

## Northumberland County Council

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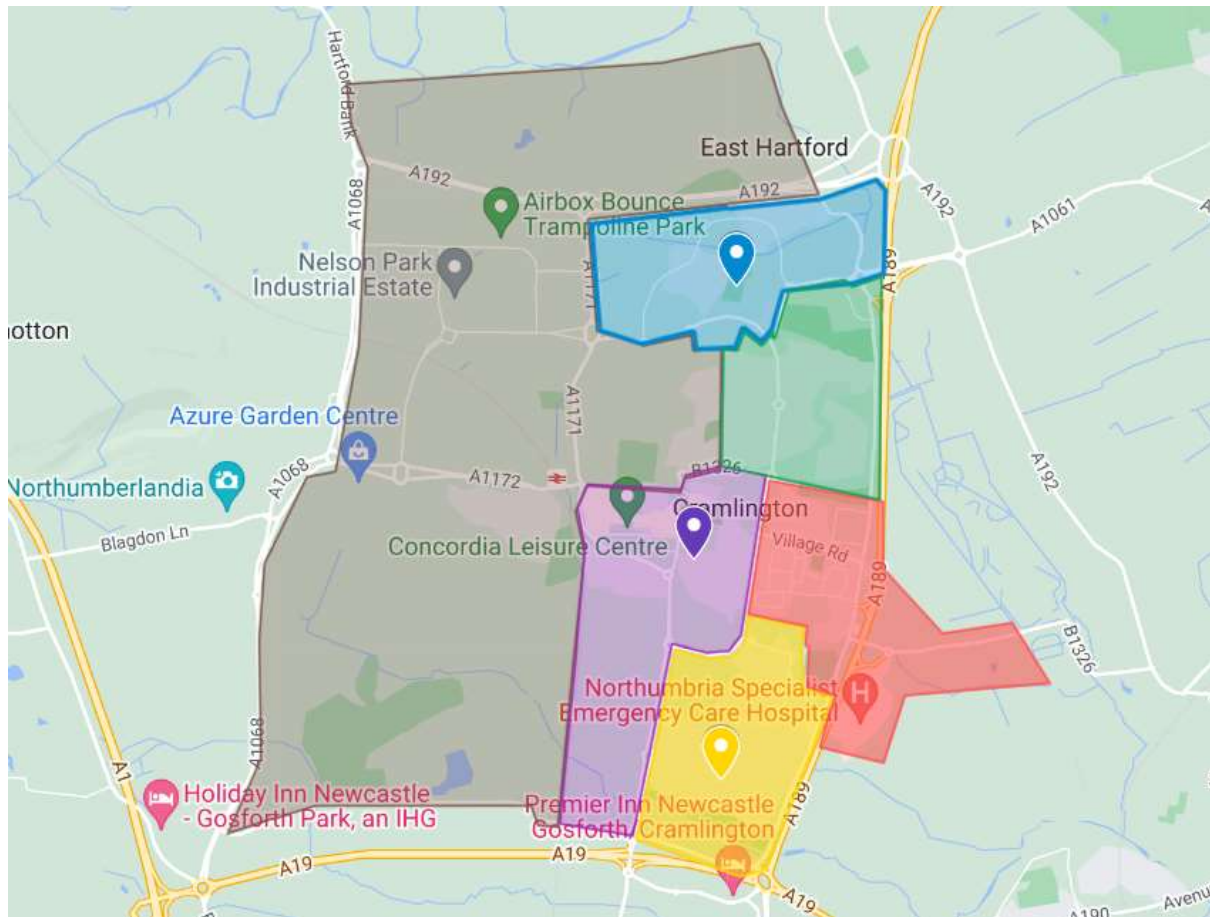
### Comment text:

Cramlington Town Council Response to consultation on review of electoral boundaries for Northumberland 2023. This response relates solely to the review of electoral boundaries as it affects the six electoral divisions which make up the administrative area covered by Cramlington town council. The town council recognises the need for a review of electoral boundaries given high levels of new housing development in parts of the town, accentuating an inequality of electoral numbers. Our proposals are based on a street-by-street analysis of electoral numbers and the projected 2028 electoral estimates produced by Northumberland County Council. Whilst we have not challenged these projections, we feel they may be optimistic in view of a recent slowdown in the rate of housing completions and the lower than anticipated total population of the town recorded by the 2021 census. This shows a 10-year increase of less than 1000 despite a significant number of house completions over that period. In developing our proposals we have attempted to achieve electoral equality between divisions whilst also recognising the importance of community coherence and, as far as possible, continuity with existing electoral boundaries. We have also been conscious of the need where possible to ensure a mix of private and social housing. We have noted the Commission's preference to retain 67 electoral divisions for Northumberland and have worked to provide a six-division option on this basis. We have also suggested, however, a seven-division option should the Commission be minded to support an additional division for Cramlington. In suggesting this option, we recognise that achieving electoral equality is dependent on significant housing completions up to 2028. The attached plans show our suggested boundaries together with current and projected electoral numbers. Interactive maps are also available: 6 Ward - <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1nD2VC9XITyoiGeds5t07keouNQydpWI&usp=sharing> 7 Ward - <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1mIsB9qxAFmwLH3MmRZrE5KLWqFrVUE8&usp=sharing> Bob Baker Town Clerk Cramlington Town Council January 2023

