

# Kirklees

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# **Boundary review submission**

Kirklees Labour Group

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## Executive summary

While the Labour Group understands the pressures the boundary commission is under in terms of delivering electoral equality for the people of Kirklees, the draft recommendations for Kirklees do not accurately reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

We believe that our proposals better reflect the interests and identities of local communities while also ensuring that no ward in the district would have greater than or less than 10% projected electoral variance in 2029. This is better than the draft recommendations, which contain one ward with a greater than 10% projected variance.

The draft recommendations for 'Huddersfield Central', 'Huddersfield East', 'Huddersfield North', 'Huddersfield South', and 'Huddersfield West' do not reflect the identities of local communities. Having 5 wards named 'Huddersfield [compass direction]' is confusing for residents who do not identify with these names.

The proposed "Huddersfield North" ward is not acceptable and does not in any way reflect community identities and ties. Polling district LD04 has no public transport links or roads connecting it with the rest of "Huddersfield North" – there aren't even any public footpaths across the private golf course which separates LD04 and the rest of "Huddersfield North". There are no shared amenities between LD04 and the rest of "Huddersfield North". Deighton (AB03) and Fartown (AB02) should also remain within the current **Ashbrow** ward reflecting the interests and identities of the communities there.

We believe that the draft recommendations contain too many instances of communities being divided between wards and this should be avoided.

The proposal to split the current **Greenhead** ward between 3 wards is unacceptable ('Huddersfield Central', 'Huddersfield West' and 'Lindley'). This would divide the community of Marsh between two wards. The evidence that the communities which make up the proposed 'Huddersfield Central' have much in common is weak.

The draft recommendations would split Lockwood between three different wards ('Huddersfield Central', 'Huddersfield West' and 'Huddersfield South'). Lockwood should be represented by only one set of councillors. All of Lockwood should be within our proposed **Crosland Moor** ward.

We recognise the strength of community feeling from residents of Netherton who do not wish to be in the same ward as Crosland Moor. We propose the creation of a new **Netherton and Newsome** ward which would better reflect the interests of those communities.

Colne Valley ward should be renamed **Colne Valley West** and Golcar ward should be renamed **Colne Valley East**. This reflects that the whole of the Colne Valley is not contained within Colne Valley ward, and that not all of the current Golcar ward identifies with Golcar.

Outlane should be moved to Lindley ward, as Outlane has few community ties with the rest of **Colne Valley West** ward.

The draft recommendation to move all of Salendine Nook (GC10) into Lindley ward is sensible. We believe that all of Paddock should move into **Colne Valley East** as this avoids splitting the community of Paddock and Paddock shares more in common with Colne Valley East than the rest of the current Greenhead ward.

In order to accommodate electoral equality issues in Lindley, we believe that the best polling district to move out of **Lindley** is LD06 and this should be moved into **Greenhead** ward. LD06 has strong community ties with Greenhead.

Polling district DE07 should remain within **Dewsbury East** as this avoids splitting the Dewsbury Town Centre community.

We believe that the boundary between **Dewsbury South** and the other Dewsbury wards should remain the same.

We believe that part of **Mirfield** should move into **Dewsbury West** to address electoral equality issues.

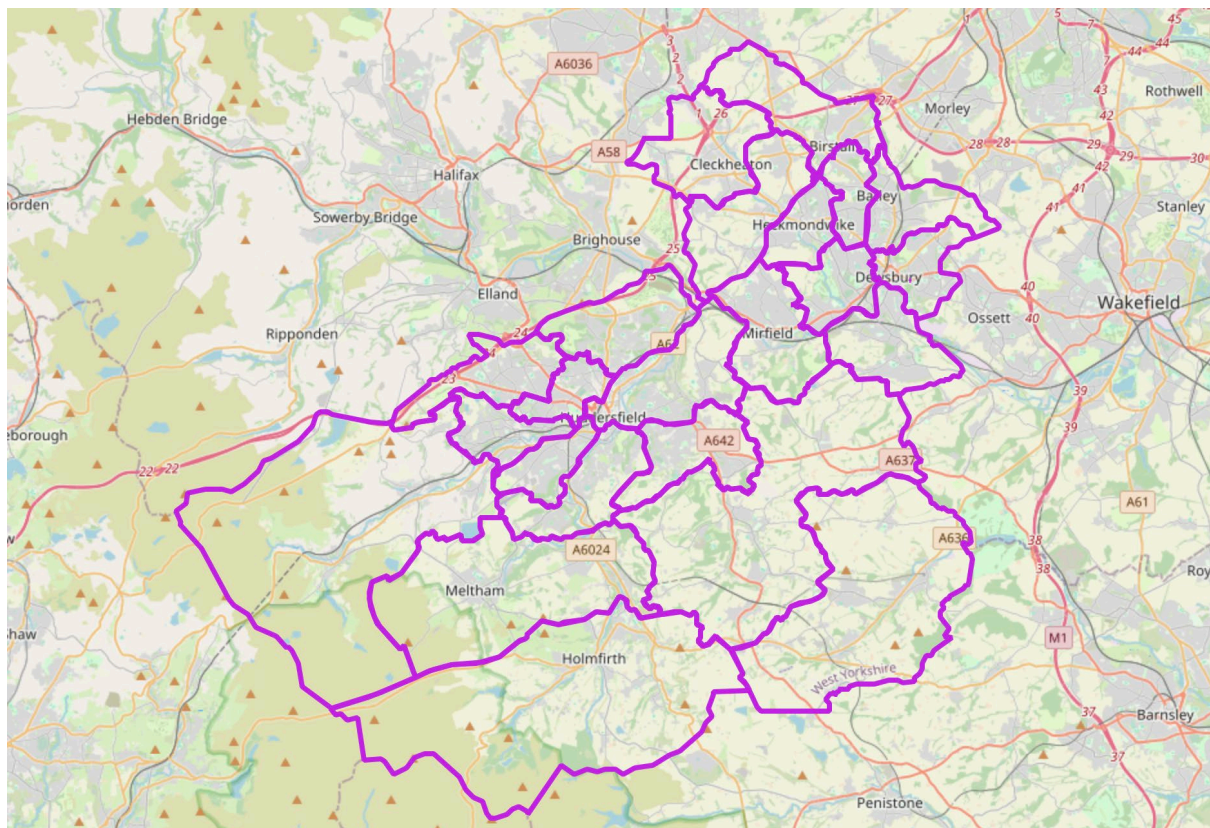
## Map

You can find an interactive map of the Labour Group's proposals here:

<https://harryjmccarthy.github.io/kirkleeslabourgroupproposals>

This will allow you to see how the Labour Group's proposals in detail and how they overlap with the boundary commission's draft proposals and the current ward boundaries.

You can see the map of the Labour Group's proposals here:



## Electoral equality

The projected 2029 electoral equality for each of these wards is as follows:

Ward	2029 Variance
Almondbury	-4.58%
Ashbrow	9.15%
Batley East	-1.13%
Batley West	-2.27%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	-7.84%
Cleckheaton	-0.23%
Colne Valley East	4.32%
Colne Valley West	-4.43%
Crosland Moor	-4.77%
Dalton	3.95%
Denby Dale	-2.32%
Dewsbury East	6.85%
Dewsbury South	9.95%
Dewsbury West	3.57%
Greenhead	0.98%
Heckmondwike	-8.07%
Holme Valley North	1.06%
Holme Valley South	-4.49%
Kirkburton	-8.08%
Lindley	5.6%
Liversedge and Gomersal	-0.89%
Mirfield	9.00%
Netherton and Newsome	-4.84%

Some of these figures are estimated where a polling district has been split due to not having street level projected electorate figures.

# Almondbury

## Name

We believe that the name Almondbury accurately reflects this ward.

## Map

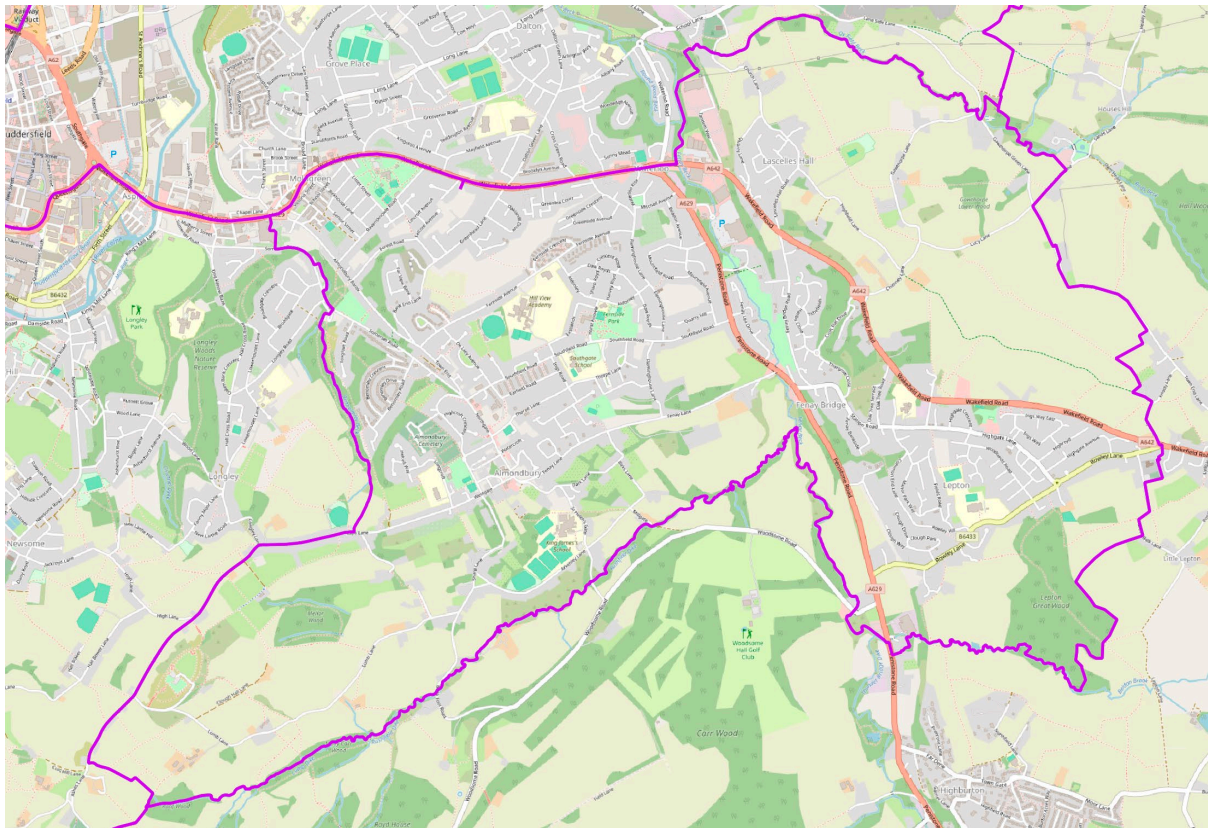


Figure 1 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Almondbury

## Electoral equality

Polling district	2029 Projected Electorate
AL01 –	2778
AL02 –	1741
AL03 –	1936
AL04 –	1448
AL05 –	1401
AL06 –	2624
AL07 –	1737
AL08 –	798



## **Moldgreen**

We believe that polling districts AL04 and AL05 should remain within Almondbury ward.

A642 Wakefield Road provides a strong identifiable boundary between Almondbury and Dalton ward. The draft recommendations do not provide a strong boundary between Dalton and Almondbury.

These polling districts have strong links with the rest of Almondbury ward, as evidenced by multiple transport links and shared community organisations.

## **Kirkheaton**

We do not believe Kirkheaton should move into Almondbury ward.

We do not believe that Kirkheaton has strong links with the rest of Almondbury ward.

The only bus routes to Kirkheaton (260 and 261) run through the rest of Dalton ward. There are no buses from Kirkheaton into Lepton and Fenay Bridge (which are in Almondbury).

There is no evidence that Kirkheaton shares more in common with Almondbury ward on the basis that it is a rural village. There are only two very small rural roads which connect Kirkheaton directly to Almondbury ward (Church Lane and Lane Side Lane).

We are unaware of any community groups which cover both Kirkheaton and Almondbury ward.

# Ashbrow

## Name

We believe that the name of this ward should remain Ashbrow. This ward name has been in use since 2004 and residents recognise it. A name like 'Huddersfield North' will confuse residents as it is not clear which areas the ward contains, while it is clear to residents what Ashbrow ward contains.

