

# North Tyneside

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## Comment text:

I understand that the council has proposed a major change to the Benton electoral ward by moving all of the residents south of Whitley Road and those north of it and west of Station Road into the existing Longbenton ward, in contradiction to the Local Government Boundaries Commission for England (LGBCE) proposal for only minor changes to the existing ward. I only found out about this on yesterday, the day after your consultation with the residents it wants to move closed.

The council's proposal does not say what happens to the remainder of the Benton ward.

I live in Benton in [REDACTED] and this is a fundamental change to the make up of the electoral ward I live in and it directly affects me and all those who live here, but we have heard nothing about it.

May I ask:

6. Why the council has not consulted with us residents directly affected by this proposal?
7. What the council's plans are for what's left of the Benton ward should its alternative proposal for Longbenton and Benton be adopted?
8. How the alternative proposal for Longbenton and Benton was developed and approved, and by whom?
9. That you extend your consultation to all residents affected by this
10. Note my following comments on the proposal as follows:

I support the LGBCEs proposal (Map A) as it only has minor changes to the existing electoral ward.

I do not support the council's alternative proposal (Map B) for the following reasons:

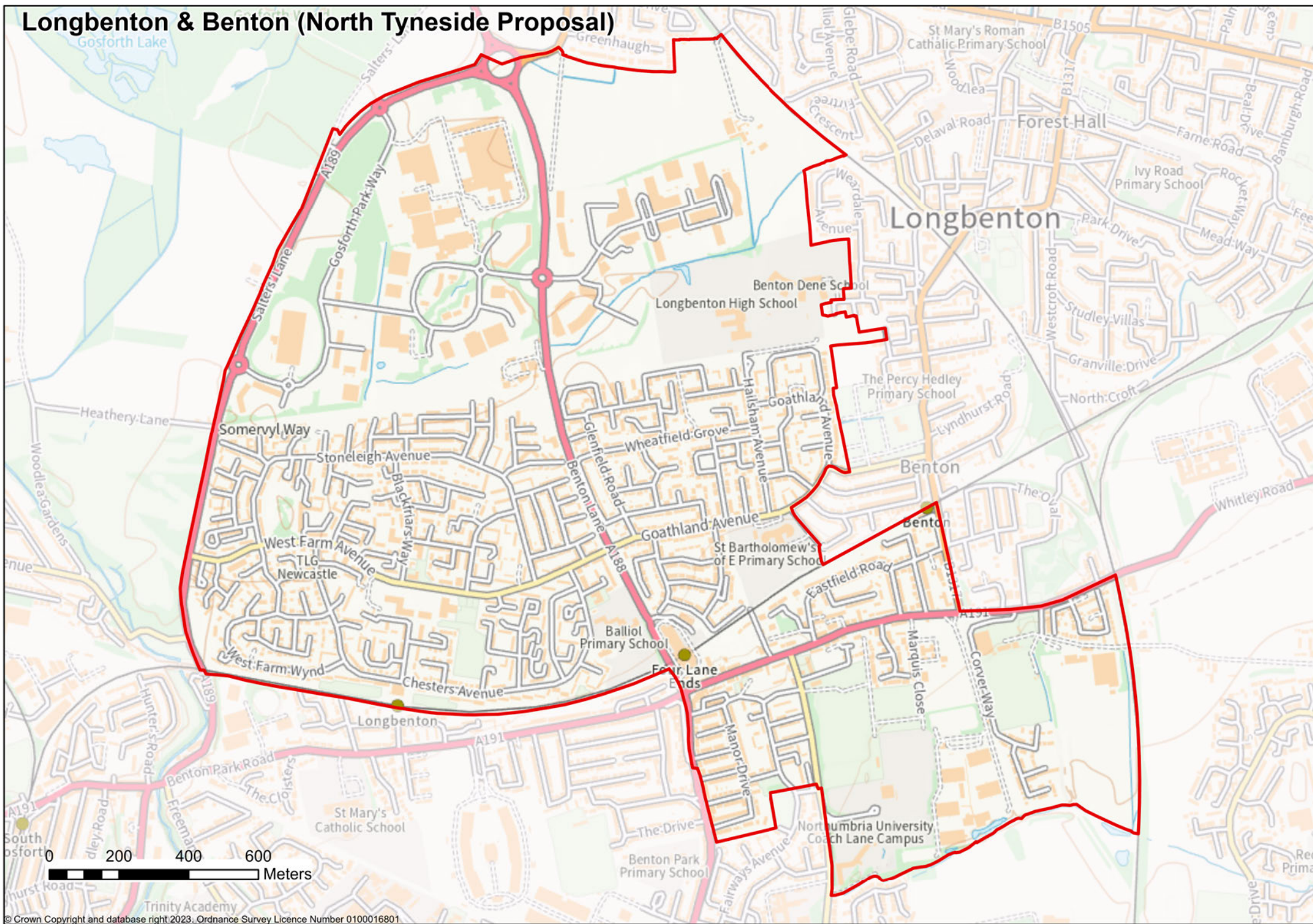
1. The council's proposal moves a third of Benton into a completely different ward to which it has no attachment.
2. Whitley Road and its junction with Station Road is a major traffic artery through North Tyneside and its operation affects a lot of residents. The council's proposal of splitting it into two wards means that as a resident if I have any issues with the Road I have to contact two sets of councillors whereas I only have to contact one at the moment.
3. The council's proposal meant that would not be continuity of representation by our councillors.
4. The councils proposal contradicts the LGBCEs aim of keeping communities together and uniting them around shared interests. I know a lot of people who live in the area you proposed to move as it is less than 2 minutes walk from my house, they feel a part of Benton and I consider they are part of it too.
5. Benton Quarry Park is a shared interest between Benton residents - this would be split by the council's proposal
6. There is no alternative proposal for what happens to the rest of the Benton Ward and it's not right to canvas one part of those affected and not the other. The proposals from the LGBCE are transparent and can be compared against each other, the council's alternative proposals should do the same.
7. The proposal would split two conservation areas.