### Uploaded Documents:

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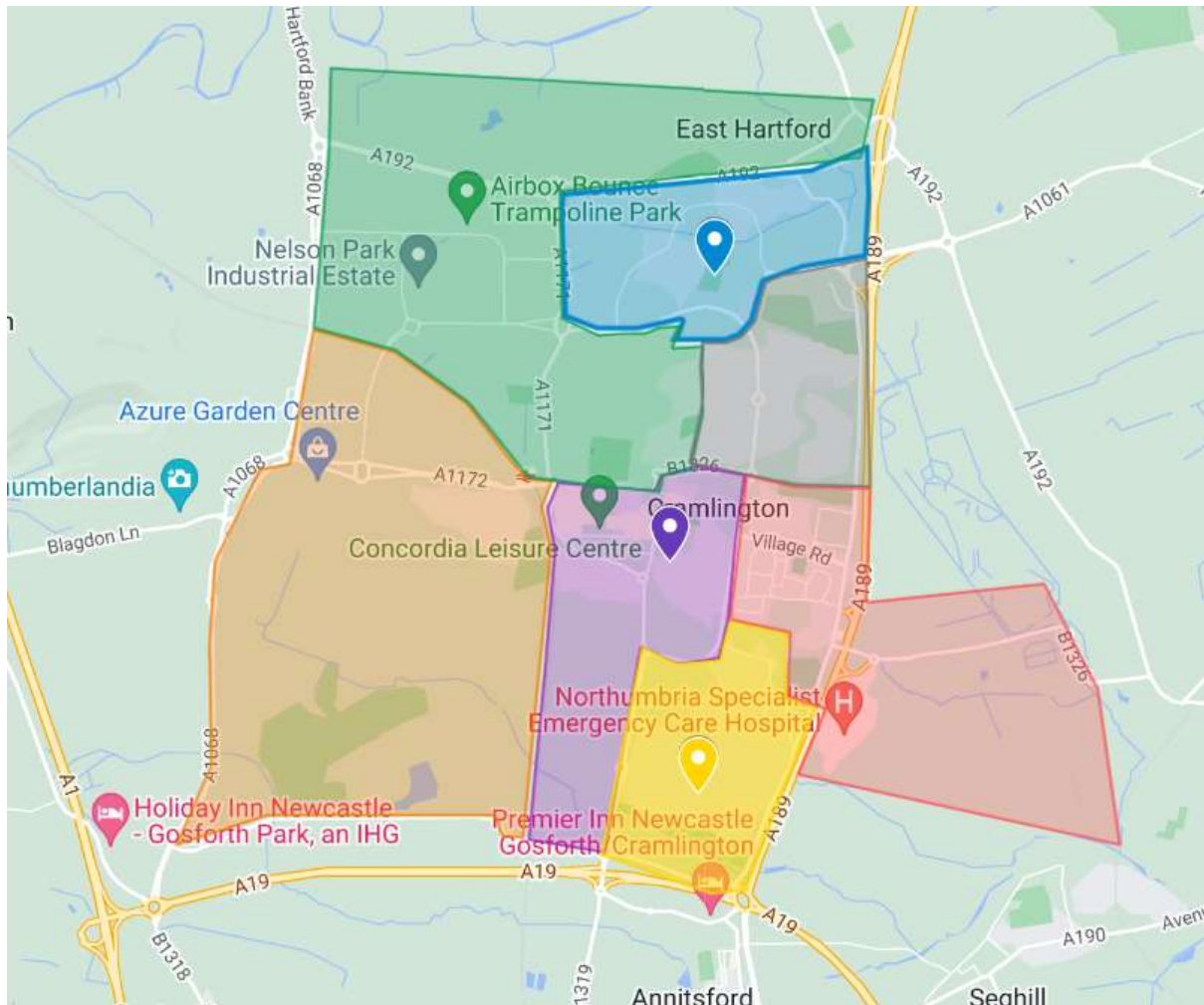
## Existing Boundaries



Current Ward makeup	2022	Projected 2028
South East Ward	3666	3757
West Ward	5111	7351
East Ward	3207	3244
Eastfield Ward	3832	3940
Village Ward	3495	3567
North Ward	4062	4131
TOTAL	23373	25990

West to gain an additional 2240 by 2028 with 1749 from the South West Sector Development