## Map

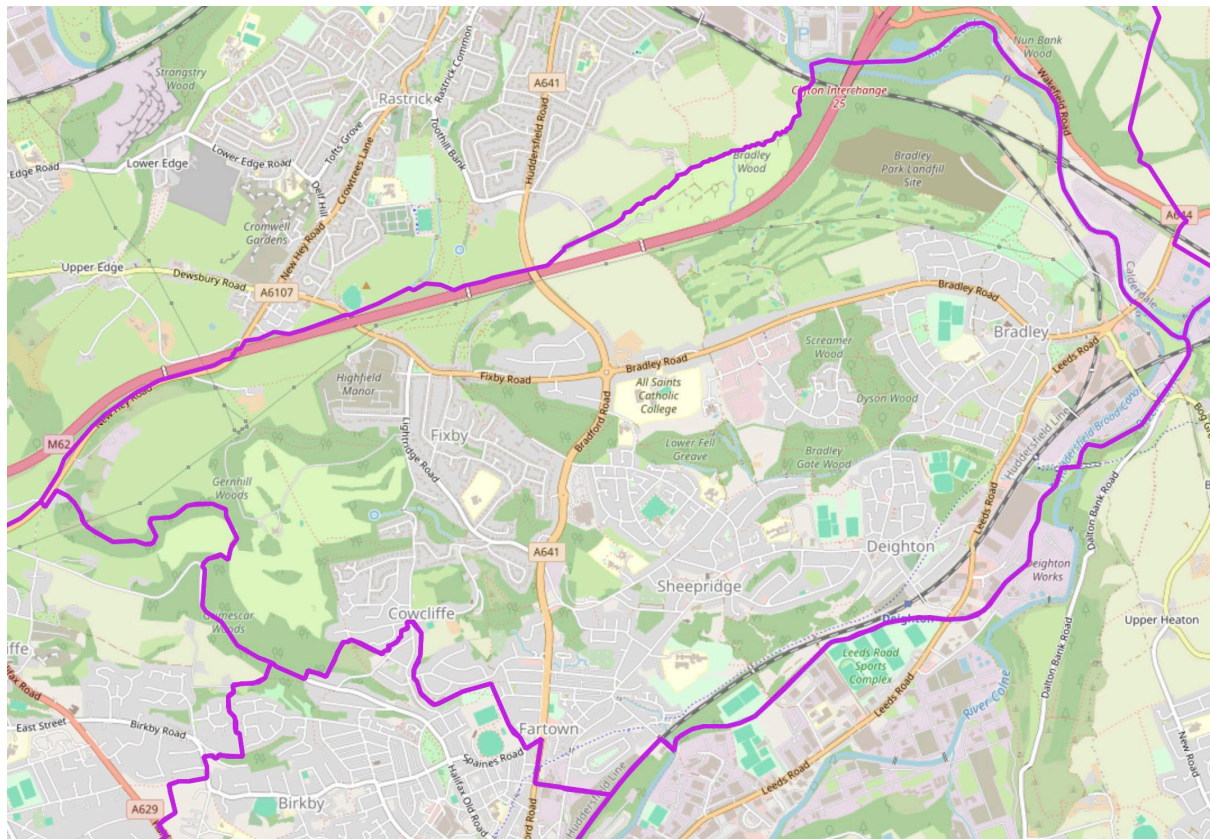


Figure 2 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Ashbrow

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
AB01 –	3175
AB02 –	3337
AB03 –	1753
AB04 –	4117
AB05 –	1622
AB06 –	2541



## Birchenclyffe (LD04)

The inclusion of this polling district (LD04) in Ashbrow does not reflect community ties.

There are no direct roads or public transport links which connect this polling district with the rest of Ashbrow. The only access is across a private golf course and there are no public footpaths across this golf course which connect Ashbrow to Birchenclyffe. The Conservative Group provided no evidence of transport links when putting forward their submission.

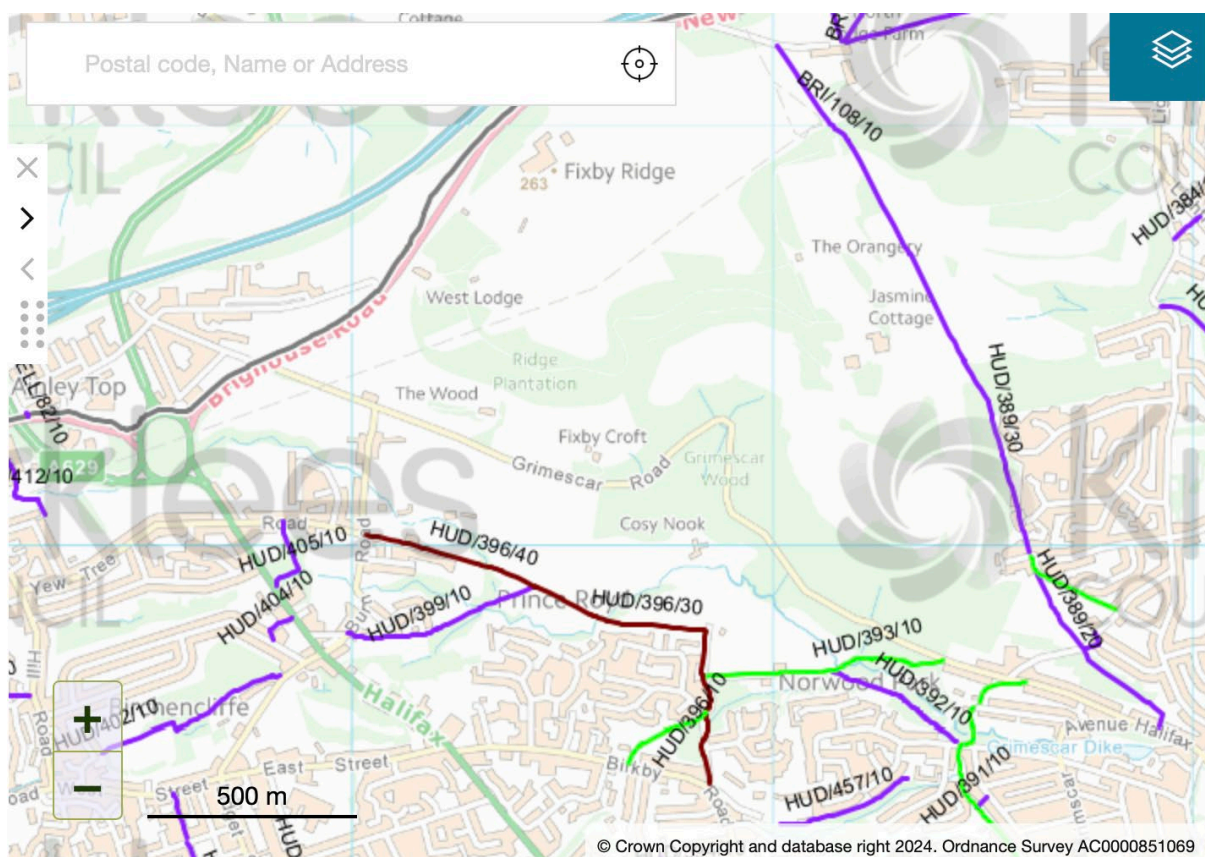


Figure 3 There are no public footpaths connecting LD04 and Ashbrow ward (Source: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/countryside-parks-and-open-spaces/Search-for-public-rights-of-way.aspx>)

The draft recommendations for this area in effect create a 'detached ward'. The total lack of transport links means that this polling district is effectively geographically separate from the rest of Ashbrow, so the draft recommendations would hinder effective and convenient local government.

## **Deighton (AB03)**

Deighton has very strong community ties with the surrounding communities of Sheepridge, Brackenhall, Bradley and Fartown.

This is an urban area and the boundaries of Sheepridge, Brackenhall and Deighton fade into one another. The commission's draft recommendations would split this community.

The Chestnut Centre (in AB01) is a key public service for the Deighton area – providing support services, libraries, a nursery and is host to numerous community groups.

The Deighton carnival is a annual event bringing together the wider Deighton, Brackenhall, Bradley, Sheepridge and Fartown community.

There are no clear links between Deighton and 'Huddersfield East'. The current boundary between Ashbrow and Dalton wards is the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. This provides a strong identifiable boundary between the residential community of Deighton on the North side of the canal, and the industrial area of Leeds Road immediately south of the canal.

There are no shared facilities between Deighton and the Leeds Road area.

## **Fartown (AB02)**

The Fartown area is split across two sides of Bradford Road, linking with both the Sheepridge and Brackebhall area and the Cowcliffe area. The Trust School is located in this area, and is a key shared facility across the whole Ashbrow ward with a large number of children attending.

Since the closure of the village hall, there is a lack of community facilities in Fartown, meaning that residents use services in the Brackenhall and Deighton area, such as the Chestnut Centre and Northfield Hall.

Bus services run directly through Fartown into Sheepridge, Deighton and Bradley, making the area well connected with the rest of the ward.

## **Batley East**

We do not propose any change to this ward.

## Batley West

We propose only minor changes to this ward.

We propose moving the boundary between Batley West and Heckmondwike to White Lee Road so that Healey Gardens, Kester Road and Jail Road now fall within Batley West.

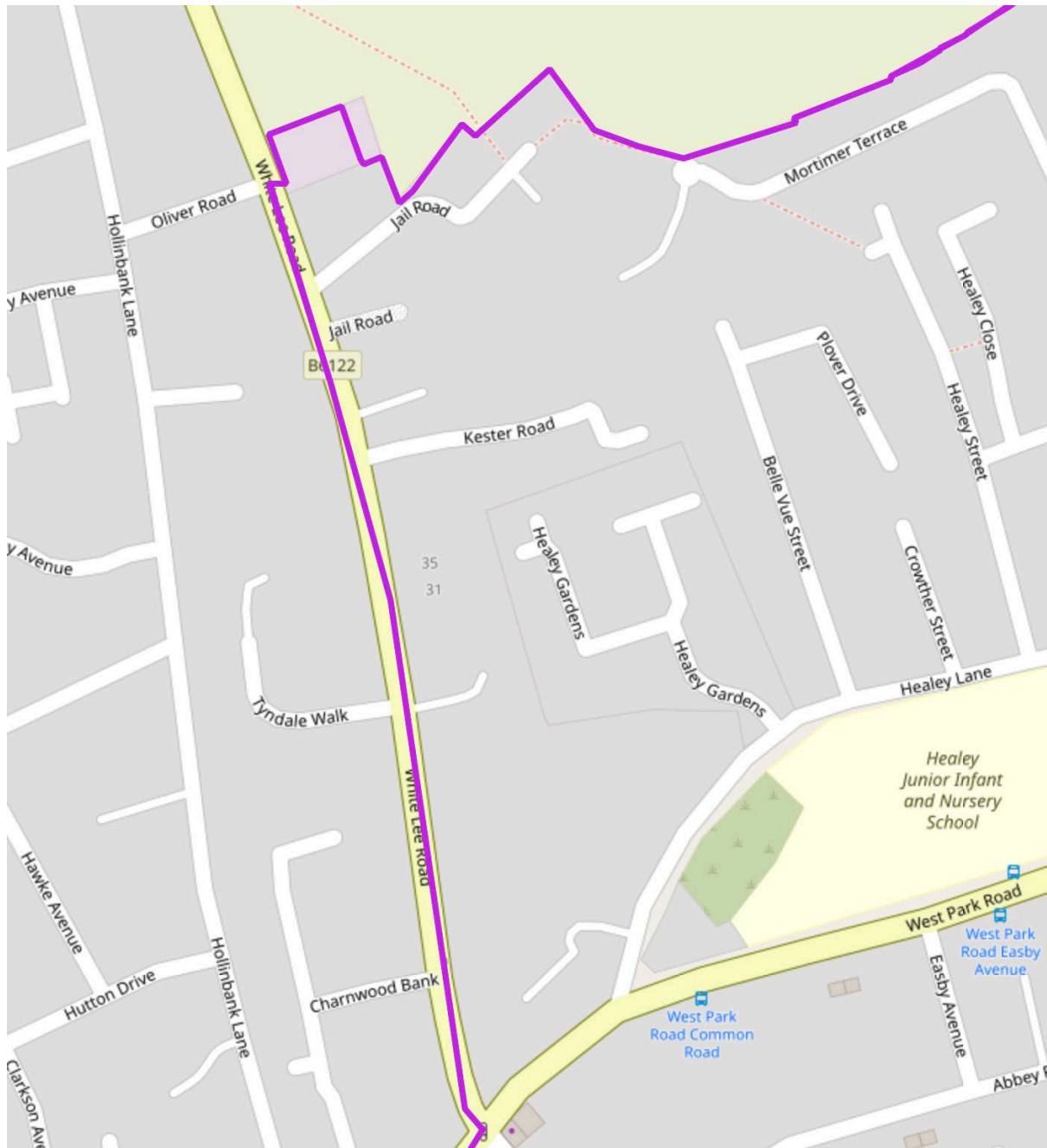


Figure 4 Map of the Labour Group's proposed boundary between Heckmondwike and Batley West

## **Birstall and Birkenshaw**

We do not propose any changes to this ward.

## **Cleckheaton**

We do not propose any change to this ward.

# Colne Valley East

## Name

We believe that Golcar ward should be renamed Colne Valley East.

Golcar is only one of the villages that makes up this ward, and residents all live within the Colne Valley. The current ward names for this area are confusing, as residents in Paddock, Milnsbridge, Golcar, Cowlersley and Longwood often assume they live in Colne Valley ward.

## Map

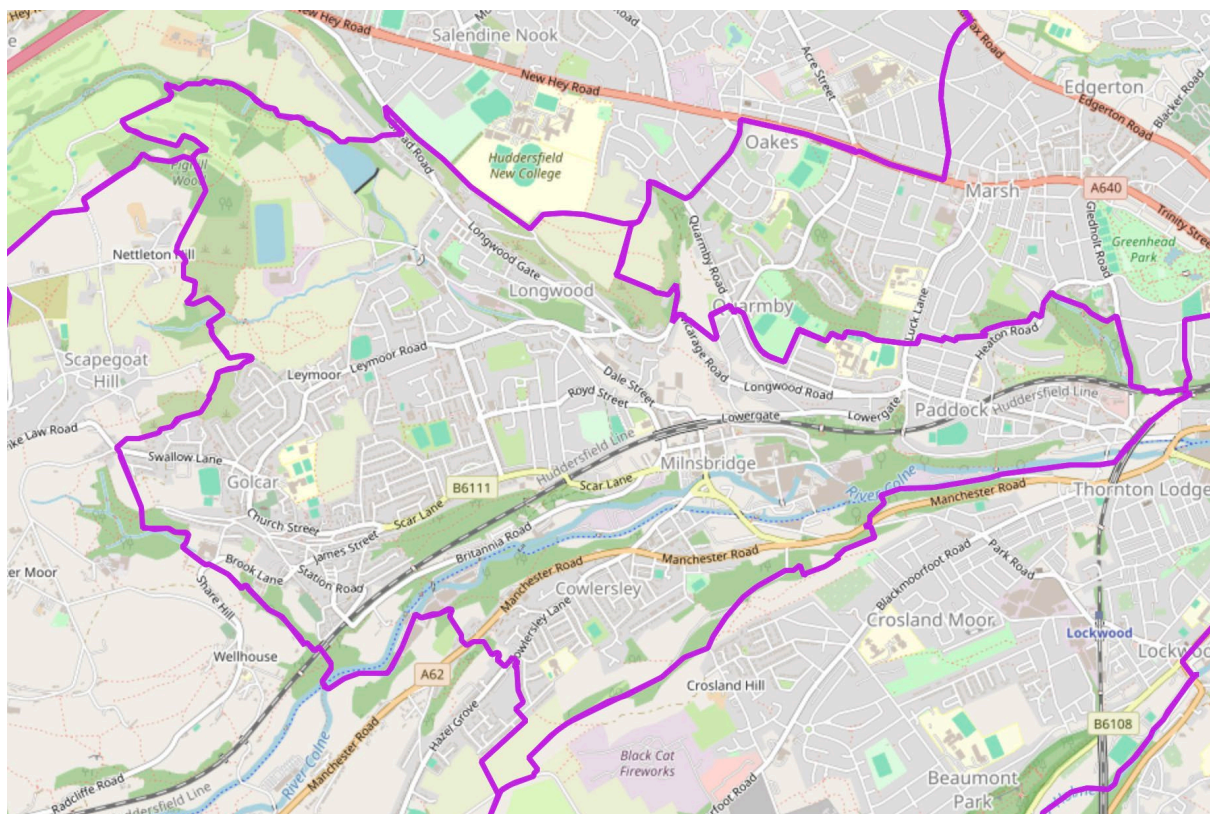


Figure 5 Map of the Labour Group's proposed boundaries for Colne Valley East

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
GC01 -	2327
GC02 -	1829
GC03 -	892
GC04 -	1824
GC05 -	2416



GC06 -	2018
GC07 -	1063
GC08 -	840
GC09 -	902
GH04 -	1701

## **Salendine Nook**

The commission's draft recommendation to move all of Salendine Nook (GC10) into Lindley ward is sensible.

