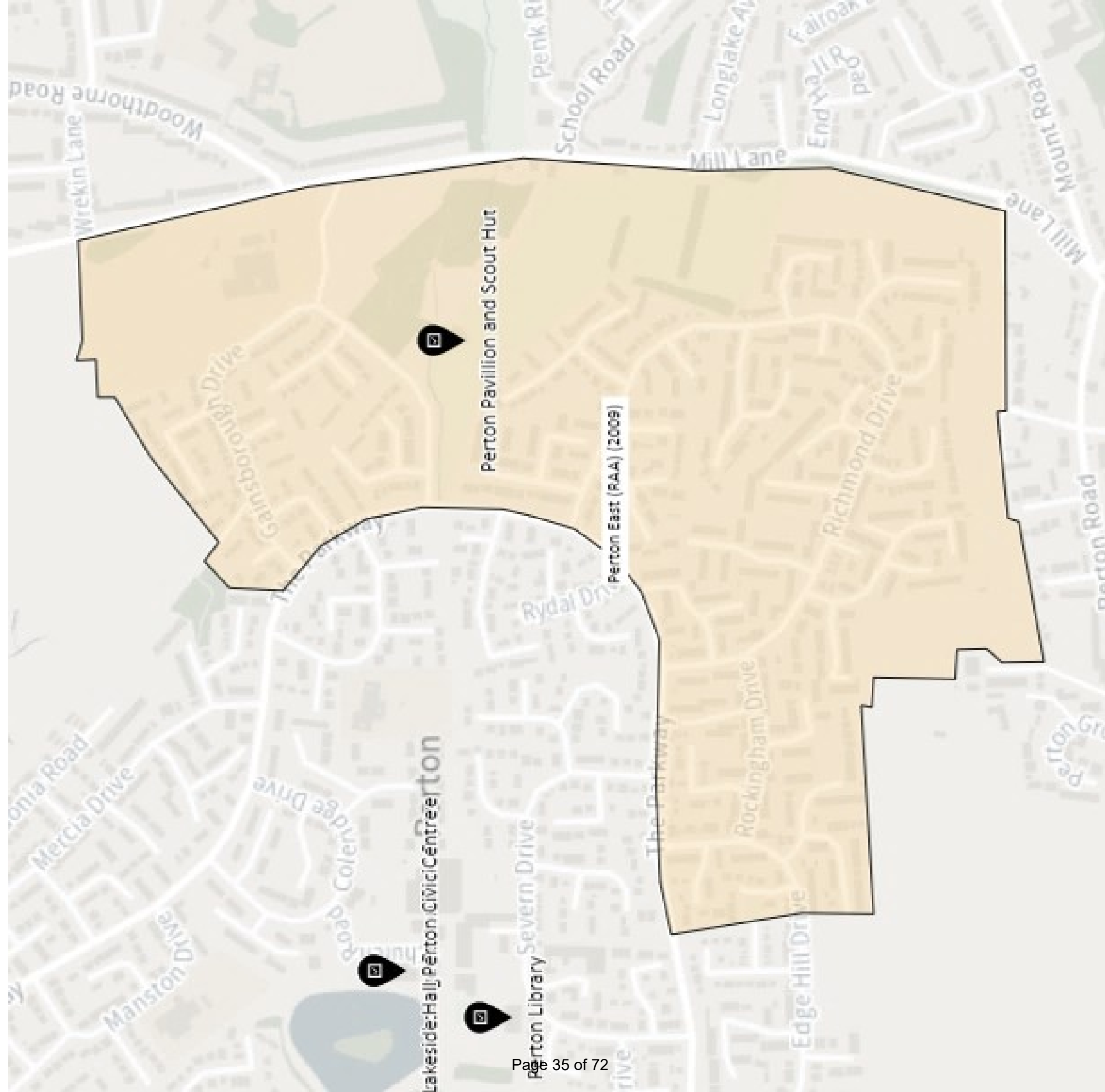


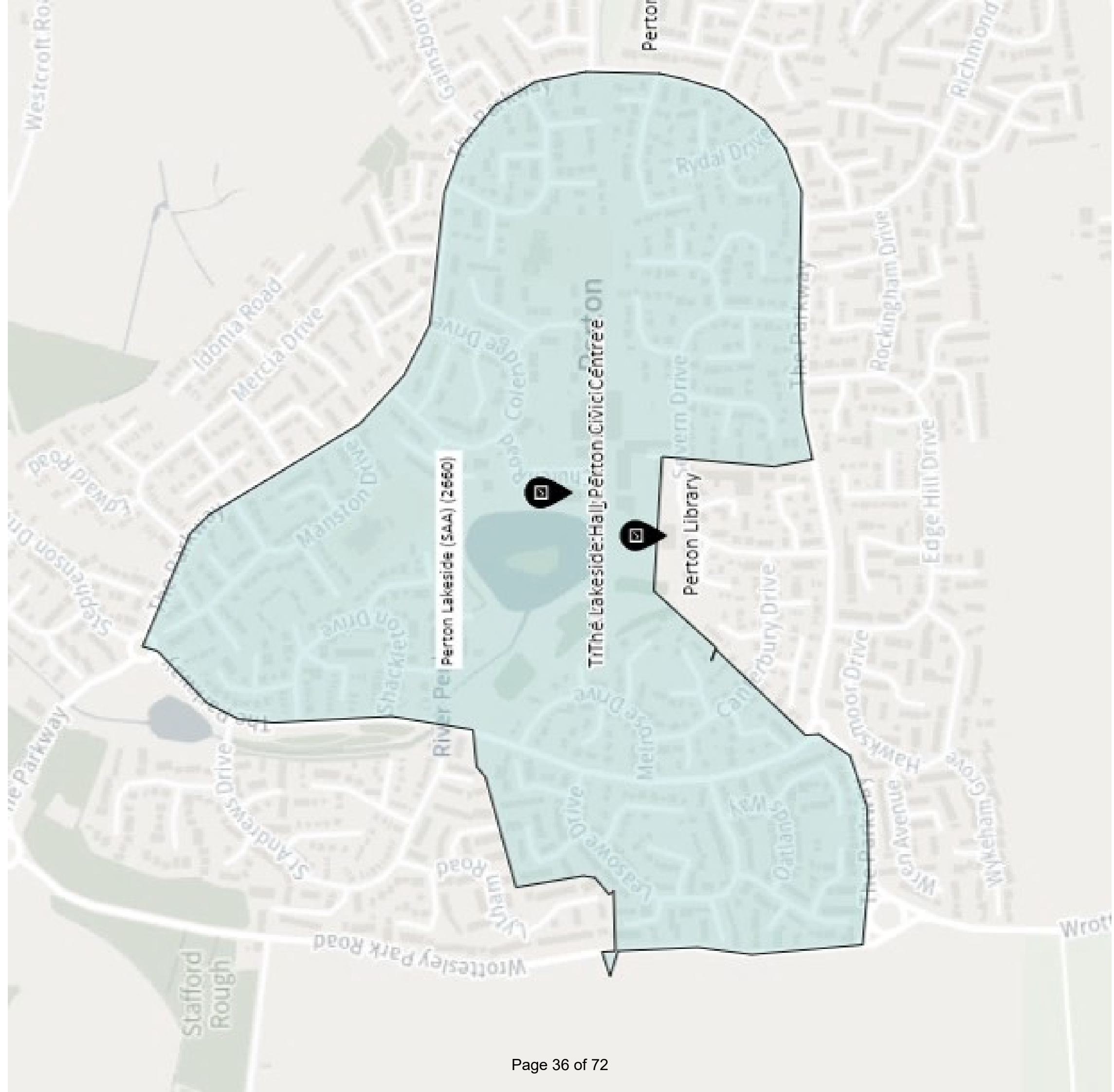


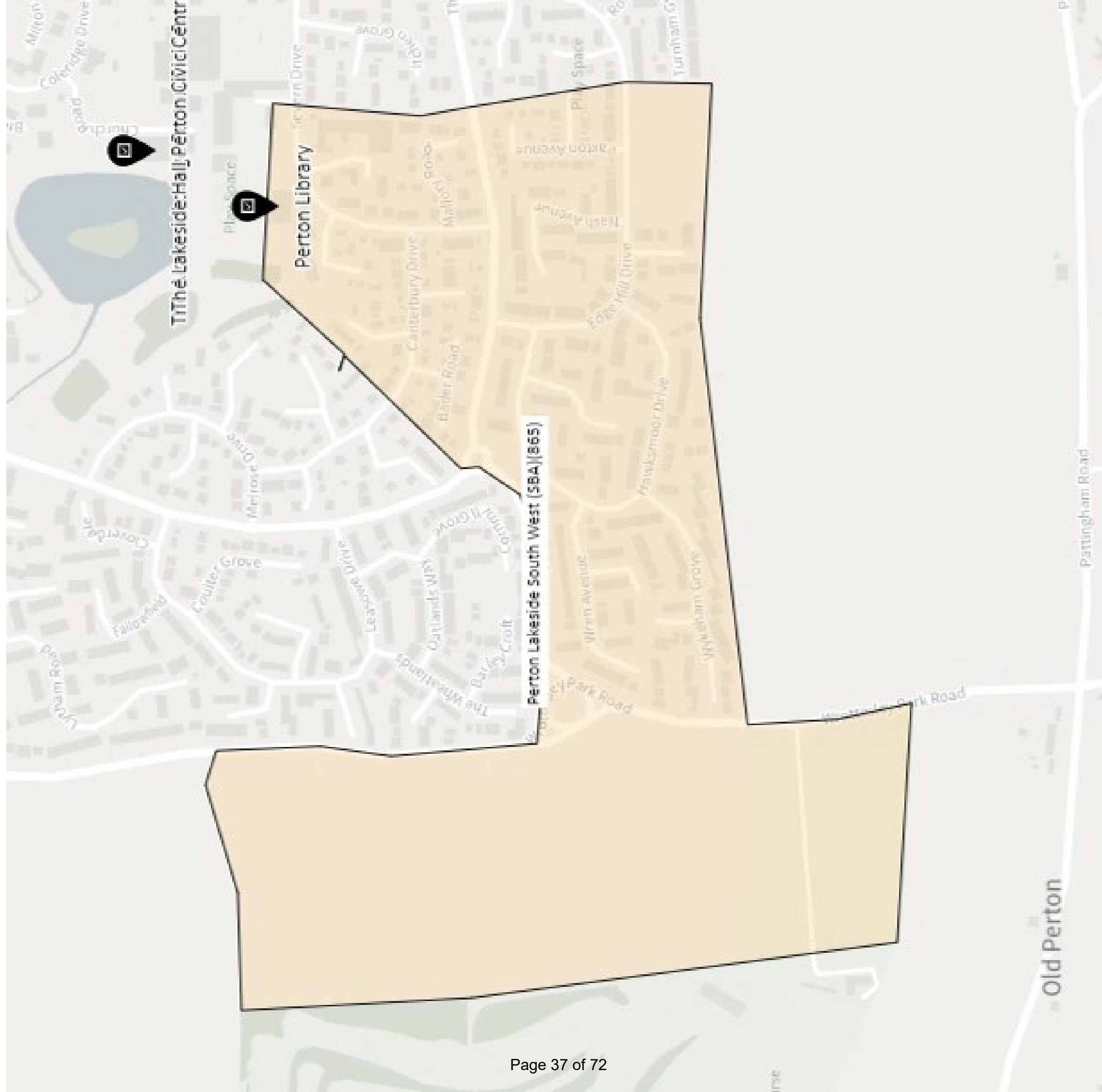


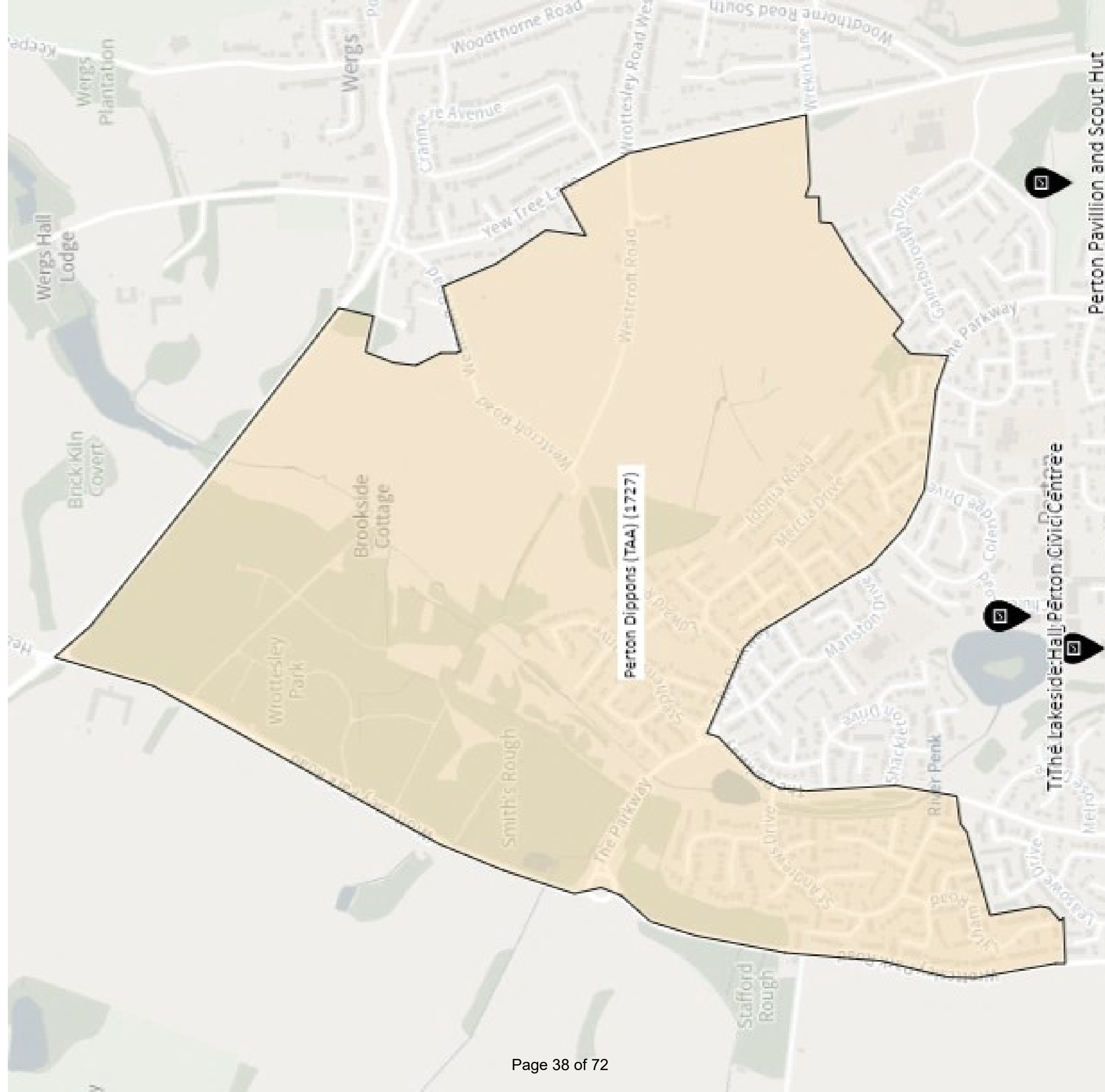