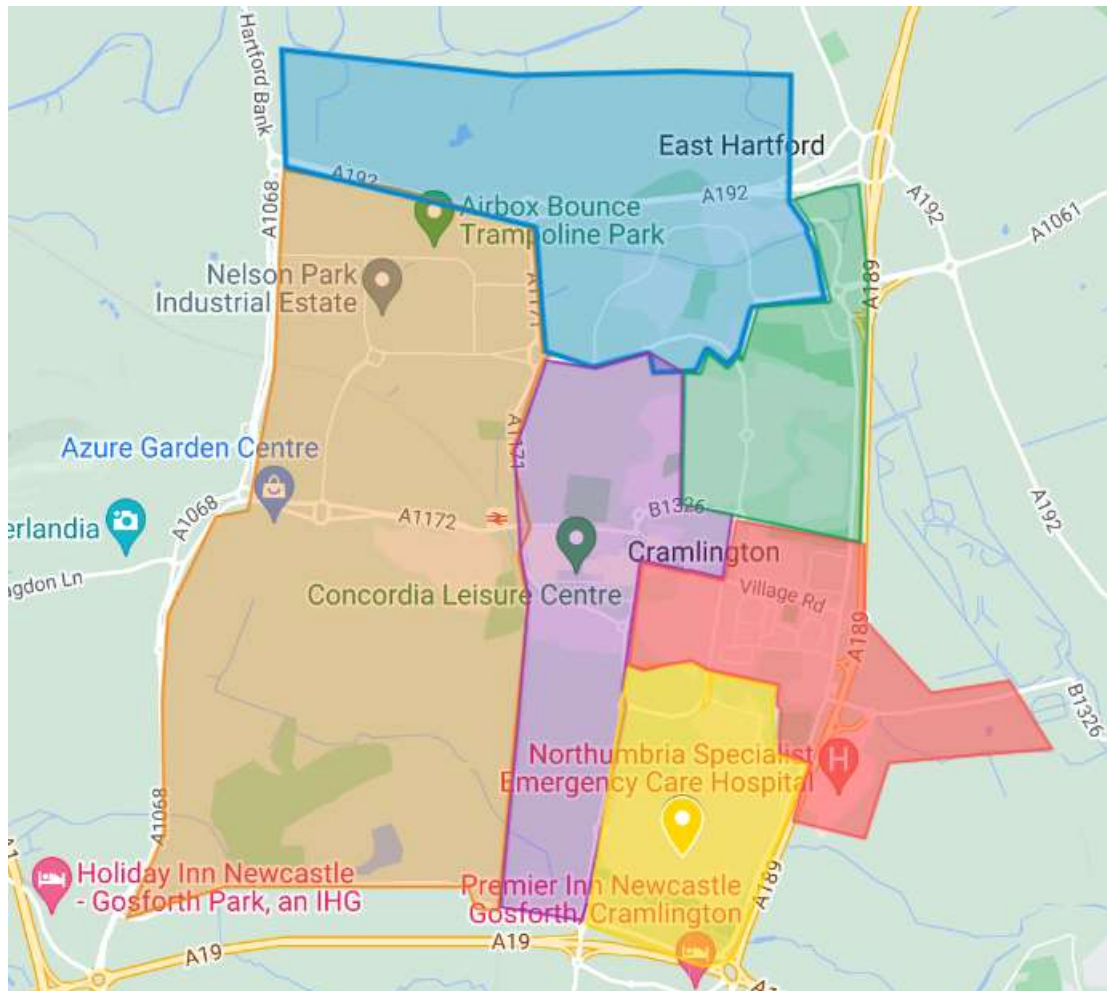
## Option A – 7 wards



The West ward would be split into two creating an additional ward (North West). Nelson Village, St Nicholas Manor, Bassington Manor, Westfield Grange and Parkside Glade would create a new North West ward. Beacon Hill, Beacon Lane and the Fairways would remain as the West Ward. Village loses Station Road and Sunnyside to new area and gains small Arcot estate. North and Eastfield remains unchanged and retains existing boundaries. South East moves Colt Park and Carlcroft to East to increase East numbers.

Option A	2022	Projected 2028
South East Ward	3666	3539
West Ward	2285	4028
East Ward	3207	3462
Eastfield Ward	3832	4040
Village Ward	3495	3464
North Ward	4062	4128
North West	2826	3329
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23373</b>	<b>25990</b>

## Option B – 6 wards



There would be changes to all wards which are set out in the table below.

Ward	Additional Areas	Removed Areas
South East	Hall Close Glade / hall Close Chase	
West		St Nicholas Manor, Westwood Grange, Parkside Glade and East Hartford
East	Hall Close Green / Hall Close Dale / Hall Close Grange	
Eastfield	Hastings Terrace area	
Village	St Nicholas Manor, Parkside Glade and Westfield Grange	Hall Close Estates
North	East Hartford	Hastings Terrace area

Option B	2022	Projected 2028
South East Ward	4172	4263
West Ward	2897	4759
East Ward	3917	4128
Eastfield Ward	3931	4139
Village Ward	4057	4233
North Ward	4399	4468
TOTAL	23373	25990