We do not believe it is sensible to divide or split communities.

Electors in GC10 already vote at Salendine Nook Baptist Church (which is in the current Lindley ward).

Residents in GC10 already use facilities on the other side of New Hey Road (which is the ward boundary), such as Salendine Nook Shopping Centre, Nook Surgery, and Moorlands Primary School.

## **Paddock**

The current boundaries and the draft recommendations divide Paddock between two wards.

We do not believe it is sensible to divide or split communities, and that Paddock shared more in common with Colne Valley East than with the rest of Greenhead ward.

We believe that Paddock (GH04) should be moved into Colne Valley East.

Royds Hall High School's catchment area covers Paddock, Milnsbridge, Cowlersley, Longwood and a large part of Golcar. This is a clear shared community facility, but none of the Crosland Moor parts of 'Huddersfield West' fall within this catchment area.

Paddock Junior, Infant and Nursery School's catchment area covers Longwood (which is currently in Golcar ward) and Paddock, and not the rest of the current Greenhead ward. You can contrast this with the catchment area for Reinwood School in the Greenhead ward section. This illustrates how including Paddock in Colne Valley East reflects community interests and ties more than including LD06, and the clear community ties with the rest of Colne Valley East (especially Longwood).



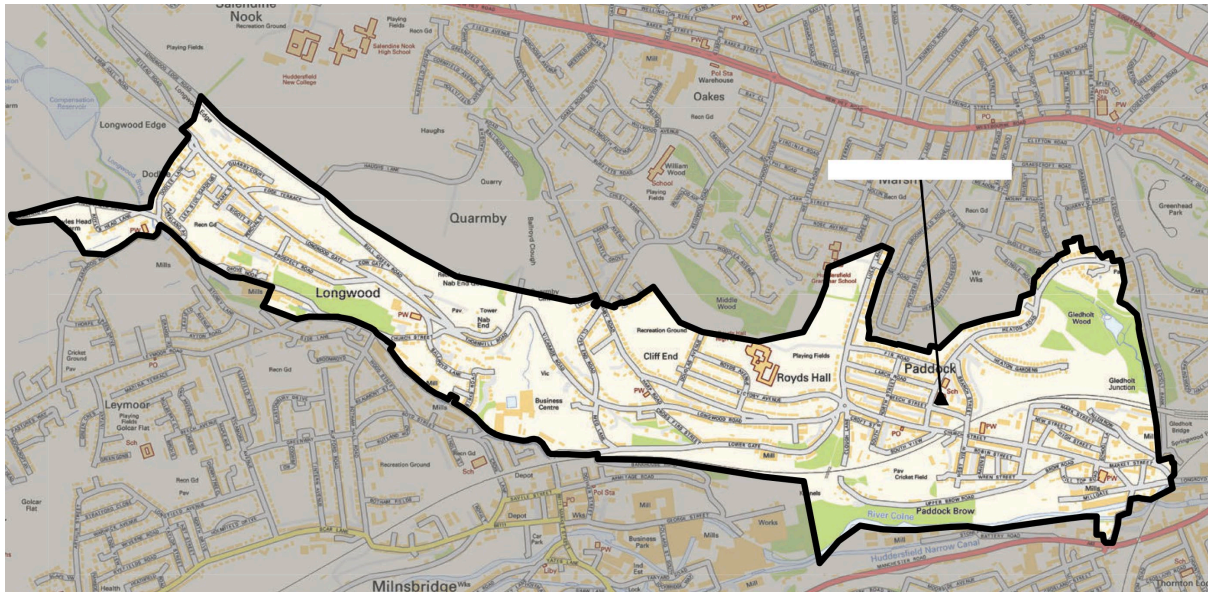


Figure 6 Catchment area for Paddock Junior, Infant and Nursery School (Copyright: Crown Copyright and Ordnance Survey)

The Paddock and Longwood GP surgery takes in patients from both Longwood (in the current Golcar ward) and Paddock.

There are regular (3 or more an hour) buses between Paddock and the rest of Colne Valley East ward. By contrast, there are no bus routes between Paddock and Crosland Moor (which are in the same 'Huddersfield West' ward in the draft recommendations).

We propose that the boundary between Colne Valley East and Crosland Moor should remain the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. This provides a clear identifiable boundary between the two wards, which would be removed by the creation of the 'Huddersfield West' ward in the boundary commission's draft recommendations.

Residents in Paddock consider themselves as part of the Colne Valley. Paddock borders the River Colne and is the first village in the Colne Valley following the River Colne's confluence with the River Holme at Folly Hall. The Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath was recently resurfaced with funding from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and this provides a walking and cycling route from Paddock to Milnsbridge, then Golcar and Colne Valley West ward.

Including Paddock into Colne Valley East allows for LD06 to be moved into Greenhead ward, which helps electoral equality issues in Lindley but better reflects LD06's community ties.

The boundary commission should also consider changing the boundary of polling district GH04 to incorporate Heaton Gardens in the reconstituted Greenhead ward.

# Colne Valley West

## Name

We believe the current “Colne Valley” ward should be renamed “Colne Valley West” to better reflect that the ward does not comprise the whole Colne Valley. Currently, the name for Colne Valley and Golcar wards causes confusion, with residents in Golcar, Milnsbridge, Paddock, Longwood and Cowlersley getting in touch with Colne Valley ward councillors as they live in the wider Colne Valley area. To minimise this confusion, we believe we should rename Golcar ward Colne Valley East and rename Colne Valley ward Colne Valley West.

## Map

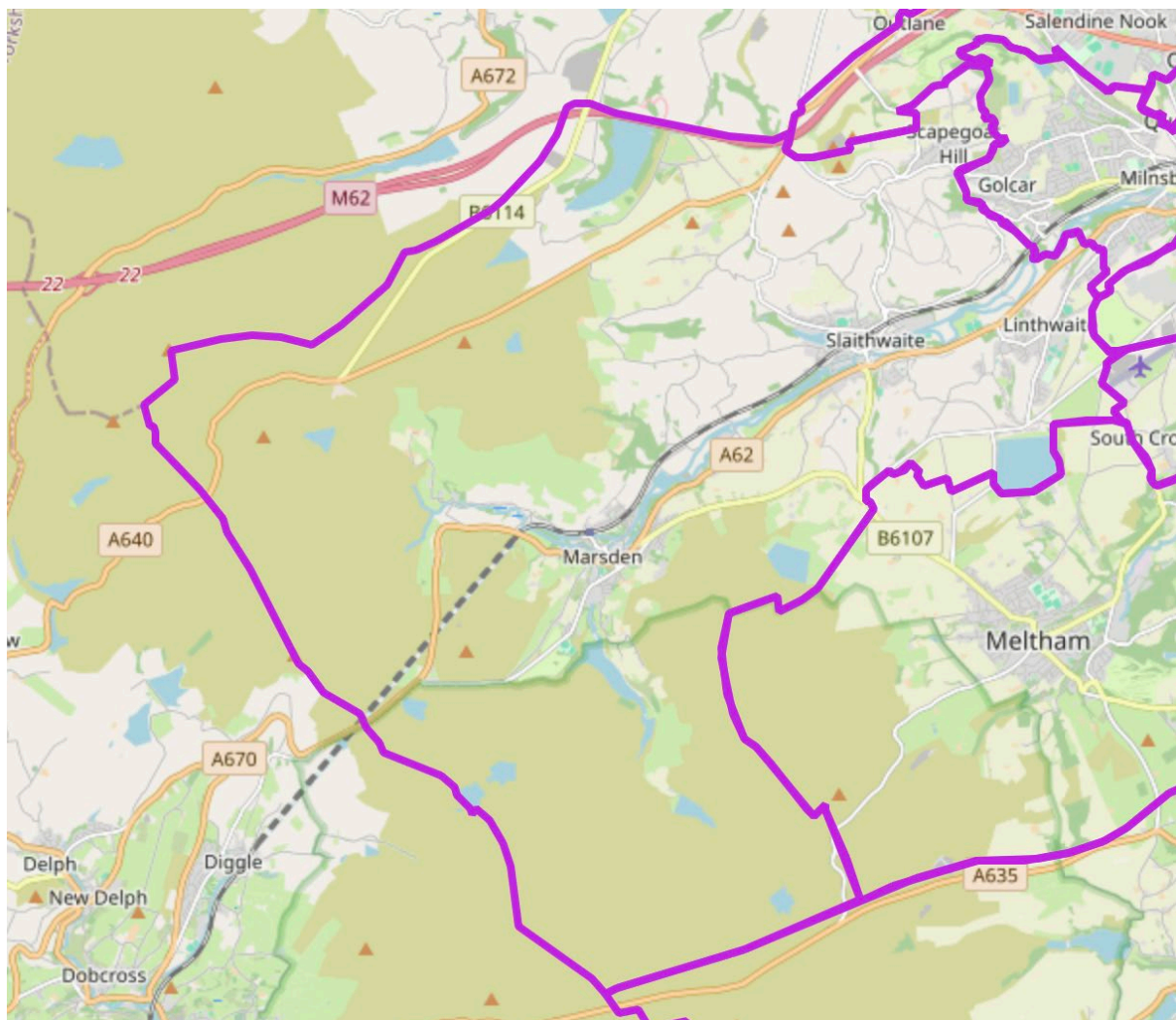


Figure 7 Map of the Labour Group's proposals for Colne Valley West

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
CV01 -	1576
CV02 -	1989
CV03 -	843
CV04 -	590
CV05 -	2619
CV06 -	2829
CV07 -	936
CV08 (part)	245
CV09 -	2860

## Outlane

We believe that moving Outlane into Lindley ward would better reflect community interests and identities.

There are no public transport links between Outlane and Colne Valley West. In order to travel from Outlane to Colne Valley West by public transport, you would have to take a bus (537, 900, 901, 902) into Huddersfield Town Centre that travels through Lindley ward, and then a bus or train from Huddersfield into Colne Valley West. There are regular buses (at least 1 per hour during weekdays) from Outlane into Lindley ward (537, 900, 901, 902).

Only a handful of small rural roads connect Outlane and Colne Valley West. The major roads in Outlane are the M62 and the A640 New Hey Road which connects Outlane with Lindley ward. The main transport link in Colne Valley West is the A62 Manchester Road which connects the three main villages of the ward (Marsden, Slaithwaite and Linthwaite).

Outlane is physically divided from Colne Valley West by the M62.

Colne Valley West is within the catchment area of Colne Valley High School, while Outlane is in the catchment area for Salendine Nook High School which is in Lindley ward.

Outlane is in the primary admission area of Moorlands Primary School, which is in Lindley ward.

The closest shopping centre or “local centre” to Outlane is Salendine Nook Shopping Centre. The closest GP surgery to Outlane is also based in this shopping centre.

The greater community ties Outlane shares with Lindley compared to Colne Valley West are reflected in community groups. For example, Outlane’s scout group falls within Huddersfield North district, which also includes scout groups from Salendine Nook, Oakes and Lindley (all within Lindley ward). The scout groups in Colne Valley West are in Huddersfield South West district. There are several community Facebook groups that connect Outlane with communities in Lindley ward, but none that connect Outlane specifically with villages in Colne Valley West.