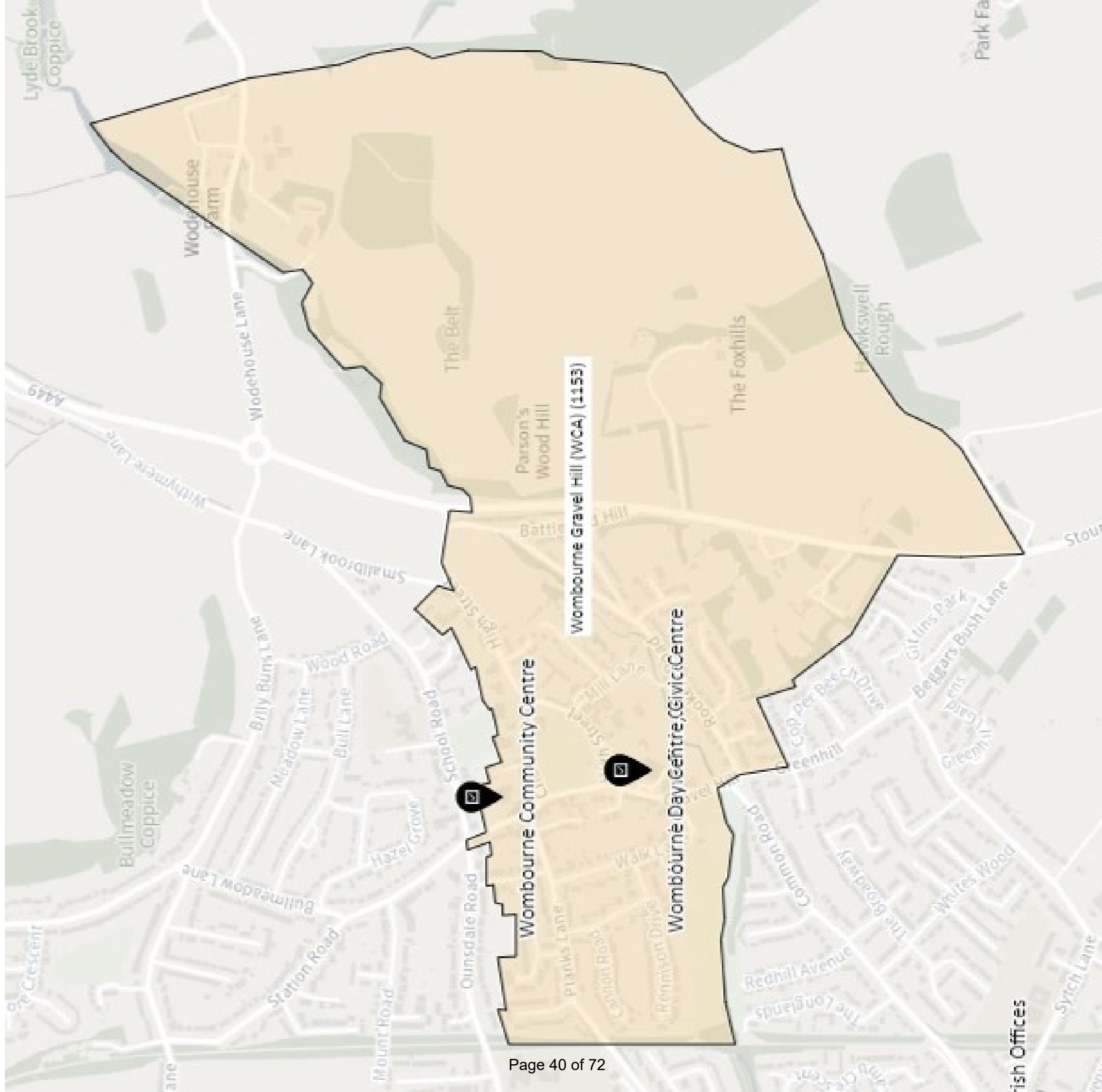


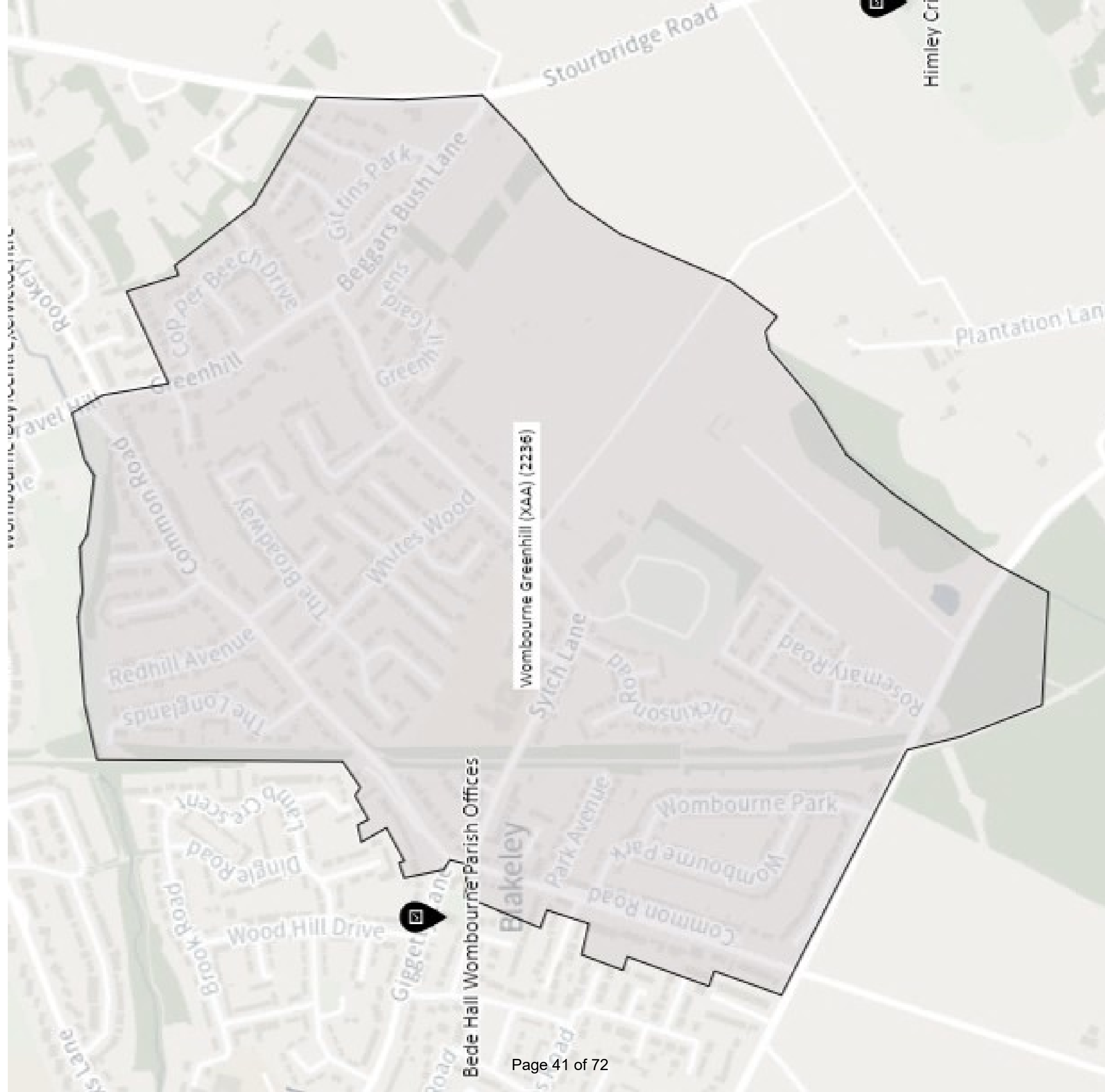


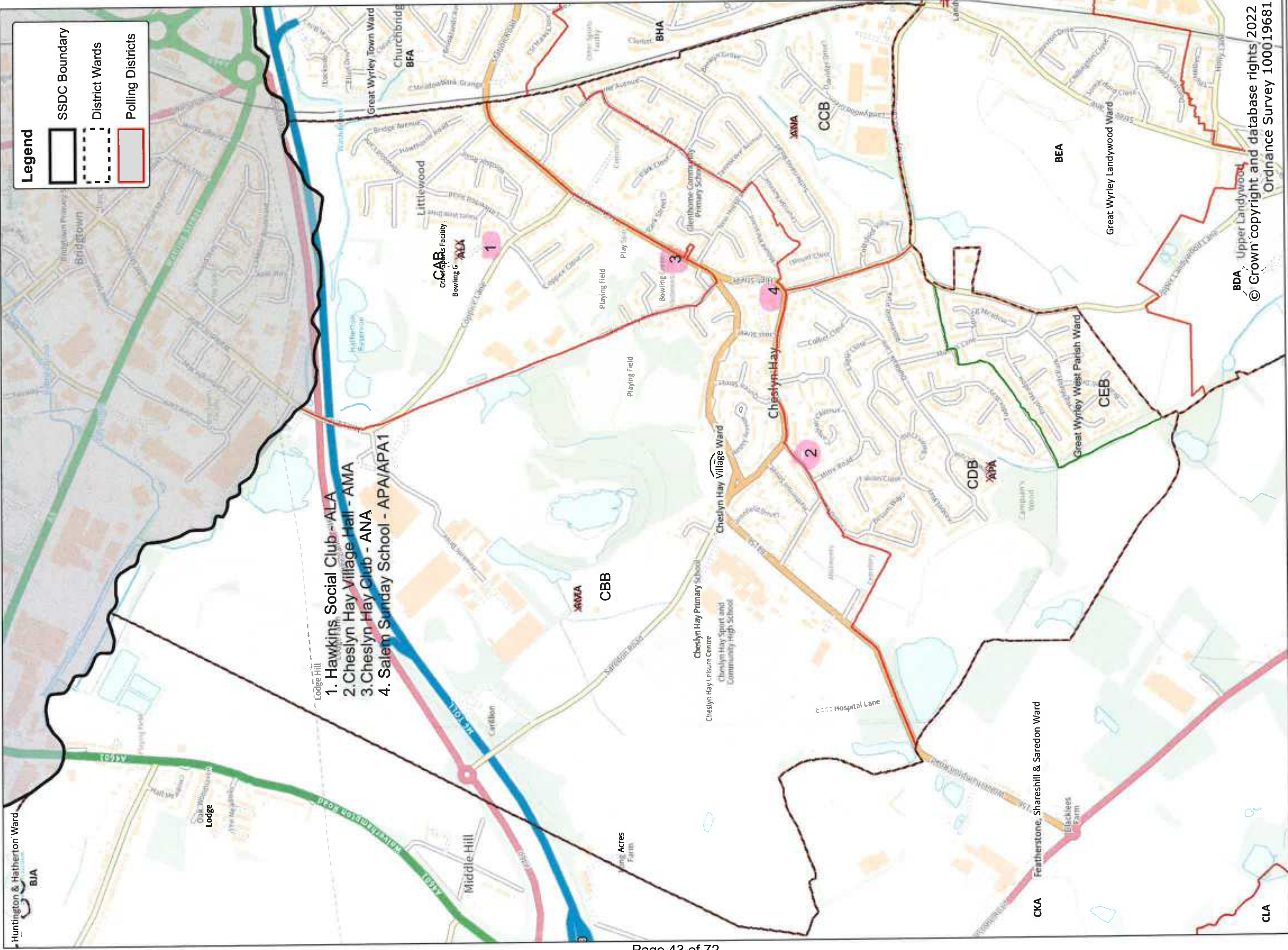






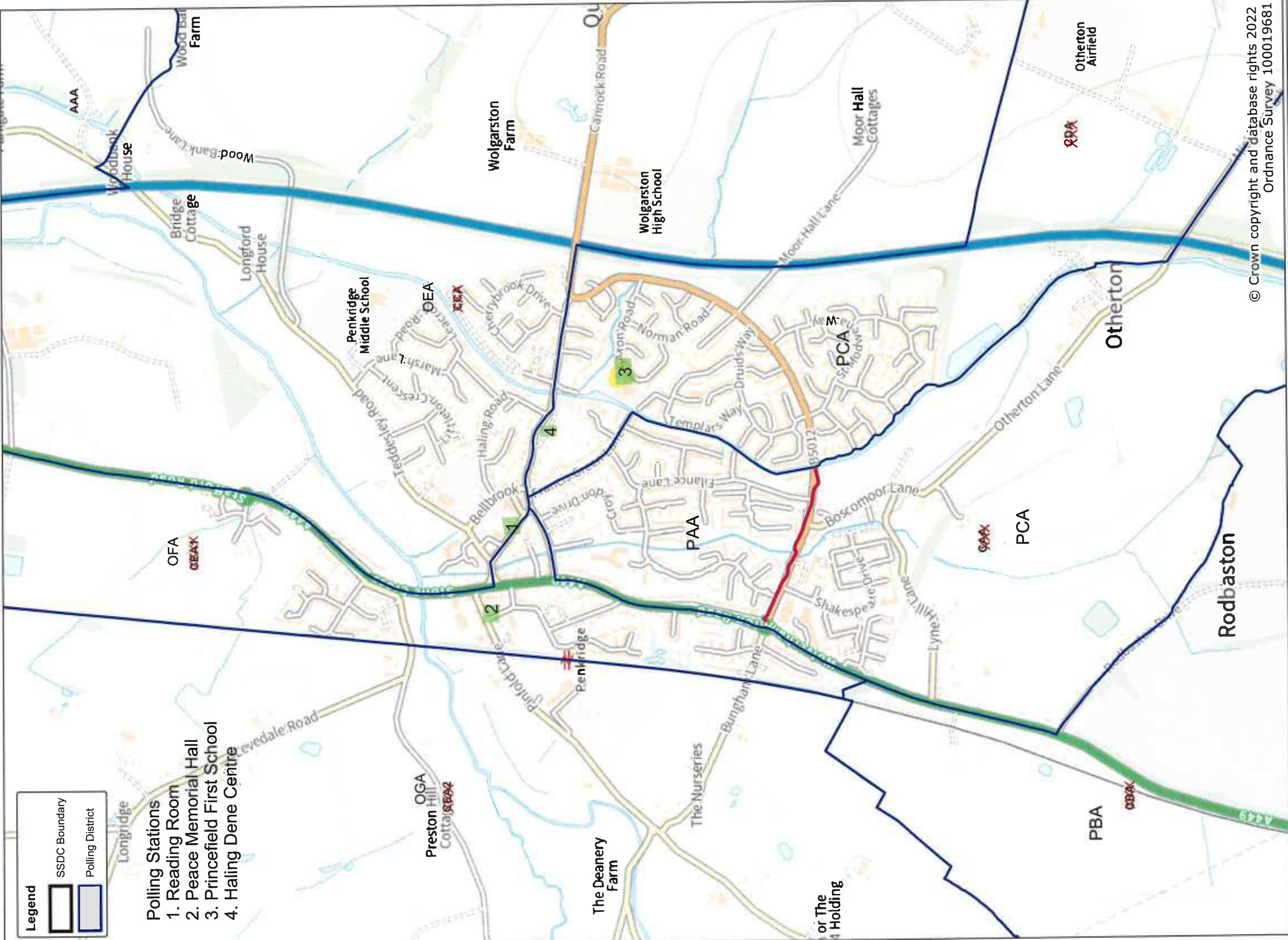






