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The proposed name of the new council ward of “Much Woolton & Hunts Cross” within the Liverpool City Council local authority area should be changed to just “Much Woolton” to reflect a more accurate, ancient and interesting historical context. It is also briefer.

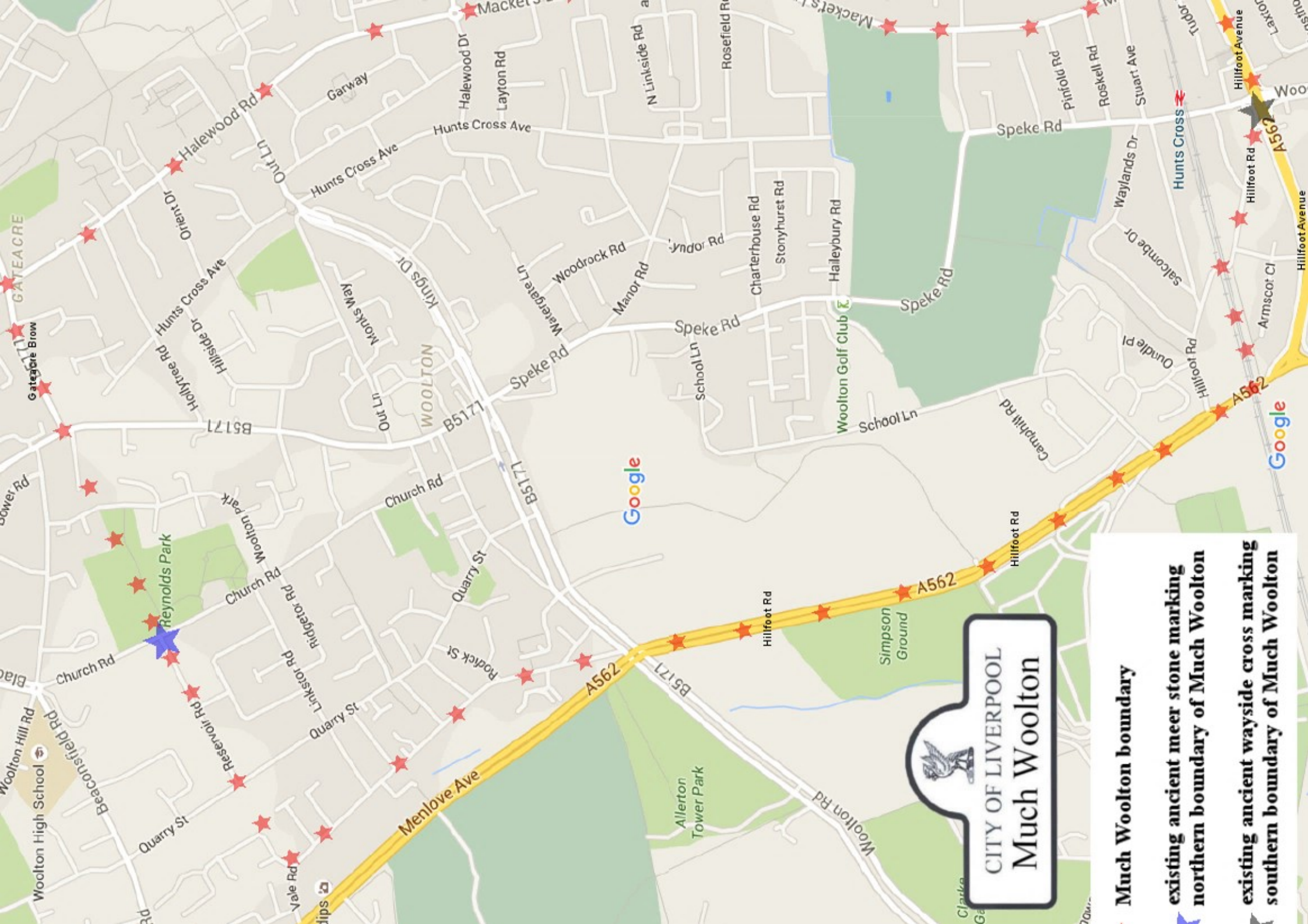
Much Woolton was once part of the ancient Childwall Parish and was one of the ten parish divisions mentioned in the Domesday Book survey of 1085-86: Allerton, Childwall, Garston, Hale, Halewood, Little Woolton, Much Woolton, Speke, Thingwall and Wavertree.

Why was it called 'Much' Woolton? This probably derives from higher or lower (as in Bebington), great or little (as in Crosby), Much or Little (as in Woolton), and suggests land that is an offshoot from a larger part or possibly higher/lower in elevation. The name Woolton - Uluetune in the Domesday Book - derives from Wulfa's tun (tun: village farm, homestead), which is Anglo Saxon in origin.

The boundaries of Much Woolton were mentioned as early as 1658 (source: 1658, *Rental of Much Woolton*, (MS) in Salisbury Papers, Liverpool Record Office): "beginning at the bottom of Out Lane - as following Halewood Road to Gateacre, turning up the brow [Gateacre Brow] and then to the hill called Gallowtree... and so lineally to some Meer Stones against a pit, marking the edge of Allerton [about the north end of Vale Road] thence the line followed the old watercourse [across Menlove Avenue and just east of Elm Cottage on Springwood Avenue] to a nook of a Close called Pendleton's and then met the boundary of Speke [by the railway bridge under Speke Hall Road] followed Hillfoot Road [once Poor House Lane] and Hillfoot Avenue, and so down the middle of the lane from Mackett's House... and to the Out Lane End."

Here is a map based on the above description of the historical boundary of Much Woolton:  
<https://wooltonvillageuk.tripod.com/images/MapWooltonWebJPEG2.jpg>

And attached in a file is another map, using the above to overlay a current map (note that the wayside cross noted on the map still exists).



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**Much Woolton**

**Much Woolton boundary**

**existing ancient meer stone marking  
northern boundary of Much Woolton**

**existing ancient roadside cross marking  
southern boundary of Much Woolton**