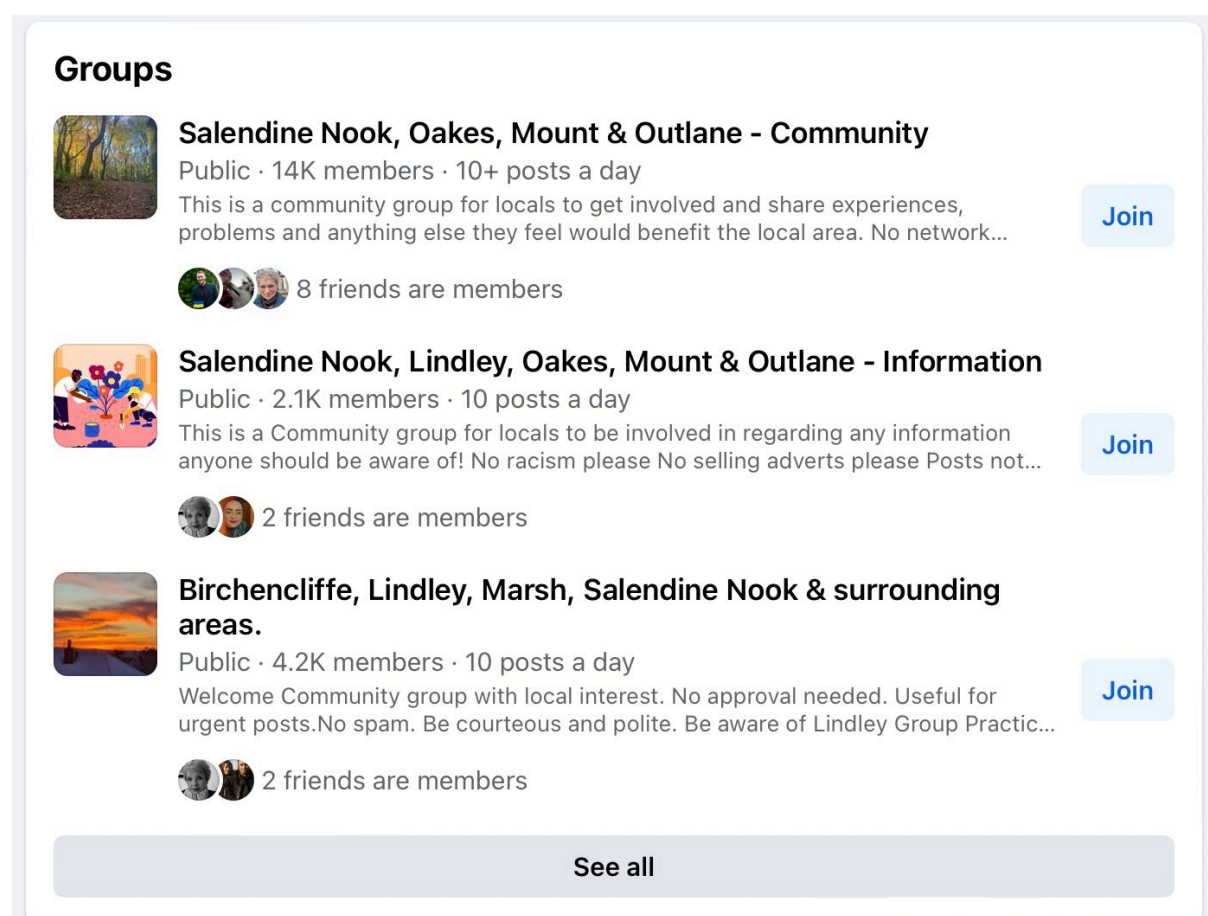


Figure 8 Screenshot of community groups covering Lindley and Outlane

The main community groups in Outlane are Friends of Outlane, and the churches of Outlane. These do not share activities or resources with community groups in Colne Valley West.

We propose that the boundary between Lindley and Colne Valley West should be the existing boundary between polling districts CV04 and CV08 until it reaches

Quebec Road, where the boundary should follow Quebec Road and New Hey Road until it reaches the Kirklees/Calderdale border. This provides a strong, identifiable boundary.



# Crosland Moor

## Name

We believe that Crosland Moor should be the ward name.

## Map

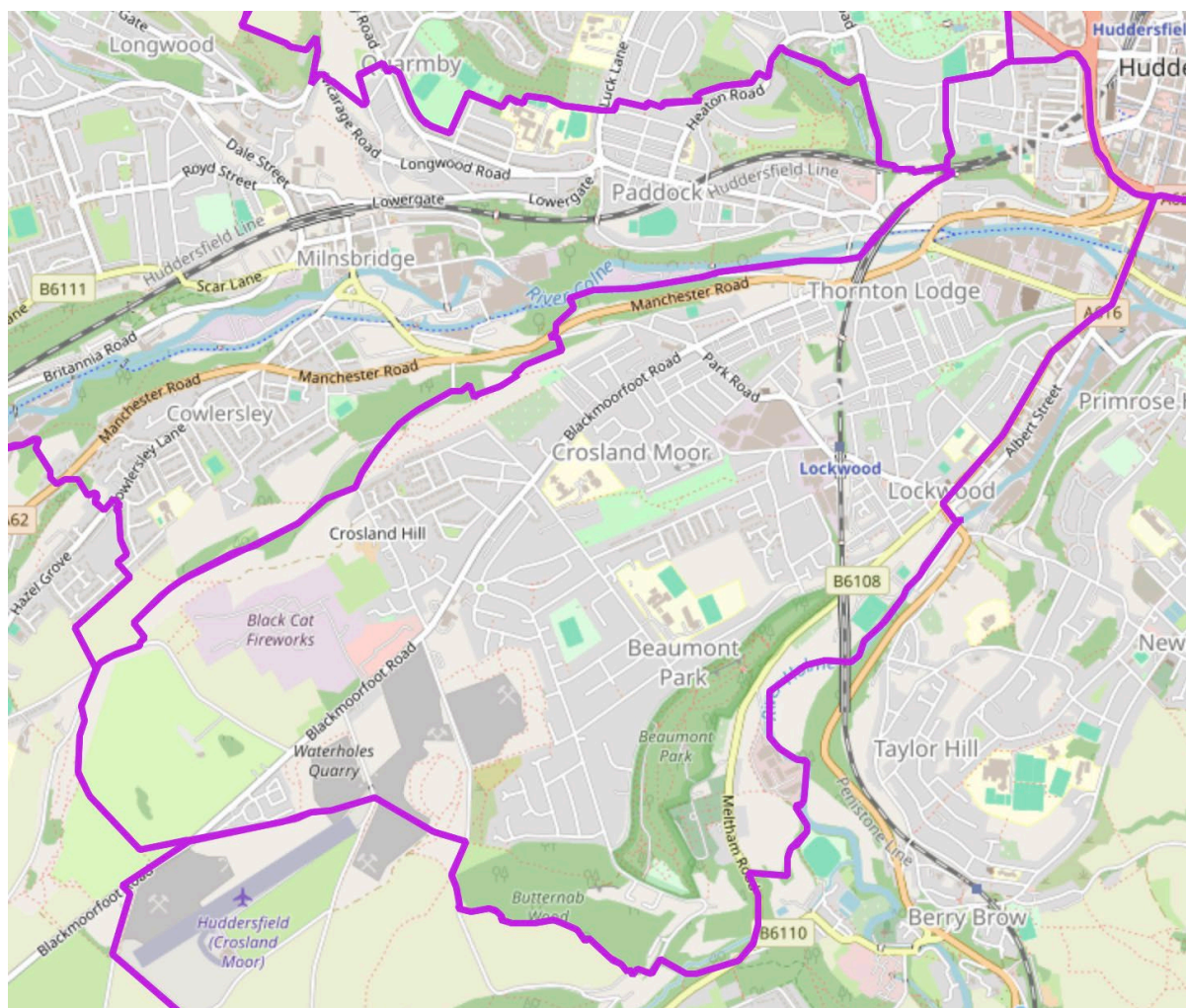


Figure 9 Map of the Labour Group's proposals for Crosland Moor

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
CN01 -	2058
CN02 -	3010
CN04 -	1937
CN05 -	2031
CN06 -	1189
CN07 -	2341

NE04 -	656
NE07 (Part)	1214 (est)

## **Boundary with Colne Valley East**

The ward boundary with Colne Valley East should remain the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

This provides a strong identifiable boundary separating Crosland Moor from Paddock.

Crosland Moor and Paddock are separate communities. There are only two small roads which connect the two – Birkhouse Lane (which is one way and very, very narrow) and Longroyd Lane. These are both unclassified roads. Contrary to the Conservative Group’s submission, there are no public transport links which connect Crosland Moor and Paddock.

We also propose to retain the Paddock Viaduct as the boundary of Colne Valley East (it is currently the boundary between Greenhead and Newsome ward), following the viaduct upwards after it crosses over the Huddersfield Narrow Canal (see map for details). The viaduct is a local landmark and carries the Penistone Line rail tracks, and so provides a strong boundary between Crosland Moor and Colne Valley East.



*Figure 10 Paddock Viaduct provides a strong identifiable boundary as a large local landmark – the above picture is a view of Paddock viaduct (Copyright: Google 2024)*

## **Netherton**

We recognise that there was a large amount of evidence from residents arguing that Netherton should not be in the same ward as Crosland Moor.

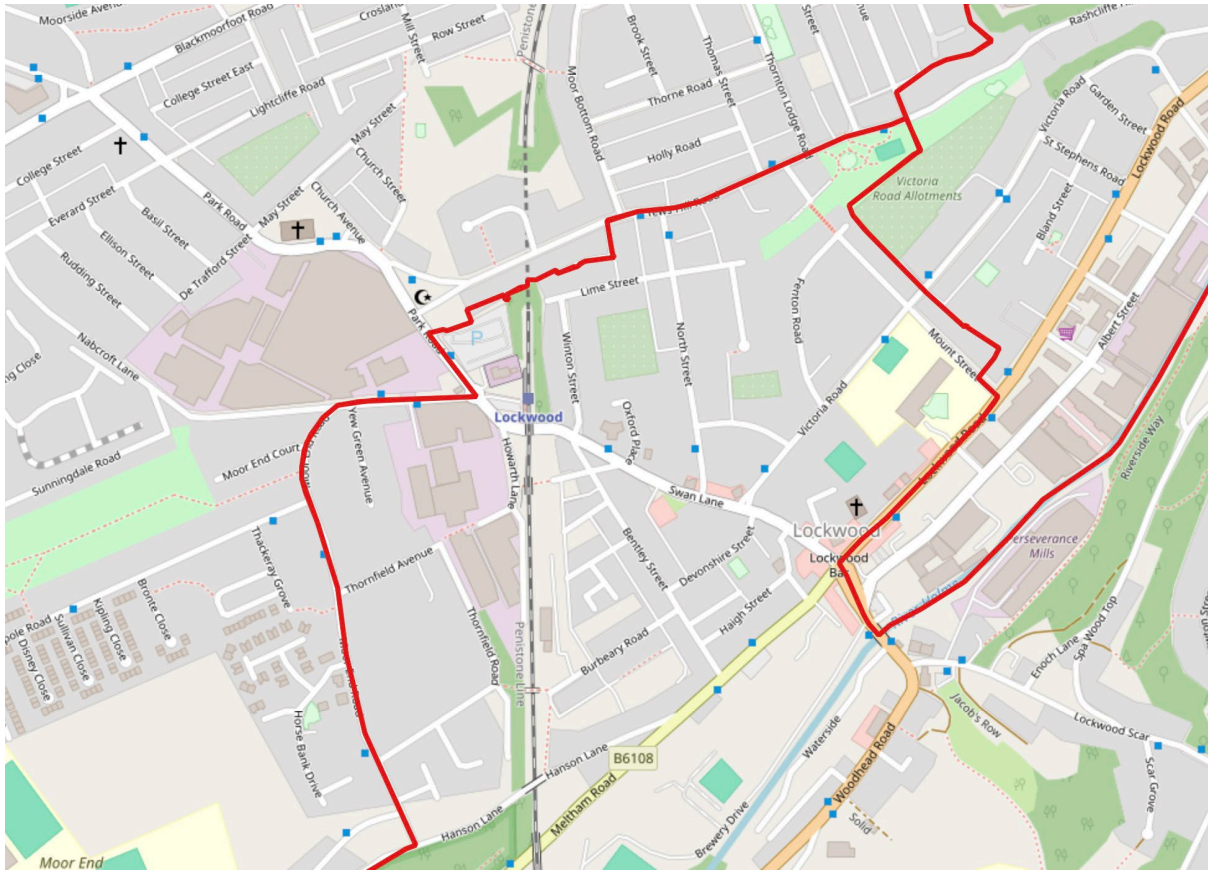
Therefore, we propose moving Netherton and South Crosland into a new Netherton and Newsome ward.

## **Lockwood**

Under the boundary commission's draft proposals, the community of Lockwood would be divided between three wards ('Huddersfield Central', 'Huddersfield South', and 'Huddersfield West').

We do not believe that communities should be divided. This is particularly true in a dense, urban area, where having 9 sets of local councillors would be very confusing for residents and could potentially impact on the provision of services.





*Figure 11 The draft recommendations for 'Huddersfield West' would split Lockwood between three different wards. We do not believe that this is appropriate, and all of Lockwood should be contained within one ward*

This issue is compounded by the fact that the draft recommendations do not provide a strong boundary between 'Huddersfield Central', 'Huddersfield South' and 'Huddersfield West'.

Therefore, we propose to retain all of Lockwood in one ward.

## **Boundary with Netherton and Newsome**

We believe that the boundary between Netherton and Newsome ward and Crosland Moor ward should be A616 Lockwood Road/Chapel Hill.

This is the main arterial road connecting Huddersfield Town Centre with the Holme Valley, and so it a strong identifiable boundary.

This means splitting polling districts. NE04 and NE07.

Splitting these polling districts would also allow for the Netherton and Newsome ward to have improved electoral equality, while allowing for all of CN07 to remain in Crosland Moor ward.