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2. Cheslyn Hay Village Hall - AMA
3. Cheslyn Hay Club - ANA
4. Salem Sunday School - APA/APA1

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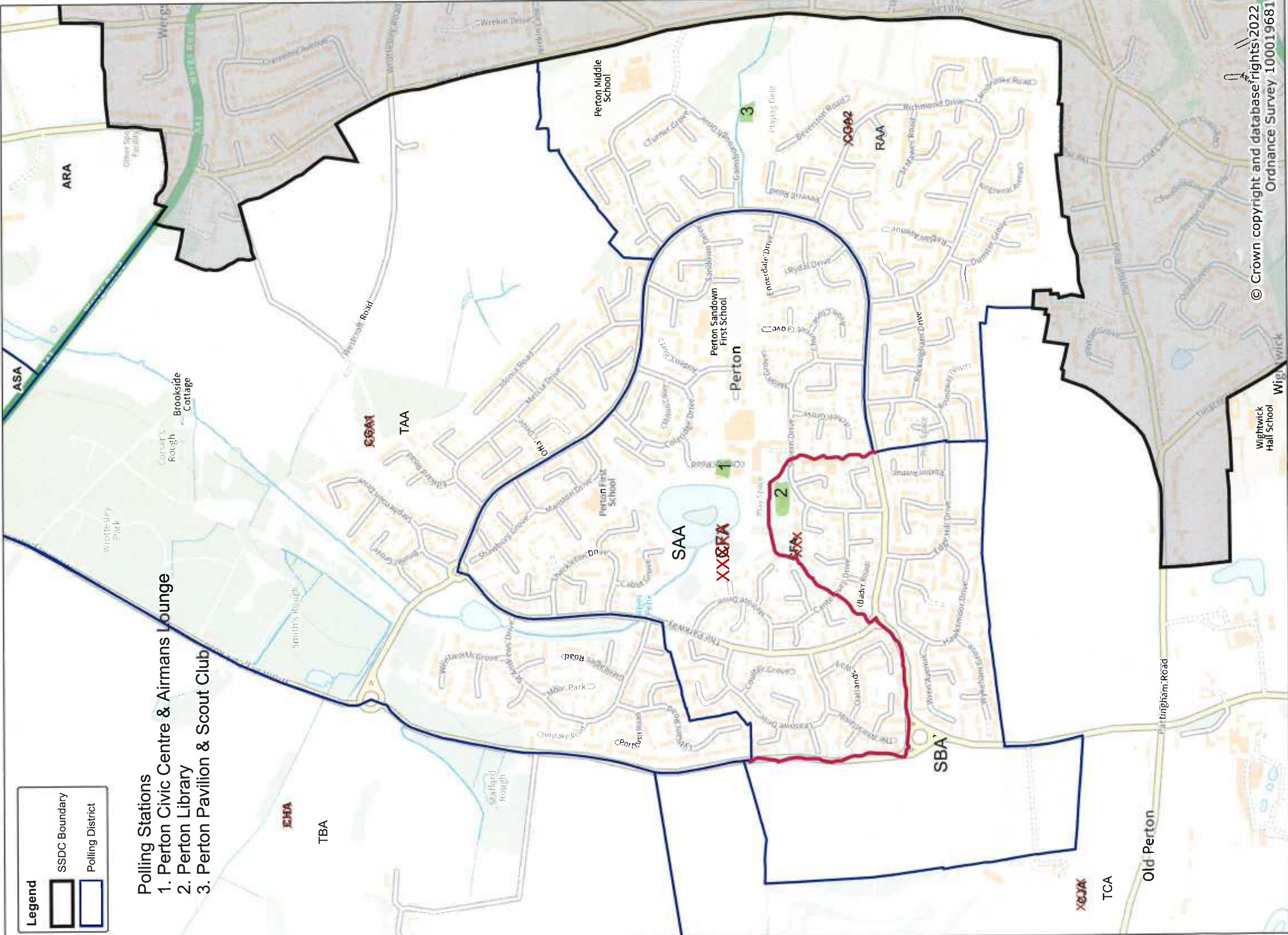
- Polling Stations**
1. Reading Room
 2. Peace Memorial Hall
 3. Princefield First School
 4. Haling Dene Centre