## **Attached Documents:**

- Area 6 Map A Holystone LGBC1.pdf
- Area 6 Map B Benton Forest Hall North Tyneside.pdf
- Area 7 Map A Benton and Forest Hall LGBC.pdf
- Area 7 Map B Longbenton Benton North Tyneside.pdf

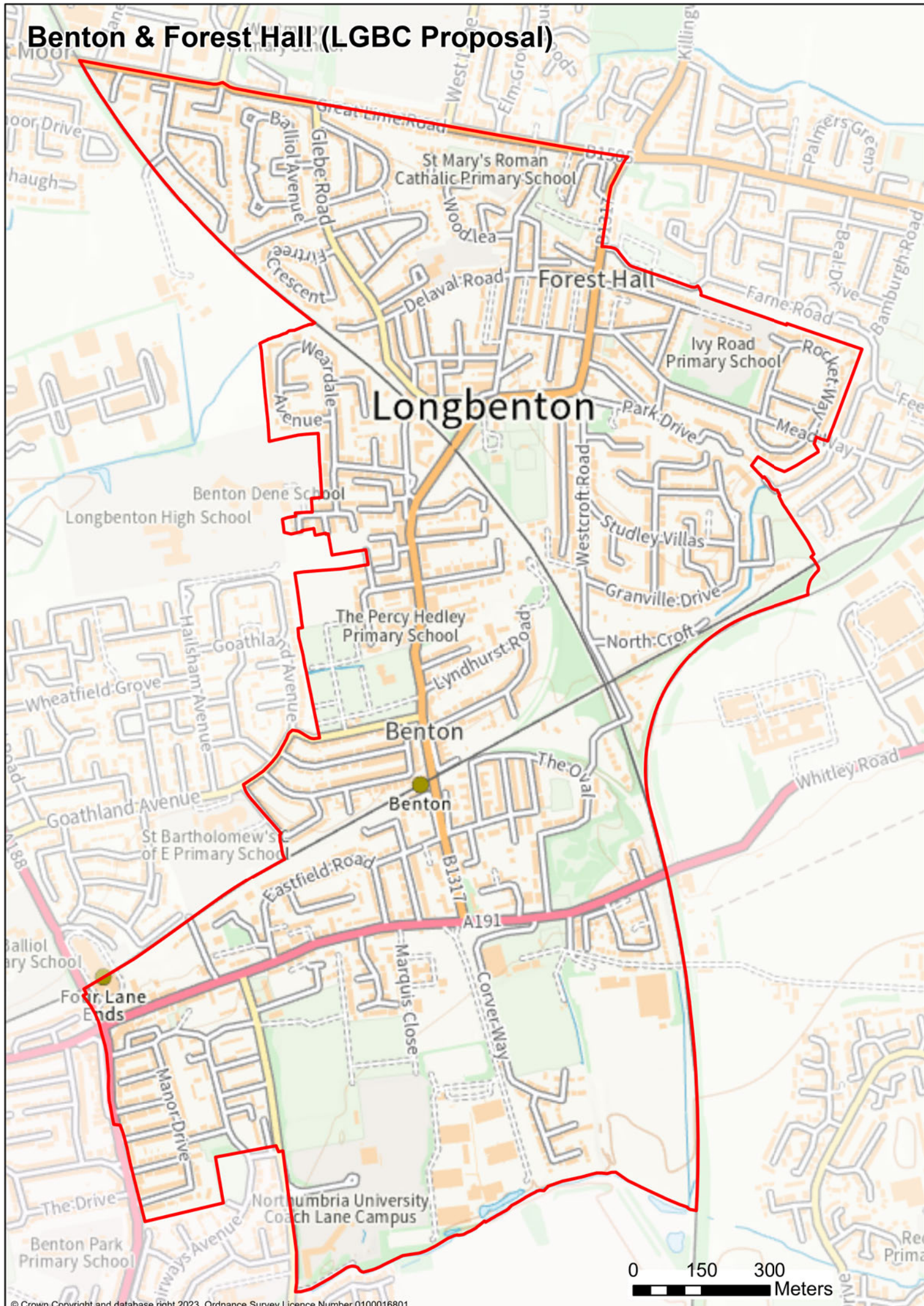