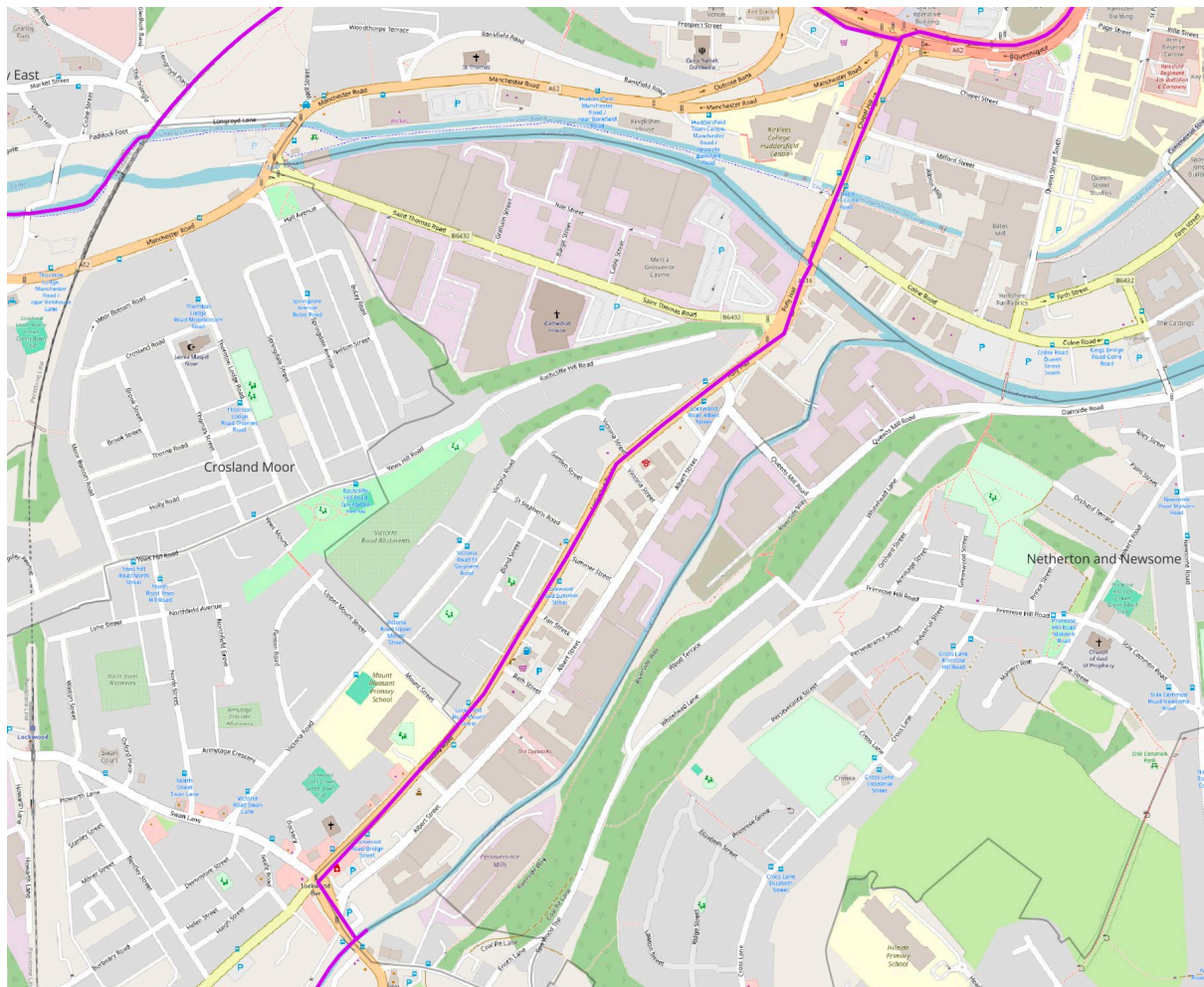


Figure 12 The boundary between Crosland Moor ward and Netherton and Newsome should be Lockwood Road/Chapel Hill





*Figure 13 The A616 is a major arterial road that provides a strong dividing line between Crosland Moor ward and Netherton and Newsome ward - the image is the view of the A616 from the ring road (copyright: Google 2024)*

## **Boundary with Dalton ward**

We propose making the boundary between Crosland Moor ward and Dalton ward, which includes the town centre in our proposal, Huddersfield ring road. This is a strong, identifiable boundary.

This also separates the primarily residential area of Crosland Moor with the primarily retail/business town centre.

# Dalton

## Name

We believe that the name Dalton more accurately reflects the community of this identity than 'Huddersfield East', which is confusing and impersonal.

## Map

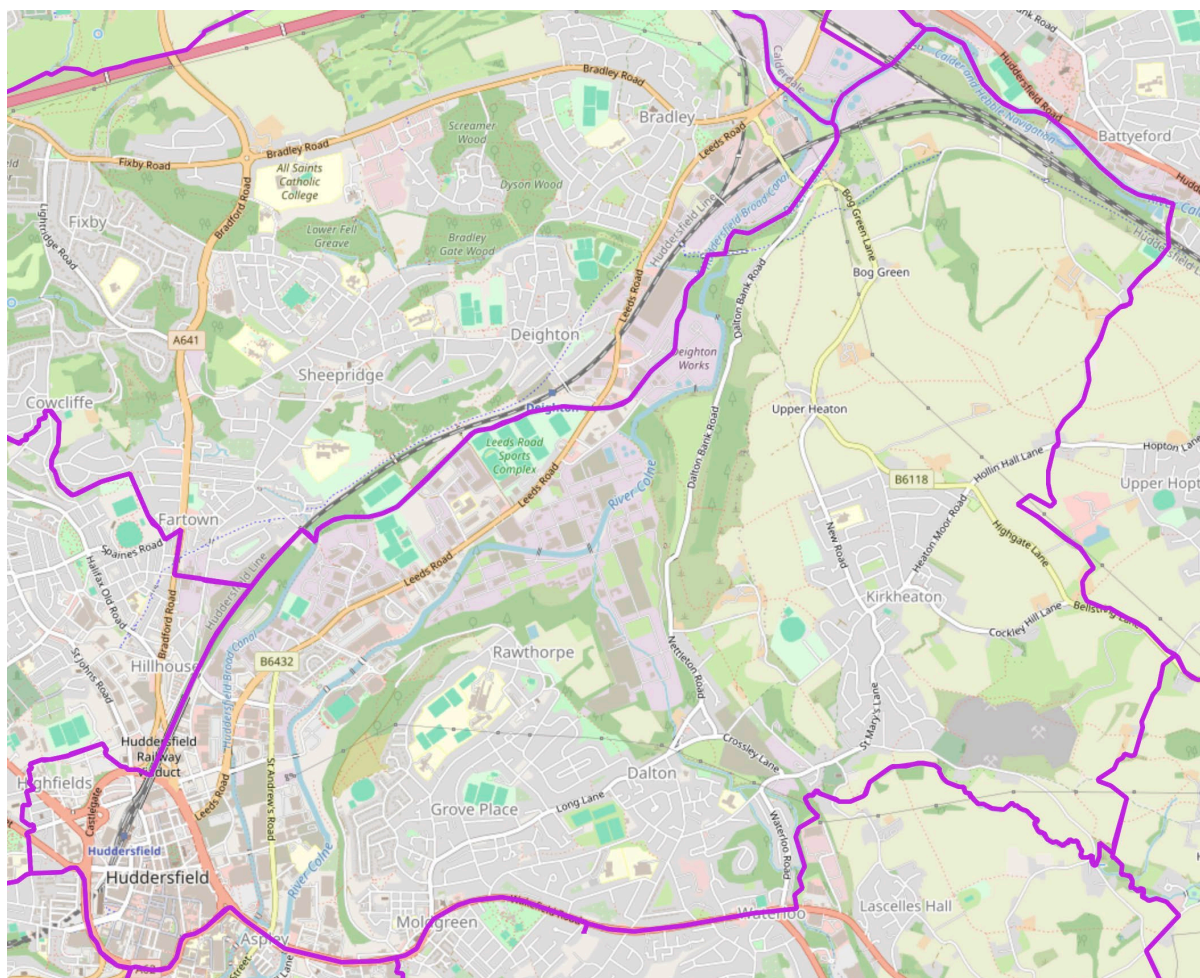


Figure 14 Map of the Labour Group's proposals for Dalton ward

## Electoral equality

Polling district	Projected 2029 electorate
DA01 -	1074
DA02 -	1995
DA03 -	1604
DA04 -	1732
DA05 -	1017
DA06 -	3283

DA07 –	1156
DA08 –	1679
NE08 –	2216

## Kirkheaton

We disagree with the Conservative Group’s opinion that Kirkheaton does not have anything in common with the rest of Dalton ward.

Dalton Together is an active community group which works across Dalton ward (<https://daltonttogether.co.uk>)

There is a large, active Facebook community group which covers the Dalton ward area.



## Dalton, Kirkheaton, Moldgreen, Waterloo & Rawthorpe Community

Public group · 10.4K members



*Figure 15 Screenshot of a community group covering all of Huddersfield Town Centre*

There are only 2 small rural roads which connect polling district DA06 (Kirkheaton) with Almondbury ward. By contrast there are several, regular buses (260, 261) which connect Kirkheaton with the rest of Dalton ward.

Shared facilities across the ward include the DRAM centre, the HUDAWI centre and the Leeds Road Sports Complex. These provide a community space across Dalton ward and the Town Centre.

## Huddersfield Town Centre

Dalton ward is projected to fall below a 10 projected electoral variance in 2029 (– 11%).

We can move the Huddersfield Town Centre into Dalton ward and this will bring Dalton to a 4% projected electoral variance.

This proposal allows us to maintain Dalton’s strong identifiable boundaries with Ashbrow (the Huddersfield Broad Canal) and A629 Wakefield Road, and keep Deighton within Ashbrow ward.

The Leeds Road/Bradley Mills community has strong links with the Town Centre. The main roads in Dalton ward, Leeds Road and Wakefield Road, all travel directly into the town centre.

There are a large number of businesses on the Dalton side of Huddersfield ring road, and these have links with the town centre so it is sensible to keep them in the same ward. For example, the John Smith Stadium – the home of Huddersfield Town Football Club – is in Dalton ward, and keeping the town centre and one of the town's most important sporting, cultural and economic assets in one ward is very sensible.

There are major businesses and retail parks to the East of Huddersfield ring road in the current Dalton ward boundaries. For example, businesses like Polyseam, Turbo Technologies and Cummins, and retail parks like the Great Northern Retail Park and Leeds Road retail park are all located East of the ring road. These form a cohesive business and retail area with Huddersfield Town Centre which also connects with the wider Dalton ward.

## **Denby Dale**

We do not propose any change to this ward.



# Dewsbury East

## Map

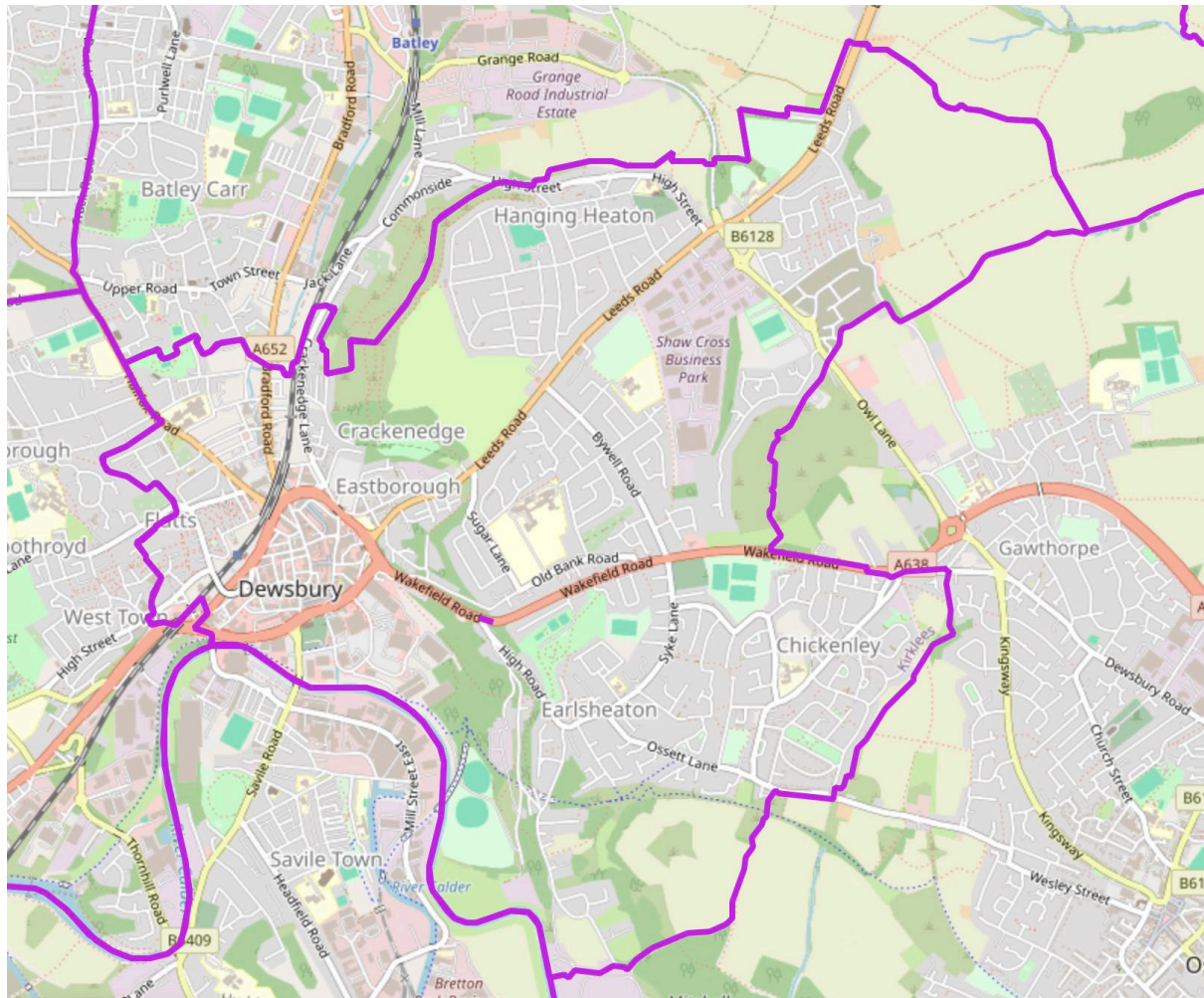


Figure 16 Map of the Labour Group's proposals for Dewsbury East

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
DE01 -	2687
DE02 -	2202
DE03 -	3116
DE04 -	2753
DE05 -	2307
DE06 -	1437
DE07 -	1694



## **DE07**

We believe that the polling district DE07 should remain within Dewsbury East.