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Penkridge - Proposed Polling Districts





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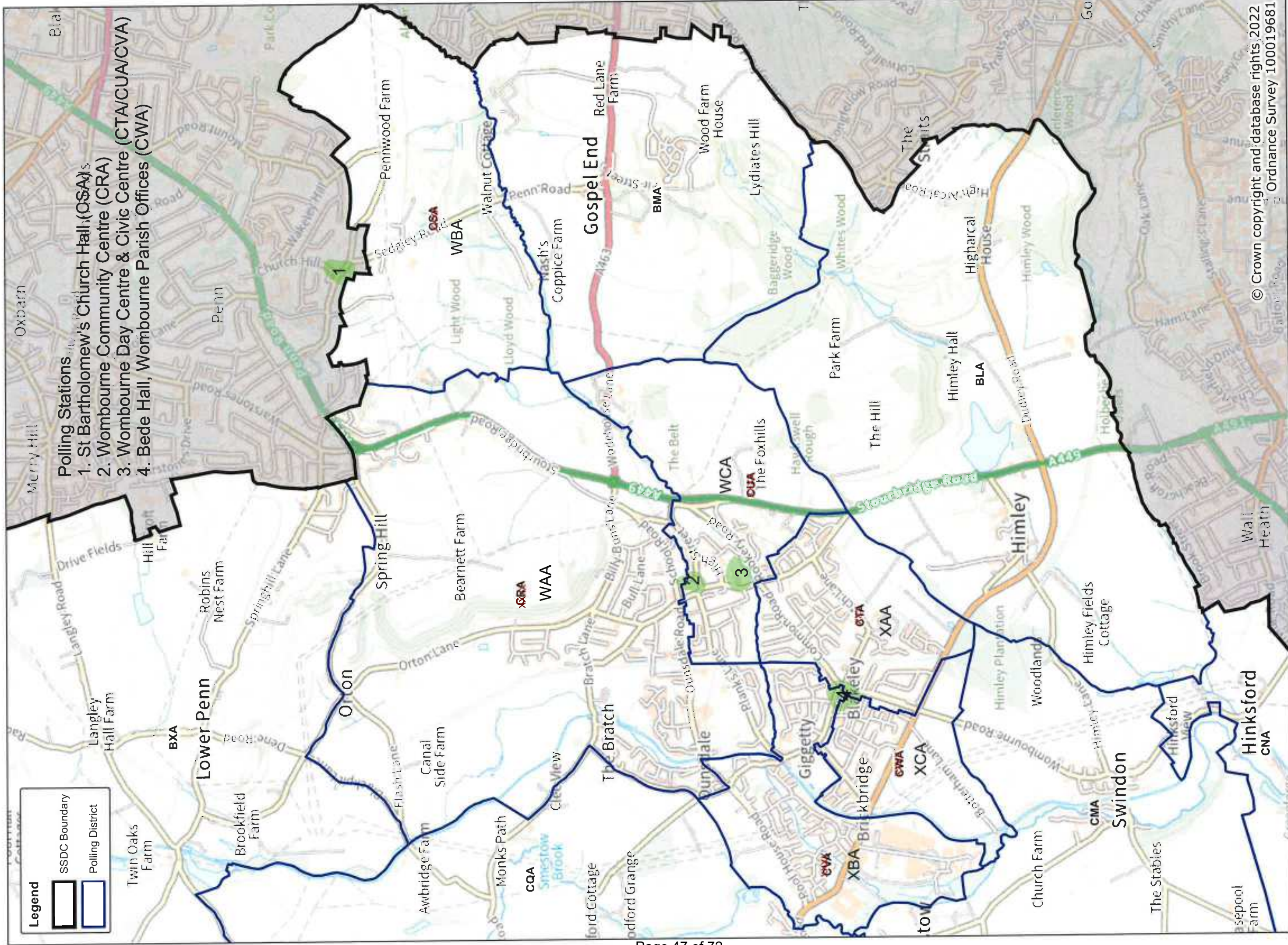
- Polling Stations**
- 1. Perton Civic Centre & Airmans Lounge
 - 2. Perton Library
 - 3. Perton Pavilion & Scout Club

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Perton - Proposed Polling Districts

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- Polling Stations**
1. St Bartholomew's Church Hall (OSA)
 2. Wombourne Community Centre (CRA)
 3. Wombourne Day Centre & Civic Centre (CTA/CUA/CVA)
 4. Bede Hall, Wombourne Parish Offices (CWA)

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2023

ELECTIONS ACT 2022

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

PART A – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To receive an overview of the impact and provisions of the Elections Act 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the provisions and associated impact in respect of the Elections Act 2022 be noted.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	The efficient and effective running of elections is critical to the democratic process that underpins the operation of the Council.
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	No	Not needed at this stage. Impacts will be assessed when details are available.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	No	Report to Standards and Resources Committee
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	May 2023	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	No	New Burdens Funding has been made available to cover some of the additional costs under the Act: £19,270 has been received for 2022/23 and £36,041 has been allocated for 2023/24. It is not envisioned that the additional finance cost will exceed the funding available.
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	The Act imposes new statutory requirements; as set out in the report, these will need to be

		incorporated into policies and procedures as full details become known.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4. INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the Elections Act 2022 which received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. The Act contains various proposals including the introduction of voter identification which will impact on how all elections are conducted in England. The Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) are still developing policy and the relevant secondary legislation, therefore, further detail will be shared with Members once available.

4.1 The Elections Act

The Act's scope is wide ranging and covers the following aspects:

For May 2023:

- requires voters to show photo ID at polling stations before a ballot paper is issued.
- requires Electoral Registration Officers based in local authorities to issue free electoral identification documents – so called 'Voter Authority Certificates' to eligible electors who apply for one.
- the introduction of a new digital imprints' regime requiring campaigners to explicitly show who they are and on behalf of whom they are promoting (in a similar way to printed material).
- extend accessibility to elections including requiring Returning Officers to take all reasonable steps to provide support for those with a disability in polling stations.

After May 2023:

- requires postal voters to reapply for a postal vote every three years, replacing current rules of refreshing their signature every five years.
- restricts the handling of postal votes, including limiting the number of postal votes an individual can hand in at a polling station or council office.
- further limit the number of people someone may act as proxy for.
- simplify and clarify the offence of undue influence.
- change the voting and candidacy arrangements for EU voters.

- allow all British citizens living overseas to vote in UK Parliamentary elections, regardless of when they left the UK.

It also covers other areas such as improving the accountability of the Electoral Commission and setting up a new framework around expenditure and party-political financing. This will not be covered as part of this report.

4.2 Voter Identification

Voters will be required to show an approved form of photographic identification before collecting their ballot paper to vote at a polling station for UK Parliamentary Elections (From October 2023), UK Parliamentary by-elections, local elections, Police and Fire Crime Commissioner and recall petitions elections in England and Wales. This requirement will be in place for the May 2023 local elections.

Acceptable forms of Photo ID include:

- A passport issued by the UK, EEA or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- Blue Badge
- A biometric immigration document issued under the UK Boarder Act 2007
- A PASS cards
- A ministry of defence identification card
- Concessionary travel pass cards funded by the UK and Devolved Governments including:
 - a. Older Person's Bus Pass
 - b. Disabled Person's Bus Pass
 - c. An Oyster 60+ Card
 - d. A Freedom Pass
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector Document

Some forms of photographic identification not included on the list were considered but were ultimately ruled out as they did not satisfy the criteria, and thus will not be accepted if an elector presents them as identification to vote. This includes work/student passes and rail cards.

The Act does contain a provision for a Presiding Officer to accept one of the documents even if expired, provided the picture is of a reasonable likeness to the elector. However, the name on the identification should be the same name as when registered to vote.

A national awareness campaign will be run by the Electoral Commission starting in January 2023 with the 'note to self' campaign.



South Staffordshire will also have an engagement and communication strategy in place to ensure that electors understand the new voter ID requirements. This will continue to take place over several elections until such time as it is considered 'Business as Usual' like it is in Northern Ireland.

Poll cards will be increased in size from A5 to A4 to accommodate new information regarding voter ID and acceptable forms of documentation that can be provided.

New signage will be placed outside of all polling stations across South Staffordshire informing electors of the new Voter ID rules and the documents that will be accepted by polling station staff. Statistics will also be collected by Polling Station teams to ascertain how many electors did not have the correct form of ID. This will be used by the Electoral Commission to drive national policy change and to target key areas during future awareness campaigns.