# Longbenton & Benton (North Tyneside Proposal)



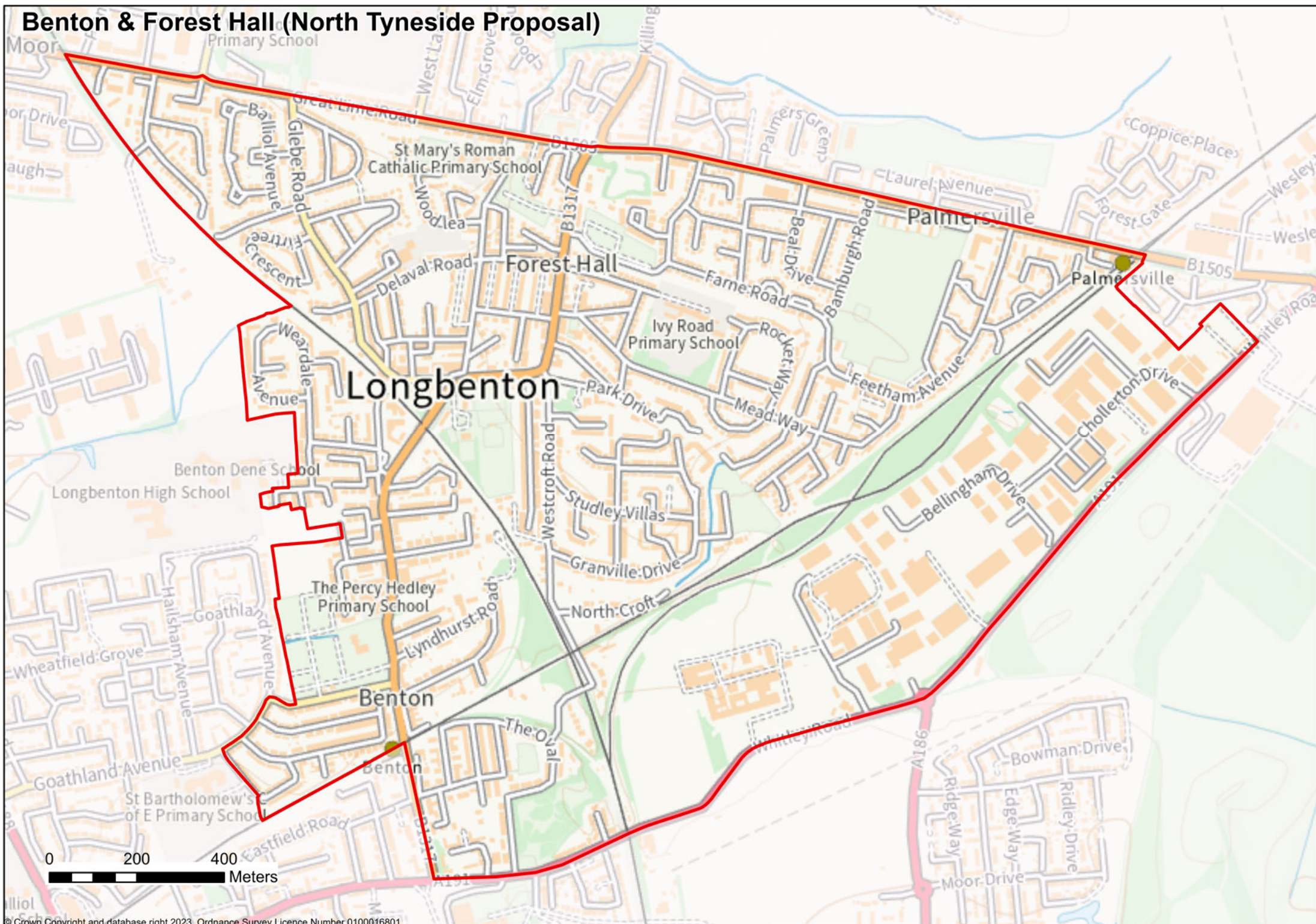


# Benton & Forest Hall (LGBC Proposal)





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# Killingworth (LGBC Proposal)