This polling district is much more strongly linked to Dewsbury Town Centre than with Dewsbury West ward. Important facilities like Dewsbury Bus Station, Dewsbury Fire Station, and Kirklees college are located in DE07 which forms part of the town centre area. It is important that the town centre area has a single set of councillors.

The key roads in this area are the A638 and A652 which connect directly into Dewsbury Town Centre and this includes public transport.

The neighbourhoods of Ashworth Estate, Northfield, Hope Street and Eightlands have formed strong community bonds over time and these proposals would sever those ties that they have formed.

# Dewsbury South

## Map

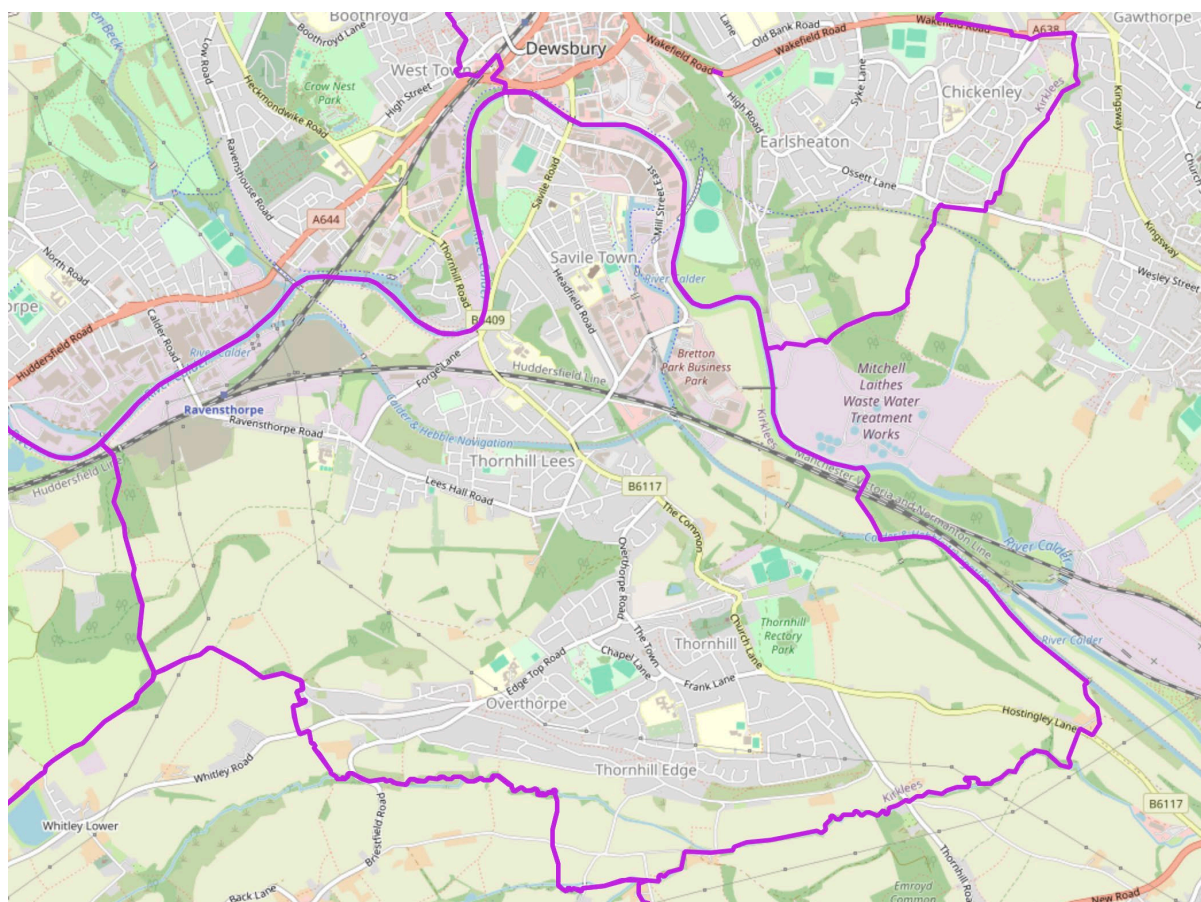


Figure 17 Map of the Labour Group's proposals for Dewsbury South

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
DS01 -	3530
DS02 -	2382
DS03 -	3396
DS04 -	2040
DS05 -	1429
DS06 -	1868

## **DS07**

In order to bring Dewsbury South under a 10% electoral variance, we agree with the boundary commission's draft recommendation to move polling district DS07 from Dewsbury South to Kirkburton. This is a rural area composed of the villages of Whitley and Briestfield and has more in common with the similarly rural Kirkburton ward.

### **Savile Town and Ravensthorpe**

We strongly believe that Savile Town should remain within Dewsbury South.

The River Calder provides a strong identifiable boundary between Dewsbury South and the other two Dewsbury wards.

There are no buses directly between Ravensthorpe (which the commission has recommended goes into Dewsbury South) and the rest of Dewsbury South. Public transport in Dewsbury South consists of buses which go from Dewsbury Town Centre, through Savile Town and Thornhill Lees, to Thornhill.

Savile Town and Thornhill Lees school feed into Thornhill Community Academy. Ravensthorpe primary schools feed into Westborough High School, which is in the current Dewsbury West ward. It makes sense to keep the boundary between Dewsbury West and Dewsbury South the same as it is now.

# Dewsbury West

## Map

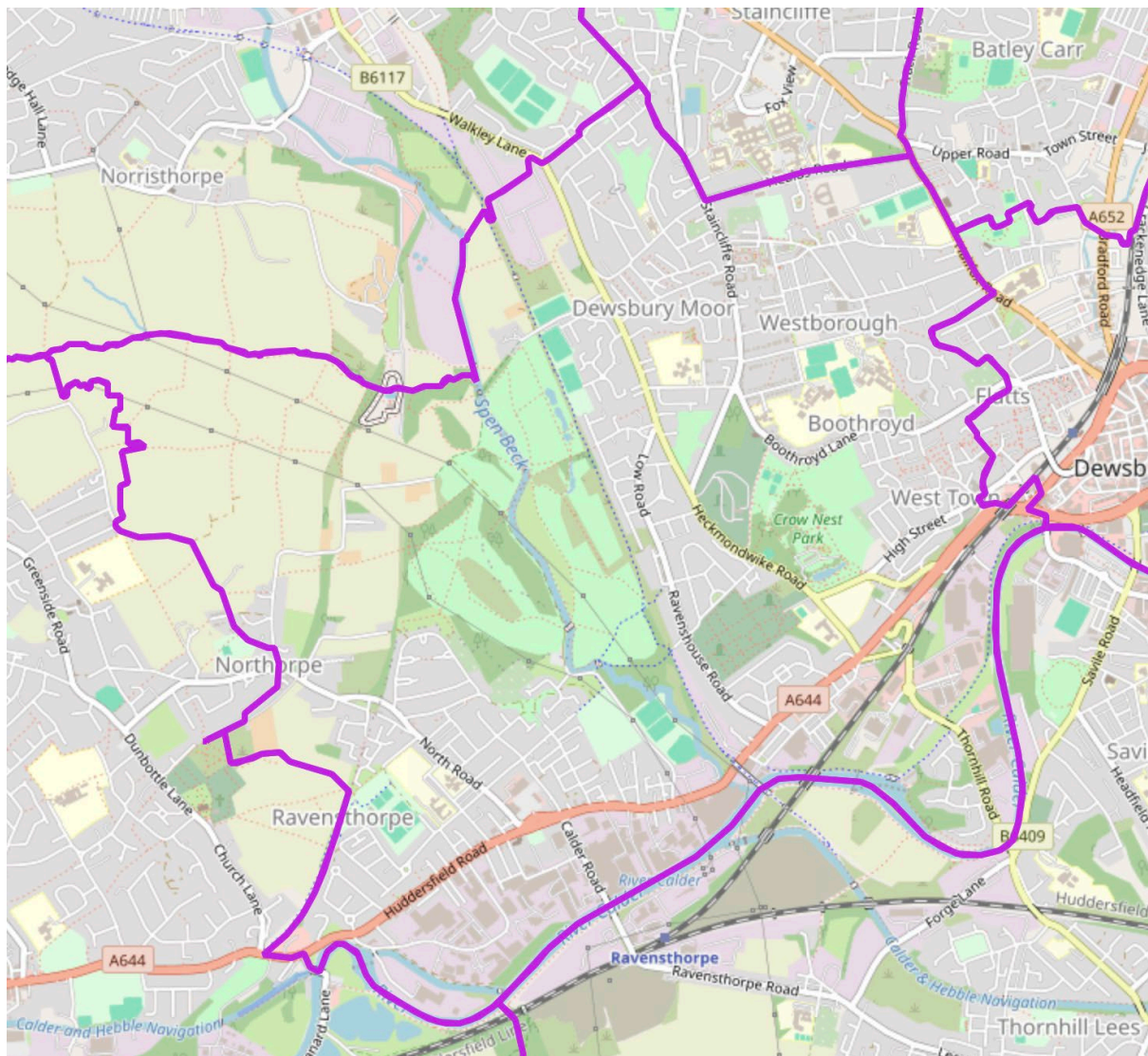


Figure 18 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Dewsbury West

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
DW01 -	1957
DW02 -	2171
DW03 -	1863
DW04 -	1961
DW05 -	2561
DW06 -	3264

DW07 –	1723
MF07 –	200

## **Mirfield**

The Labour Group believes that electoral equality issues could be resolved in Dewsbury West and Mirfield by moving part of what is currently Mirfield into Dewsbury West.

The proposed boundary would be along Shillbank View and Crossley Lane (please see the map for details). This provides a strong boundary.

This would allow for all of Dewsbury Country Park to stay within a Dewsbury ward.

Currently a housing estate, Spring Place Court and Spring Place Gardens, is split between Mirfield and Dewsbury West. Our proposal would allow for this to be wholly contained within one ward.

While we understand that the commission uses parish boundaries as a building block to identify community ties, in this circumstance we believe that deviating from this principle is justified. The communities in Northorpe have much in common with Ravensthorpe



# Greenhead

## Name

We believe that the current ward name of Greenhead more accurately reflects community identity than any of the proposed ward names. Greenhead Park is the focal point of the local community and is host to many events such as an annual remembrance service and many festivals.

## Map

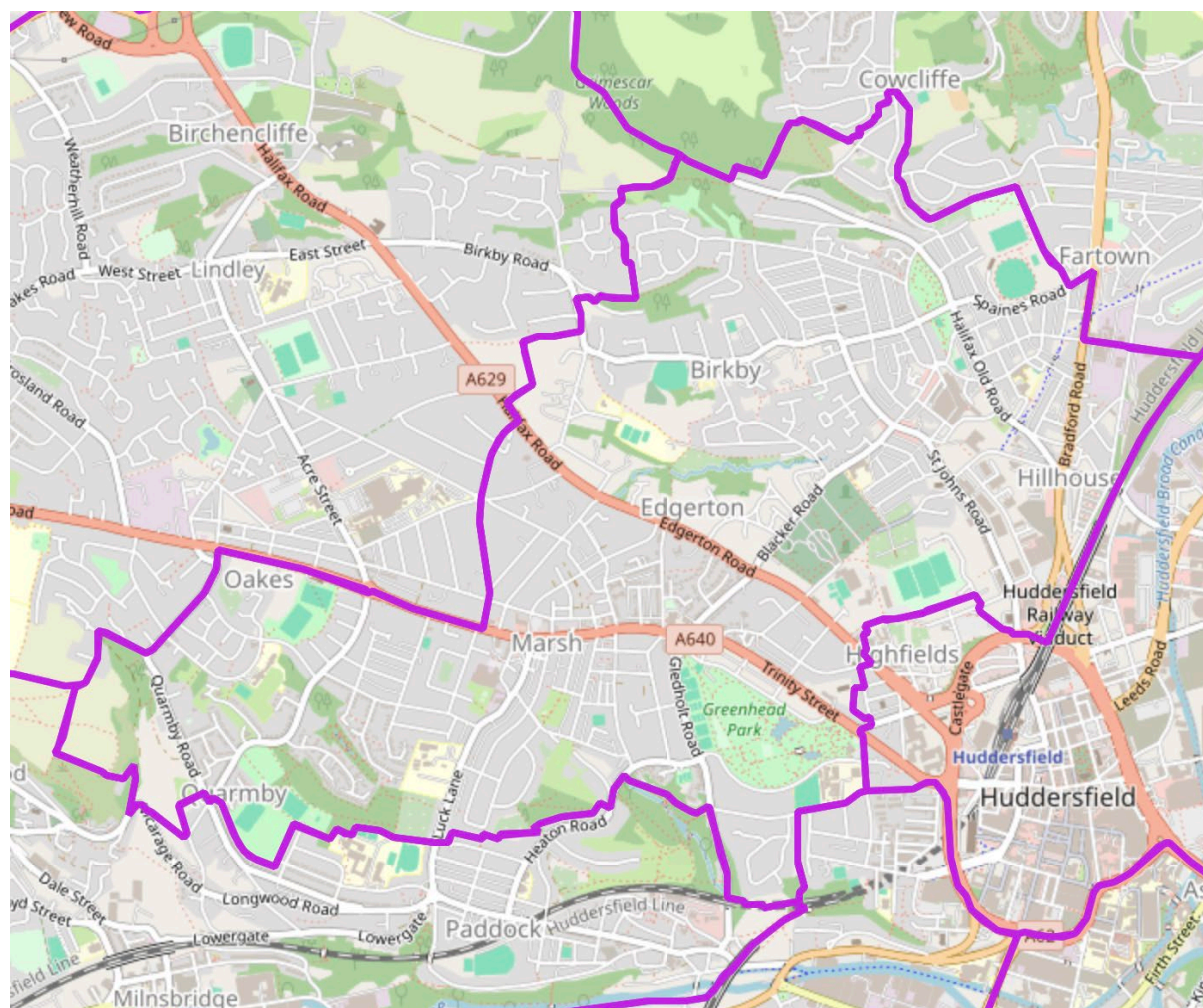


Figure 19 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Greenhead

## Electoral variance

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
GH01 -	2988
GH02 -	2560
GH03 -	2797

GH05 -	2256
GH06 -	2569
LD06 -	2137

## **Marsh**

We do not support the boundary commission's draft recommendation to split Marsh between 'Huddersfield West' and Lindley.