4.3 Voter Authority Certificates (VAC)

Where an elector does not have any form of photo identification, an elector can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate which will be free of charge, via a bespoke government portal similar to register-to-vote, by post or in person from their local authority via the Election Registration Officer.

Current research is suggesting that around 2% of people may require identification to be issued and in South Staffordshire that translates to around 1700 electors. However, the true figure could be higher as electors are still able to apply for a card even if they already have a valid form of ID.

The deadline for applying for a free, local voter card will be set at , six working days ahead of the poll.

Voter ID will be implemented for the May 2023 polls. The Voter ID portal will go live around mid-January 2023 to allow electors good time to apply for a voter ID card with most certificates printed by a Government contracted print service. In the event of too close to the deadline for the printer to post the document, the ERO will be responsible for producing a temporary document.

VACs will not have an expiry date but will include a recommended renewal date of around 10 years. This document is only valid so long as the photograph remains a good likeness of the individual. Therefore, 10 years has been used as this is the standard length of validity for passports and driving licences and aims to keep the photo up to date.

In the unfortunate event that an elector loses all their forms of identification before the deadline for applications for a Voter Authority Certificate has passed, or if their identification is stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond use, they may apply for a Voter Authority Certificate using the usual application routes.

If they lose their identification after the deadline for applications for a Voter Authority Certificate, the ERO will have the ability to allow the appointment of an emergency proxy for that polling day.

Additional measures will be taken to ensure the appropriate processing of individuals who cover their faces for religious or other sensitive reasons. We will ensure that there is provision in all polling stations that allows electors ID to be verified in private, if requested.

Each presiding officer and poll clerk will be responsible for inspecting identification. However, only the presiding officer can refuse to give a ballot paper to an elector if they have reasonable doubt that the photographic identification does not look like the elector or if they reasonably suspect forgery. The decision of the presiding officer is final and cannot be challenged other than by a formal election petition.

4.4 Simplify and clarify the offence of undue influence as well as introducing a new offence around intimidation of candidates, campaigners and elected office holders from intimidation and abuse

Clarification of undue influence - Electors should be able to cast their vote freely and safely, this is at the centre of democracy. Although it is already an offence to unduly influence an elector, the Act clarifies and updates the offence so that:

- Undue influence encompasses a wide range of harms, such as physical violence, damage to a person's property or reputation, undue spiritual pressure and injury, or inflicting financial loss.

- Deceiving an elector about the conduct or administration of an election or referendum can also amount to undue influence.
- Intimidation of electors is explicitly listed as a form of undue influence.

4.5 Accessibility

The Act seeks to improve the electoral process for people with disabilities, placing a new requirement on Returning Officers to consider a wider range of support for voters with disabilities in polling stations. This will be supported through the Electoral Commission's guidance produced in partnership with the Government's expert Accessibility of Elections Working Group.

The Act removes current restrictions on who can act as a 'companion' to support voters with disabilities to cast their vote in the polling station and will allow the elector greater choice. Currently an elector's companion must be a close relative or a qualified elector.

The Act requires each polling station to be equipped as is reasonable to enable, or make it easier for, voters with sight loss to vote, as well as people with other disabilities. In addition, there is a legal obligation to provide the following:

- A notice inside and outside the polling station providing instructions on how to vote at the election.
- A notice in each polling booth providing information on how to mark the ballot paper at the election.
- At least one large sample copy of the ballot paper must be displayed inside the polling station.
- An enlarged hand-held copy of the ballot paper.

4.6 Absent voting

Postal Voting

There are 3 three main areas where the current arrangements will change:

- Postal voters will be required to make a fresh application every 3 years (from January 2024)
- Political parties and campaigners will no longer be able to hand in postal votes (likely from December 2023).
- Introduces a limit on the number of electors on behalf of whom a person may hand in postal votes at a polling station (likely from December 2023).

By reducing the period that electors will have to reapply for a postal vote, the Government is seeking to ensure that person's eligibility to vote by post will normally be reviewed and confirmed once every Parliament. In effect a permanent postal vote will cease to exist. In addition, it is seeking to reduce the inefficiency and

wasted cost of postal votes being sent to out-of-date addresses, where it is said they are vulnerable to interception and fraud.

It is expected that there will be a limit on the number of postal votes a person can hand in at a polling station or Council office. It is expected that this will be a limit of 5 plus the persons' own postal vote. The rationale behind this is under the current regime by permitting a high number of postal votes to be handed in, this could facilitate electoral fraud and undermine the integrity of elections.

Proxy voting

Currently, someone can act as a proxy for up to two electors and an unlimited number of close relatives. The Act states that, irrespective of any close relationship, you can only act as a proxy for 2 domestic electors and 2 overseas electors.

Anyone acting as a proxy for more than 2 domestic and 2 overseas electors will be guilty of an offence. It is likely that this will come into effect from August 2023.

The Government have confirmed that Electors will be able to apply for an absent vote online (as well as by paper). Both online and paper applications will include a process for verifying the applicant's identity, which will be similar to the current process for individual electoral registration applications. This service is expected to be available from August 2023.

4.7 Overseas electors

The measures in the Act remove the 15-year rule and enable all British citizens overseas who were previously registered or resident in the UK to participate in UK Parliamentary elections. This service is expected from August 2023.

The registration period for overseas electors will be extended from one year to up to three years (currently an overseas elector needs to reapply every year) and electors will be able to reapply or refresh their absent vote arrangements (as appropriate) at the same time as renewing their registration.

Overseas electors will be able to register at an address where they were previously registered, or if they were never previously registered, where they were last resident.

4.8 Voting and candidacy rights of European citizens

During the UK's membership of the European Union, it was a requirement of membership that EU Citizens living in the UK could both stand and vote in local elections across the UK. These rights were reciprocated to UK citizens living in all EU Member States.

EU citizens will no longer automatically be able to register to vote, vote, and stand for election. This measure will amend the local voting and candidacy rights of EU citizens in local elections, it will affect all elections that use the Local Government franchise (Local, PCC, Parish, Referendums). However, two groups will retain their rights as such:

- 'qualifying EU citizens' from countries with reciprocal agreements, and who have leave, or do not require it, to remain in the UK. Currently Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal and Spain.
- 'EU citizens with retained rights' who were resident in the UK before 1 January 2021
- Does not affect Irish, Maltese and Cypriot citizens

This change will not take place until after the Local Elections in 2023 (expected in Spring 2025).

From May 2024, EROs will be required in accordance with the new legislation to review existing electors and process applications in line with the new eligibility criteria thus removing EU citizens from the register who are not eligible to be registered to vote.

4.9 Commonly used names and candidate addresses:

The UK Parliamentary Election Rules will be amended for May 2024 polls on the following:

- a candidate to use a commonly used name where they commonly use a surname that is different from any other surname the candidate has,
- or commonly uses a forename that is different from any other forename the candidate has.
- or otherwise commonly uses one or more forenames or a surname in a different way from the way in which the candidate's names are stated on the nomination (for example, where the commonly used names are in a different order from the names as so stated, include only some of those names, or include additional names).
- candidates who suppress their home address to provide the relevant area (the district, county, London Borough, County Borough or local government area) where their address is located instead of the constituency.

4.10 Changes to the Electoral System

The Act includes which change the voting system for all Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections, elections for Combined Authority Mayors, Local Authority Mayors in England, and elections for the Mayor of London from the Supplementary Vote System to the Simple Majority Voting System, also known as First Past the Post (FPTP).

These changes are expected to implemented from May 2023.

4.11 New Burdens Funding

There will be three funding mechanisms for the new burdens being brought about by the Elections Act which will be paid via Section 31 Grants:

- Grants – allocated based on a funding allocation model in the form of a single yearly payment
- Justification Led Bids (JLBs) – fund released retrospectively based on a justification led bid (evidence of spend)
- Hybrid – proportion of the allocation will initially be distributed early in the year by grant. Later in the year, a bidding process will be undertaken where authorities can claim the value of additional funds required, along with evidence of spend.

Regarding accessibility, each authority will be provided with New Burdens funding for accessibility equipment, staff time (costed for 10 mins additional set up time for accessibility related equipment) and training (10 minutes additional training for PS staff and one additional day training for all tranche 1 policies for electoral services team).

Each authority will be provided with New Burdens funding in relation to implementing the requirements of Voter ID. This includes:

- Renumeration of electoral staff admin time (processing of Voter Authority Certificate applications 6 mins online 8 mins paper).
- Polling staff costs (one additional poll clerk per polling station for year 1 and year 2 and every year a general election takes place).
- Equipment costs (one camera and one printer scanner for temporary Voter Authority Certificate where required and one privacy screen and mirror per polling station). In addition to the requirements of accessibility.
- Poll card costs (difference between the current poll card and the new one (A4 and enveloped) and differences in the delivery fee).
- Storage costs (where required additional storage space for privacy screens and mirrors).
- Training costs (30 minutes additional training for PS staff and one additional training for all tranche 1 policies for electoral services team).
- By-election costs and contact centres (one temporary contact staff member for 2023 and 2024 for two months before elections).

The Council received its funding allocation of £19,270 for 2022/2023 and is due to receive £36,041 for 2023/24.

Nov 2022	Accessibility (Grant)	Voter ID (Grant)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electoral Staff costs• Training (Electoral Services Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training (Electoral Services Team) 	
April 2023	Accessibility (Grant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training (poll staff) 	Voter ID (Grant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral staff costs • Polling station staff costs • Training (poll station staff) • Poll cards
Nov 2023	Accessibility (JLB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment costs • Staff time costs 	Voter ID (JLB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment costs (privacy screens, mirrors, cameras) • Electoral staff costs • Equipment storage costs

- 4.12 In summary, the Act will present numerous challenges for the RO, ERO, elections team and wider council. Plans are being put in place to manage these challenges to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of elections in May 2023 and beyond.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Not applicable.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not applicable.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Elections Act 2022

Report prepared by: Matt Powis – Elections and Executive Support Manager

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2023****REPORT ON WORK PROGRAMME/COMPLAINTS****REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER (DIRECTOR LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE)****PART A – SUMMARY REPORT****1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To inform and update Members in respect of Code of Conduct and Complaint matters.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Standards and Resources Committee notes the contents of the update on Code of Conduct and Complaint Matters

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	The work of the Committee underpins the work of the Council and delivery of the Council Plan objectives
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	No	Not required.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	No	
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	Standards and Resources Committee 26 January 2023	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	No	None
LEGAL ISSUES	No	None
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	None	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 *Code of Conduct/Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms*

- 4.2 There are currently three active Code of Conduct complaints. Three complaints were referred for investigation and an independent investigating officer has been appointed. Two of these complaints will be proceeding to a hearing before the Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee shortly. Two investigations relate to parish council members and one to a District member.
- 4.3 One further complaint received since the last meeting was dismissed at the initial assessment stage. This complaint related to a district member.
- 4.4 Full training on the Code of Conduct will form part of the Member Induction Programme post May 2023 elections.

Local Government Ombudsman (LGO)

- 4.5 There have been two new decisions from the Local Government Ombudsman since the last meeting. Both complaints were relating to planning enforcement. In the first case, which can be seen at Appendix 1 to this report, the LGO did not investigate as there was no evidence of fault by the Council.

The second case involved a long-running dispute around planning enforcement with the LGO finding no fault in how the Council acted. The decision can be seen at Appendix 2.

Formal Complaints

- 4.5 In terms of complaints that have gone to stage 2 of the Council's own complaints procedure (which is the step before an Ombudsman complaint) we have had 0 complaints upheld in the municipal year 2022/23 to date.

Data Protection

- 4.6 A full update in respect of data protection was due to come to the January 2023 meeting of this committee but has been delayed and will be brought to the March meeting.

Work programme

- 4.14 The work programme for 2022/23 is set out below:

16 June 2022

- Setting of work programme - completed
- Code of Conduct – Arrangements - completed

15 September 2022 revised date 13 October

- Annual report of the Local Government Ombudsman – completed
- Review of Conduct/Complaints/Work Programme - completed
- Elections update – completed
- Members Allowances – Process for IRP – completed

24 November 2022

- Review of Conduct/Complaints/Work Programme - completed
- Update on GDPR – deferred to January 2023
- Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel on Member Allowances - completed

26 January 2023

- Employment trends – deferred to March 2023
- Review of Conduct/Complaints/Work Programme – on agenda
- Polling Station Review Report – on agenda
- Elections Act 2022 Update – additional item
- Update on GDPR (deferred to March)

9 March 2023

- Annual Corporate Health and Safety Update
- Update on GDPR/data protection
- Review of Conduct/Complaints/Work Programme
- Employment trends (from January meeting)

If Members have any items they wish to add to the work programme they should let the Monitoring Officer know. A report updating on progress against this programme will come to each meeting of the Committee and identifying any potential additional items or changes to the programme.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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The Ombudsman's final decision

Summary: We will not investigate this complaint about the Council's decision not to take enforcement action against commercial vehicles parked by a neighbour in Mr X's road. This is because there is no evidence of fault by the Council.

The complaint

1. The complainant, who I call Mr X, complains the Council is refusing to take action against commercial vehicles parked by a neighbour on their drive in Mr X's road. He says the presence of the vehicles is an eyesore and causing him anguish.

The Ombudsman's role and powers

2. We investigate complaints of injustice caused by 'maladministration' and 'service failure' which we call 'fault'. We consider whether there was fault in the way an organisation made its decision. If there was no fault in the decision making, we cannot question the outcome. (*Local Government Act 1974, section 34(3), as amended*)
3. We provide a free service but must use public money carefully. We do not start or may decide not to continue with an investigation if we decide there is not enough evidence of fault to justify investigating. (*Local Government Act 1974, section 24A(6)*)

How I considered this complaint

4. I considered information provided by Mr X, including the Council's response to the complaint.
5. I considered the Ombudsman's Assessment Code.

My assessment

6. Mr X complained to the Council about a neighbour parking commercial vehicles on their drive.
7. The Council investigated the complaint but told Mr X that as there was no breach of planning control there were no grounds on which to take enforcement action. With regard to a restrictive covenant within the deeds for the properties on the estate which forbids the parking of heavy or light goods vehicles at the properties, the Council advised Mr X that this was a civil matter and not one the Council would be involved with. It suggested Mr X seek legal advice if he wanted to pursue it.

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8. While Mr X is disappointed with the Council's response, it is not our role to act as a point of appeal. We cannot question decisions made by councils when they have followed the right steps and considered the relevant evidence and information. There is no evidence to suggest there has been fault by the Council in its handling of this case.

Final decision

9. We will not investigate Mr X's complaint because there is no evidence of fault by the Council.

Investigator's decision on behalf of the Ombudsman

The Ombudsman's final decision

Summary: We found no fault in how the Council reached its decisions not to take enforcement action against development near Mr X's home.

The complaint

1. Mr X complained about the Council's handling of development near his home because it:
 - did not properly consider the noise impact of the development on his home before granting planning permission;
 - allowed works that severed the roots of trees and denied them water and nutrients; and
 - failed to take enforcement action against breaches of planning control, including non-compliance with conditions about drainage of the development site.
2. Mr X said the Council's actions caused him much stress and anxiety and led to:
 - an unacceptable increase in noise at his home;
 - trees on the site dying and becoming unstable and a threat to his home; and
 - surface water running off the site and presenting a danger to road traffic.
3. Mr X wanted the Council to:
 - reduce noise levels;
 - accept responsibility for, and the costs of, any future damage to his property caused by dead, dying and falling trees; and
 - enforce against the planning breaches, including preventing surface water leaving the site.

What I have investigated

4. I have investigated that part of Mr X's complaint about the Council's failure to take enforcement action against breaches of planning control, including non-compliance with drainage conditions. My reasons for not investigating the remainder of Mr X's complaint are set out at paragraphs 31 to 33 of this statement.

The Ombudsman's role and powers

5. We investigate complaints of injustice caused by 'maladministration' and 'service failure'. I have used the word fault to refer to these. We consider whether there was fault in the way an organisation made its decision. If there was no fault in the decision making, we cannot question the outcome. (*Local Government Act 1974, section 34(3), as amended*)
6. We cannot investigate late complaints unless we decide there are good reasons. Late complaints are when someone takes more than 12 months to complain to us about something a council has done. (*Local Government Act 1974, sections 26B and 34D, as amended*)
7. If we are satisfied with an organisation's actions or proposed actions, we can complete our investigation and issue a decision statement. (*Local Government Act 1974, section 30(1B) and 34H(i), as amended*)

How I considered this complaint

8. I have:
 - considered Mr X's written complaint and supporting papers;
 - asked for and considered the Council's comments and supporting papers about the complaint; and
 - shared a draft of this statement with Mr X and the Council and considered any comments received before making a final decision.

What I found

Background

9. Most development needs express planning permission from the local council. But Parliament has given a blanket planning permission ('permitted development') for many minor works. Subject to the specific nature of the works, local councils, acting as planning authorities, have no control over these matters.
10. Where councils expressly grant planning permission, they usually include conditions that regulate the approved development and its use. Conditions should be necessary, enforceable and reasonable in all other regards. Councils may use a condition to remove permitted development rights when they grant planning permission. Such a condition means a developer must get an express planning permission from their council to carry out what would otherwise have been permitted development.
11. A failure to comply with a planning permission, including its conditions, will be a breach of planning control. Councils should investigate reported breaches, but they do not need to act against every breach they find. Rather, they have discretion to act. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) says councils "should act proportionately in responding to suspected breaches of planning control".
12. When deciding whether to take formal enforcement action, councils will consider what degree of planning harm a breach will likely cause the public. Councils will also usually have choices in how they respond to a breach. For example, a council can ask, but not force, a developer to submit a retrospective planning application. This may happen where a council considers it could grant planning permission, probably with conditions, to regularise unauthorised development.