Lindley is a suburban community and it does not have strong links with the urban community of Marsh. Residents in Lindley and Marsh use different facilities – residents in Lindley would shop on Lindley high street or at Salendine Nook shopping centre, while residents in Marsh would shop at Marsh high street.

## **LD06**

Lindley is currently projected to be oversized in 2029.

We can address these issues by moving polling district LD06 (Reinwood) into Greenhead ward.

We believe that this reflects community ties much better than the proposals to move LD06 into Golcar ward.

LD06 is urban in character. The rest of Lindley ward is largely suburban in character.

There are several shared facilities between LD06 and the rest of Greenhead ward. Reinwood School's catchment area covers a large part of Greenhead ward and all of LD06.



# Reinwood I & N School / Reinwood Community Junior School

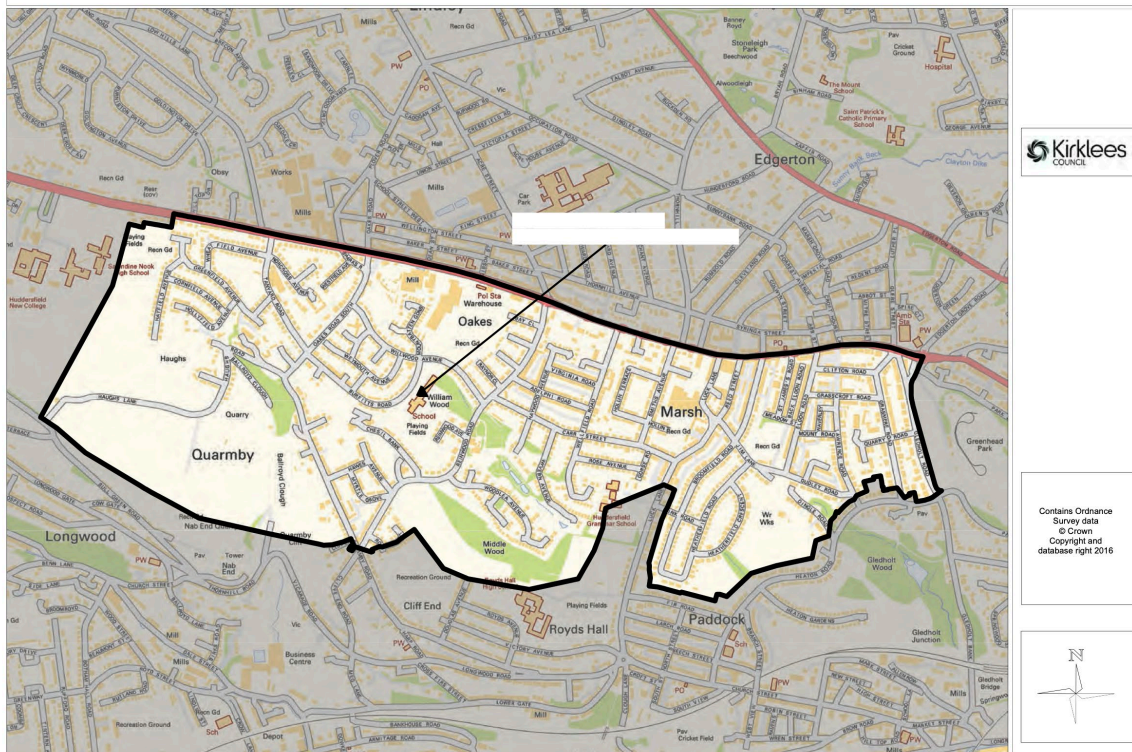


Figure 20 Reinwood School's catchment area - notice how there is a clear shared amenity between Marsh and Reinwood but not with Colne Valley East

This is a clear shared facility LD06 has with Greenhead ward, but one that it does not share with Colne Valley East, as the catchment area does not cover any of Colne Valley East ward.

This is also reflected in how Reinwood recreation ground is shared by community groups in LD06 and Marsh, such as football clubs in Marsh and Oakes.

Kirklees Council's definition of Marsh's boundaries includes a large area of LD06.



Figure 21 Kirklees Council's definition of Marsh's boundaries – as you can see it includes large parts of LD06 and the current Greenhead ward (Copyright: Crown copyright and Ordnance Survey)

The boundary commission's draft recommendations would effectively split the community of Marsh between 3 wards, and this would not be acceptable. We believe that all of Marsh should be included in one ward (Greenhead) allowing for the fact that the current boundary between LD01 and LD06 (New Hey Road) would provide a strong boundary between Greenhead and Lindley.

There are several regular bus routes between LD06 and the portion of Marsh in the current Greenhead ward (377, 378) which go along the smaller roads in the polling district – Carr Street, Reinwood Drive and Quarmby Road. However, there are no buses between LD06 and Colne Valley East.

A640 New Hey Road and Oakes Road South both provide a strong, identifiable boundary between Lindley and Greenhead.

### **'Huddersfield Central'**

We do not believe that the Conservative Group has provided strong evidence for the creation of a Huddersfield Central or Huddersfield West ward.

The community of Marsh would be broken up to accommodate their proposals, and we do not consider this to be appropriate.

The 'Huddersfield Central' ward would include communities which are distinct from each other, such as Birkby, Fartown and the Town Centre.

The Town Centre is very separate from these communities – it is physically separated by the ring road and an industrial and retail area just outside of the ring road. Hillhouse and Birkby are residential areas and they do not share much in common with a central retail and office district like Huddersfield Town Centre, nor with the retail and industrial area around Huddersfield Retail Park.

Furthermore, the 'Huddersfield Central' proposal would include communities to the south of Huddersfield Town Centre – including Lockwood and Crosland Moor. These communities have nothing in common with communities to the north of Huddersfield Town Centre.

The Conservative Group shared no evidence when making this proposal.

These communities have few services that they share.



# Heckmondwike

## Map

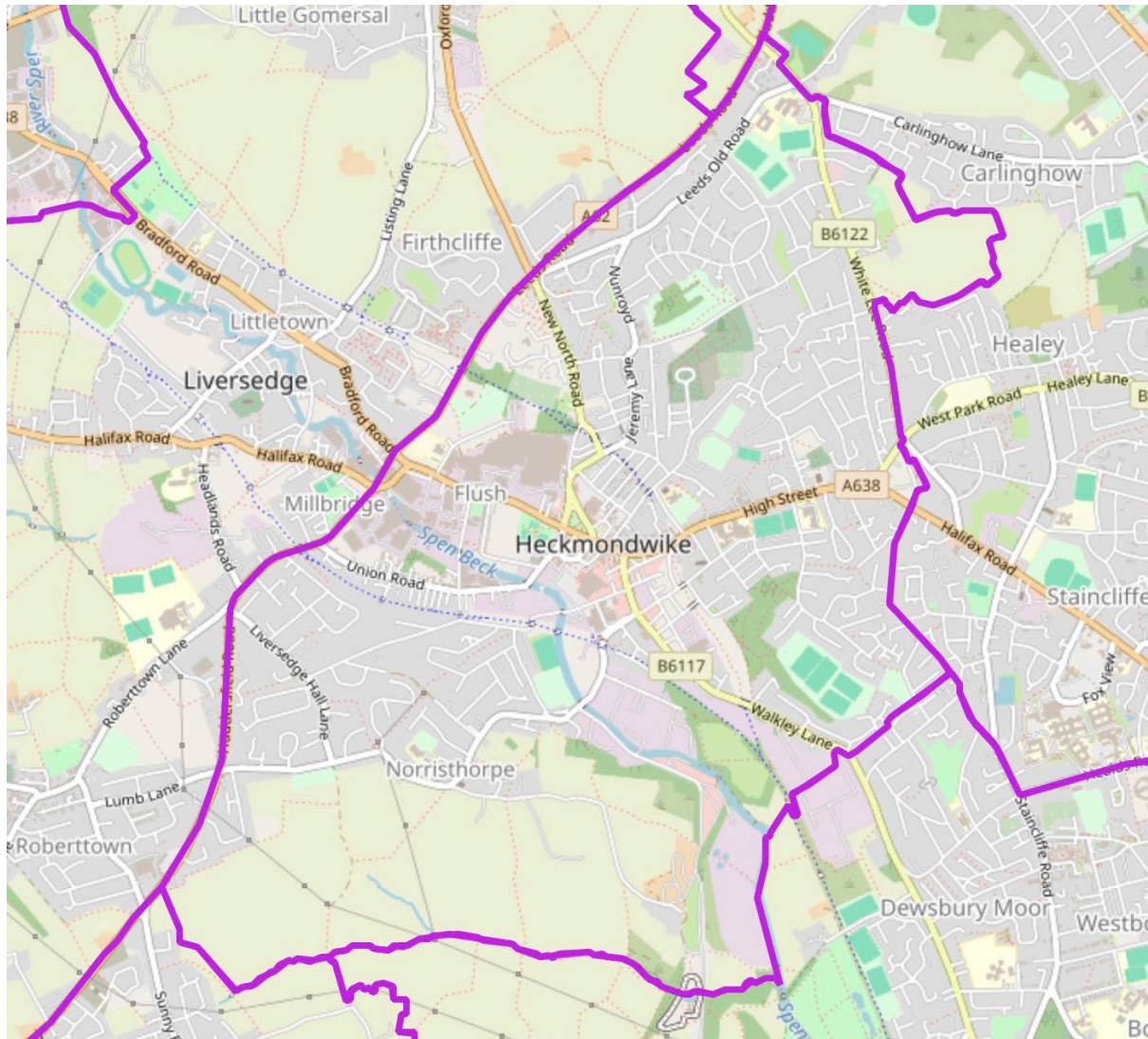


Figure 22 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Heckmondwike

## Boundaries

We believe that Heckmondwike's boundary with Liversedge and Gomersal should remain the A62 Leeds Road. This is a clear, identifiable boundary and there is no good reason to change it.

We support a change to the boundary between Batley West and Heckmondwike as outlined in the section on Batley West.

## **Holme Valley North**

We support the boundary commission's draft recommendations for Holme Valley North.

## **Holme Valley South**

We support the boundary commission's draft recommendations for Holme Valley South.



## **Kirkburton**

We support the boundary commission's draft recommendations for Kirkburton.

## Map

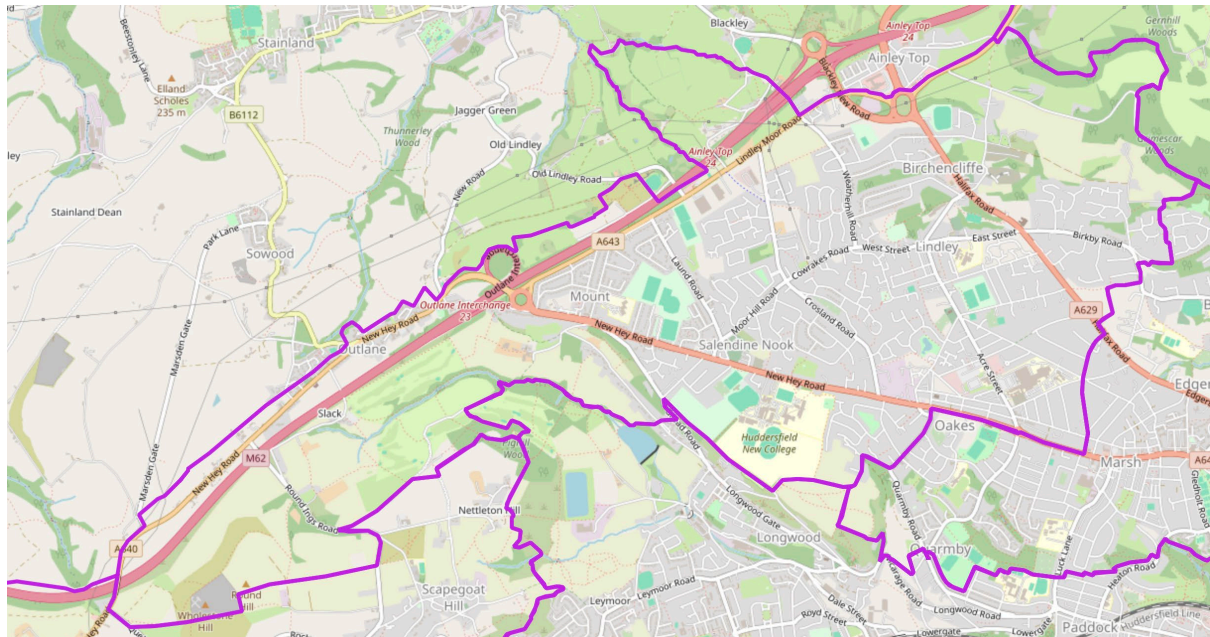


Figure 23 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Lindley

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
CV08 (Part)	500 (est)
LD01 -	3184
LD02 -	2678
LD03 -	3623
LD04 -	3239
LD05 -	1996
GC10 -	788

## Birchencliffe

Polling district LD04 has stronger ties with the rest of Lindley ward compared to Ashbrow ward, with which it has no community or transport ties at all.

The Conservative Group provided no evidence of community or transport links to the rest of 'Huddersfield North' in their submission.

The draft proposals would divide up a new housing estate on Lindley Moor, without a clear identifiable boundary. The draft recommendation's boundary shown by the red line in the map below:



Figure 24 Map of a split housing estate in the draft recommendations for Lindley

## Salendine Nook

We believe that it is wrong to split communities.

We support the draft recommendation to include all of Salendine Nook in Lindley ward.