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13. The Council has a 2020 planning enforcement policy ('the Policy') which sets out its approach to planning enforcement. The Policy reflects the NPPF and says the Council will consider each case on its merits and take account of the level of harm caused by any breach. The Policy explains how the Council prioritises cases by separating them into those needing either a 'high' or 'standard' response. The Policy says the Council aims to decide whether there is a breach within 12 weeks for 80% of reported cases. But the time need to satisfactorily resolve a breach varies from case to case. The Policy says the Council will usually try to resolve a breach informally with the person responsible before considering formal enforcement action. And a Council enforcement officer will keep those reporting a breach informed about the investigation and tell them within 10 working days of making a decision. The Policy also sets out how people may raise concerns about the Council's enforcement service, including making a complaint.

What happened

14. In 2015, the Council granted planning permission for development on land ('the Site') near Mr X's home. In 2017 and 2019 the Council approved the developer's applications to change the original planning permission. The 2015 planning permission, as varied, included a condition removing some permitted development rights, including those for hard surfacing ('the Condition'). The Condition was imposed to reduce surface water run off on to a nearby public road.
15. In September 2020, Mr X reported a breach of planning control on the Site to the Council. The Council opened an enforcement investigation into the breach, which concerned hard surfacing works and two dead trees. The Council gave the case 'standard priority'. The Council's enforcement investigation included contacting the developer about the alleged breach and visiting the site both during and soon after heavy rain.
16. The Council found the hard surfacing on the Site breached the Condition. The Council also found that another planning condition required the developer to replace the two dead trees ('the Tree Condition'). The Tree Condition had been placed on the 2015 planning permission, as varied, to safeguard the visual amenity of the area. The Council asked the developer to either remove the hard surfacing or apply, retrospectively, for planning permission to keep it. The Council chased the developer for a response but received no planning application and the hard surfacing remained on the Site. The developer also did not replace the dead trees.
17. The Council monitored the Site and then assessed the impact of the hard surfacing breach and resulting planning harm. The Council was satisfied the developer had provided satisfactory drainage and found no evidence of surface water run off outside the Site boundary. The Council also consulted with environmental health officers about Mr X's concern the hard surfacing caused unacceptable noise. The Council found the hard surfacing did not result in a substantial increase in noise levels. The Council also considered the hard surfacing had had limited impact on nearby trees, which trees showed no signs of sickness. The Council therefore concluded the hard surfacing did not cause planning harm and formal enforcement action was not needed.
18. The Council also took advice from its tree specialist about the two dead trees. The tree specialist said one of the trees had not provided substantive screening for the Site and its replacement was not justified. The second tree, with others, had provided significant screening and had an amenity role in the local

environment. However, the specialist officer did not consider it possible, due to the built development on the Site, to replace it in the same position. The Council found the Tree Condition did not require replacement trees to be planted “at the same place”. The Council therefore asked the developer to plant a replacement tree within the Site.

19. Further correspondence between Mr X and the Council led it to open a second ‘standard response’ enforcement investigation. The second investigation concerned whether built development on the Site complied with the approved planning permission plans. The Council’s enforcement investigation included a site visit during which officers measured the building Mr X reported as breaching planning control. The Council found there were differences between the measured built development and that shown on the approved plans. The Council did not consider the differences resulted in planning harm sufficient to merit enforcement action. However, it asked the developer to apply for retrospective planning permission for the development as built.
20. The Council wrote to Mr X in May 2021 to tell him of its enforcement findings. And, when the developer did not make a retrospective planning application for the built development, the Council further considered the breach. The Council found the built development did not cause material planning harm and formal enforcement action was not necessary. The Council then closed its second enforcement investigation. The Council wrote to Mr X in January 2022 to tell him of its decision on the second enforcement case.
21. Meanwhile, Mr X had continued to correspond with the Council about the development and enforcement matters. The points raised by Mr X included the risk to his home presented by the two dead trees on the Site (see paragraphs 15 and 18). The Council’s specialist tree officer inspected the trees in November 2021 and found they presented no immediate risk. The Council confirmed to Mr X the developer was responsible for trees on the Site, as Mr X was responsible for trees on his property. Ultimately, remaining dissatisfied with the Council’s enforcement decisions, Mr X complained to the Ombudsman.
22. In responding to the Ombudsman, the Council said it was not aware the developer had replanted any trees on the Site (see paragraph 18). The Council also said further consideration had led it to believe the Tree Condition was not enforceable. The Council said the number and position of trees remaining on the Site provided adequate screening. And there was insufficient room within the Site for any newly planted trees to successfully establish and grow to maturity.
23. The Council pointed to the considerable contact it had had with Mr X over many years about the development. It said it had acted appropriately giving due care and genuine consideration to all Mr X’s concerns. And its enforcement investigations had not found evidence to substantiate enforcement action and its officers had given Mr X reasons for its decisions.

Consideration

Introduction

24. We are not a planning appeal body. Our role is to consider how councils reach their planning decisions and whether there is evidence of fault in the process. Where we find evidence of fault, we consider if this is likely to have affected a council’s planning decision and caused the complainant significant injustice.
25. As a publicly funded body we must be careful how we use our limited resources. We conduct proportionate investigations; completing them when we consider we

have enough evidence to make a sound decision on whether a council has acted with fault. This means we do not try to answer every question or address each detailed point raised by a complainant about what a council did. So, we cannot always respond to complaints in the detail people might want. Here, Mr X's detailed correspondence with the Council raised many issues and queries. While I carefully considered all that Mr X said, this statement does not, and did not need to, address every point raised in his correspondence with the Council. My focus was whether the Council's two enforcement investigations fell below acceptable administrative standards so as to evidence fault in its decision making.

The Council's enforcement decision making

26. The evidence showed the Council acted correctly in responding to Mr X's concerns about possible breaches of planning control on the Site by opening enforcement investigations. It then sought information to determine whether breaches had taken place by contacting the developer and visiting the Site. These were steps we would expect a council to take to decide whether there was any breach. These steps were also in line with the Policy.
27. The Council's initial investigations led it find there had been breaches of planning control on the Site. It then asked the developer to cooperate by planting a replacement tree and making retrospective planning applications. Seeking to address breaches informally, including asking for retrospective planning applications, was in line with the Policy.
28. When the developer did not cooperate with the Council's enforcement requests, the Council needed to further consider what, if any, action it next needed to take. The Council's further investigations included taking advice from both specialist tree and environmental health officers. This was a reasonable and suitable step to take to assist the Council's enforcement officers in assessing the planning harm arising from the breaches. Having visited the Site and sought advice, the Council was able to reach properly informed enforcement decisions. I recognised Mr X likely strongly disagreed with the Council about insufficient planning harm arising from the breaches. However, as I saw no evidence to show there was fault in the way the Council's decisions were made, I had no grounds to question those decisions (see paragraphs 5 and 24).
29. In reaching my view, I considered the time it took the Council to reach its decisions and to tell Mr X about those decisions. Considerable time passed before the Council formally told Mr X it would not further pursue the breaches once the developer did not apply for retrospective planning permission or plant a replacement tree. However, the evidence showed Mr X and the Council continued regularly to correspond about the development. I therefore did not find the time taken by the Council to confirm it would not take formal enforcement action caused Mr X any significant injustice.

Final decision

30. I completed my investigation finding no fault in how the Council made its enforcement decisions.

Parts of the complaint that I did not investigate

31. Mr X's complaint included concerns about the Council's decision in 2015 to grant planning permission for development on the Site. We had already investigated a

complaint from Mr X about both that planning decision and a 2017 decision to change the approved development. However, Mr X said he had found new issues affecting the Council's 2015 planning decision. He also said the Council had provided 'distorted information' in our earlier investigation.

32. The Council's planning decision was taken over six years ago. I could not investigate matters we had already investigated. And a complaint about new issues concerning the 2015 planning permission, and its 2017 amendment, was a late complaint (see paragraph 6). I found no good reasons to investigate now those parts of the complaint that concerned matters linked to the 2015 grant of planning permission and its 2017 amendment.
33. Mr X also complained about the Council's April 2019 planning decision to approve a further change to the development. Again, a complaint about the Council's 2019 planning decision was a late complaint (see paragraph 6). I found no good reasons to investigate the Council's 2019 decision.

Investigator's decision on behalf of the Ombudsman