## Reinwood

We understand that for electoral equality issues, an area must move out of Lindley ward. We believe that the best area for this would be LD06 for the reasons outlined in the previous section on Greenhead.

## **Liversedge and Gomersal**

We do not propose any change to this ward.

The boundary between Liversedge and Gomersal ward and Heckmondwike ward should remain the A62 Leeds Road.

The A62 provides a strong, identifiable boundary between Liversedge and Gomersal ward and Heckmondwike ward.

The Conservative proposal to move just one council estate out of Liversedge and Gomersal and into Heckmondwike does not make any sense.



# Mirfield

## Map

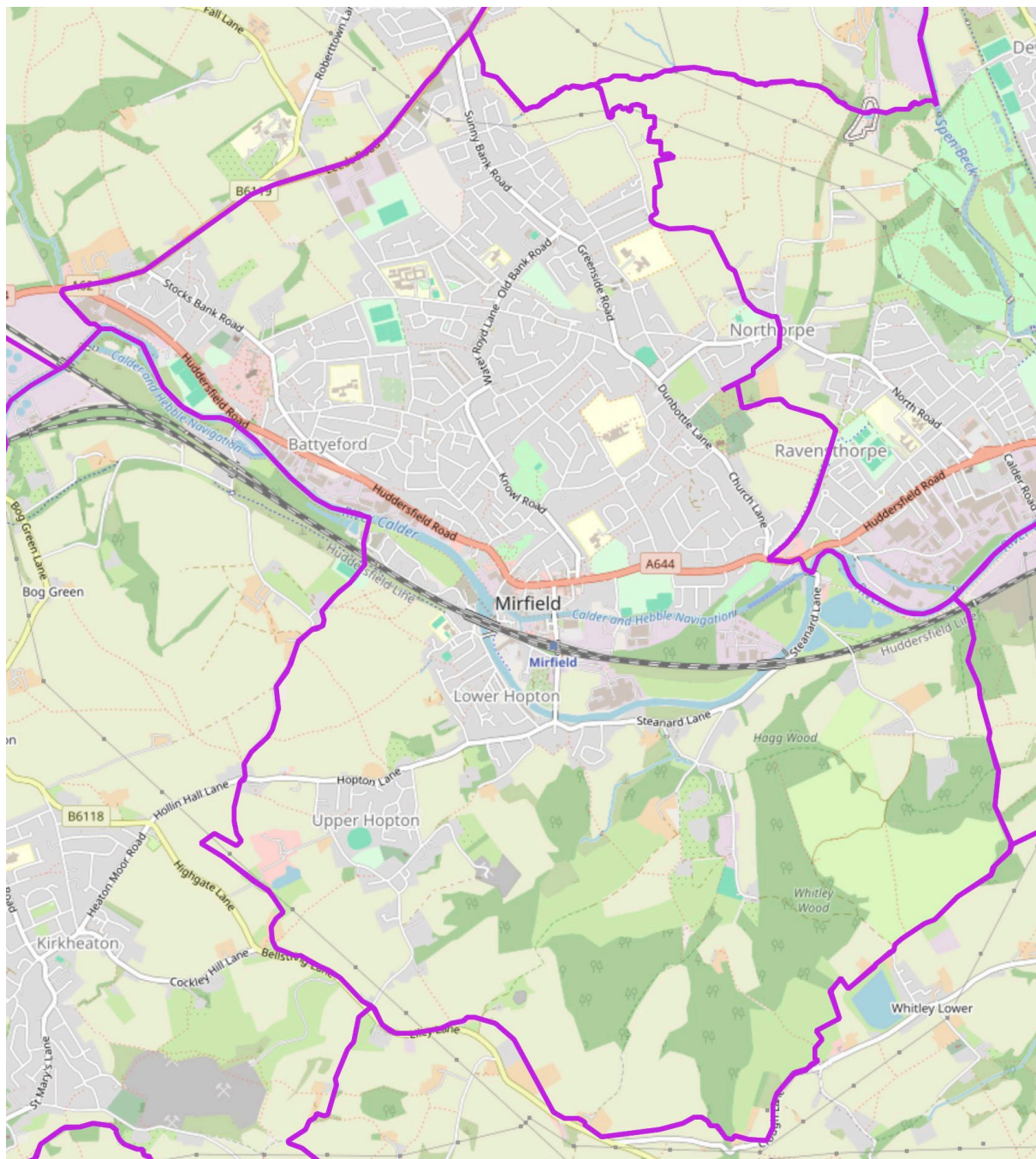


Figure 25 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Mirfield

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	2029 Projected Electorate
MF01 -	3539
MF02 -	2253



MF03 -	2723
MF04 -	2034
MF05 -	680
MF06 -	2920
MF07 (part)	1310 (est)
MF08 -	1065

## **Boundary with Dewsbury West**

Unlike the draft recommendations, we propose reducing the size of Mirfield ward to achieve greater electoral equality.

We propose including part of Northorpe in Dewsbury West. This area was historically in Dewsbury West ward, and has strong ties with Dewsbury.

# Netherton and Newsome

## Name

We believe that Netherton and Newsome better reflects the identity of this area than 'Huddersfield South'.

## Map

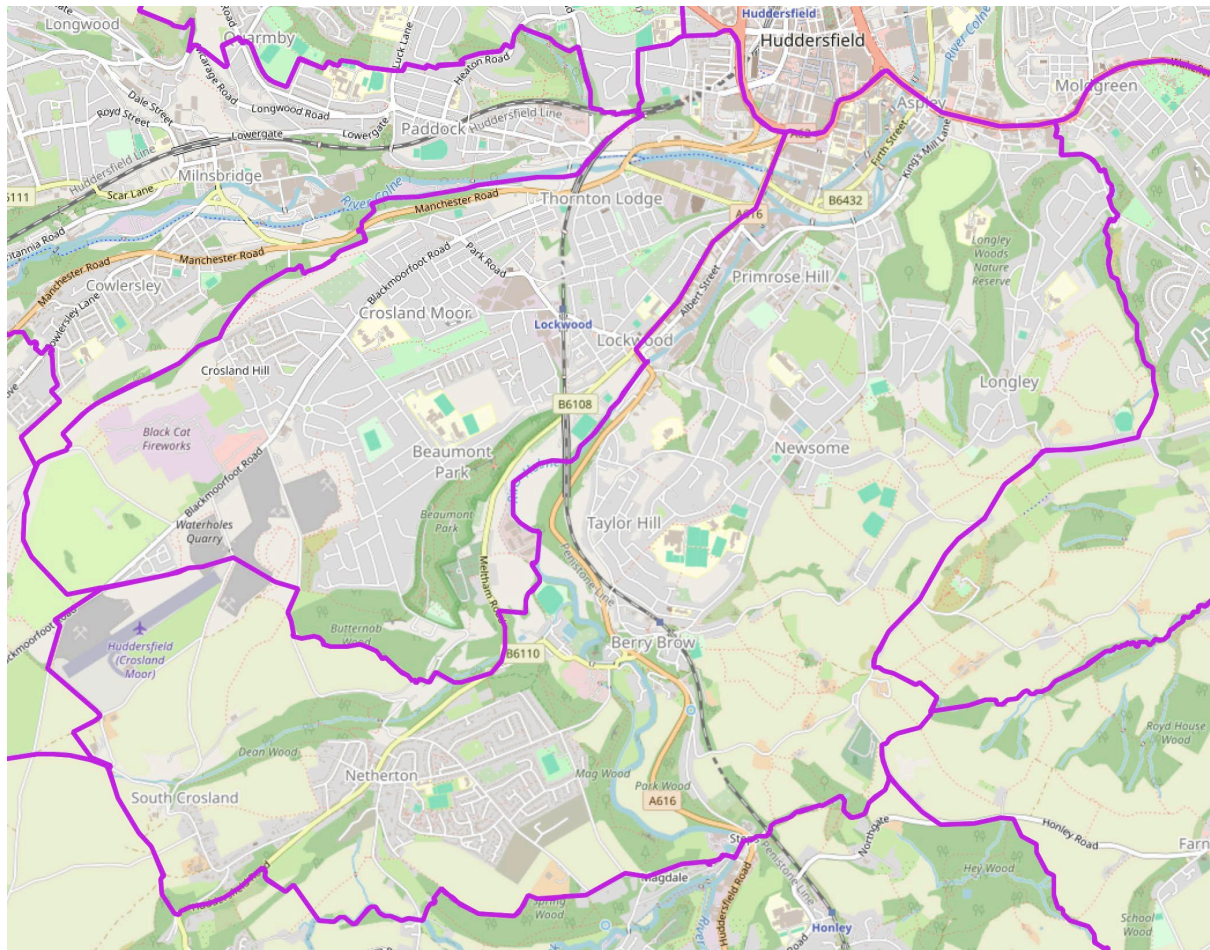


Figure 26 Map of the Labour Group's proposal for Netherton and Newsome

## Electoral equality

Polling districts	Projected 2029 electorate
CN03 –	3193
NE01 –	396
NE02 –	2956
NE03 –	1181
NE05 –	1074

NE06 –	1599
NE07 (Part)	930 (est)
NE09 –	1850
NE10 –	567
NE11 –	678

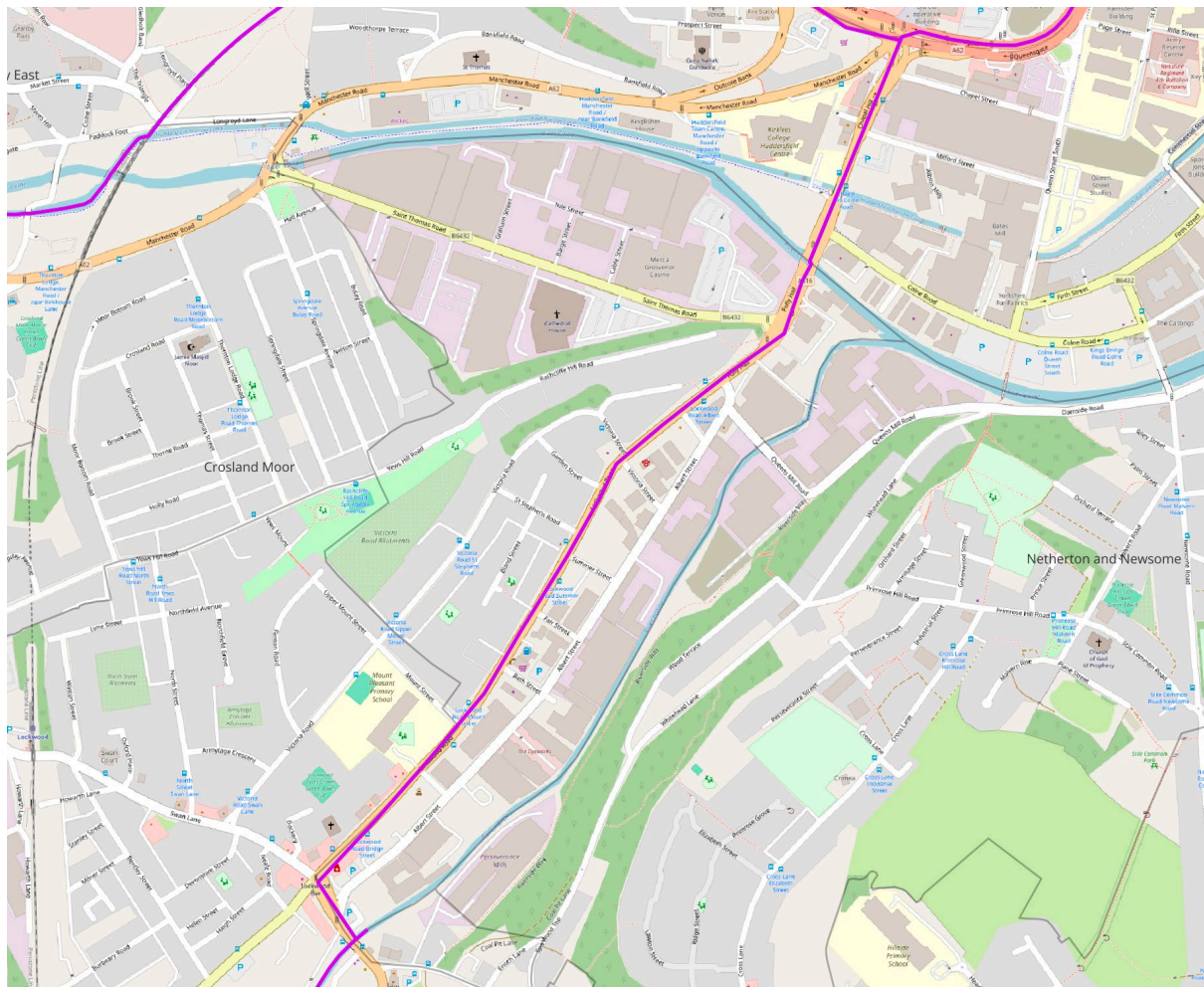
## **South Crosland**

The boundary commission has proposed to split polling district CN03 with Netherton moving into 'Huddersfield South' and South Crosland moving into 'Huddersfield West'.

Netherton and South Crosland are very much the same community and they should remain together. For example, South Crosland Junior School is actually in the middle of Netherton.

## **Boundary between Netherton and Newsome and Crosland Moor**

We believe that the boundary between Netherton and Newsome ward and Crosland Moor ward should be A616 Lockwood Road/Chapel Hill.



*Figure 27 Map of the Labour Group's proposed boundary between Netherton and Newsome ward and Crosland Moor ward along the A616*

By including some of polling districts NE04 and NE07 in Netherton and Newsome ward, this will improve electoral equality.

The portion of NE07 East of the A616 is largely student housing, including large blocks of student housing like IQ castings and Zetland House. Keeping these within Netherton and Newsome ward is sensible as Newsome contains a lot of student housing, and this could be considered a cohesive community with similar interests. Netherton and Newsome ward would then contain Huddersfield University itself as well as the major student accommodation blocks and student housing in Newsome as well.

