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## Introduction

This submission has been based on the premise that local government should be "local, convenient and accessible". There has been considerable debate about the desirability of either single or multi member wards in the context of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C). Given the fact that elections will be held every four years as "all up" elections, unlike for example the election by thirds found in Metropolitan Councils, we strongly back the idea of single member wards as this will lead to representation which reflects local desires better.

These are the basic reasons why we have opted for single member wards:

1. The Boundary Committee's instructions say that wards should represent the local communities. The role of members on local authorities is as representatives of their local communities.
2. Single member wards establish a close link between the member and the community. The local community has the maximum influence over who is elected and can then hold the member to account.
3. Single member wards make it easier for individuals, community groups, etc. to get elected to the council, making it more representative of the diversity of the population.
4. A single member ward makes it easier for the member to represent the community.
5. Multi-member wards reduce the link between members and communities, they smooth out the diversity making the council less representative.
6. Multi-member wards with all up elections every four years give disproportionate power to the largest party. It becomes easy for a party supported by less than a third of the population to have an absolute majority.

The underlying premise is that single member wards are more responsive to local needs, the larger multi member wards tend to smooth out differences and by their nature ignore smaller local influences. Additionally multi member wards can be seen to be better to serve the needs of the Council, whereas single member wards are seen as better at serving the needs of the community and individuals, and on any democratic measure the latter is the far better option.

A number of multi member ward options have been canvassed by the ruling group on CW&C, what is immediately apparent from these proposals is that they lose much of their local identity, often linking disparate communities with little in common. Such proposals have included a town ward with 9,000 or 10,000 electors including a couple of neighbouring small rural parishes each

with a few hundred or so electors, who would feel overwhelmed by their large neighbour and rightly or wrongly feel ignored by their councillors. Another fault of these proposals is that, by adhering to existing polling district boundaries for ward boundaries, there has been no attempt to improve community cohesion. Polling districts were drawn up as means of ensuring electors had a convenient polling station to their residence, rather than any community bearing. Therefore we have studied the needs of the community when proposing boundaries.

## **Our Proposal**

The prime driver behind our proposals is that wherever practicable we have stuck to communities as the basis for the proposed wards. Using well defined physical barriers, such as rivers, hills, major roads, railways, etc, and then the local awareness for an area as to what is part of which community.

Sometimes this has been difficult, particularly when electoral balance has to be observed. But we have struck a balance between community and electoral balance to produce a proposal which is representative of the communities which make up CW&C.

## **Urban Areas**

In urban areas, we have proposed wards which, as far as practicable, represent established communities. If a community has to be split, usually due to its size, this has been designed considerately, rather than for administrative convenience. Where possible we have looked for mini-communities such as estates, developments, similar housing, etc, to be included in the same ward, although this has not always been possible. Even where the splitting of communities has to be done, this has been considered, e.g. where possible boundaries have not gone down the middle of a road (apart from major roads), but around the backs of houses, this helps to improve community representation.

## **Rural Areas**

In rural areas, where generally speaking parish councils are established, the need is to identify which parishes should be grouped together. The first consideration is geographical location, followed by local connections and means of communication between the parishes. In order to ensure that smaller communities are not overwhelmed by their larger neighbours, we have avoided putting the smaller rural parishes with any other community which is larger than approximately 2,000 electors. This should mitigate against them being overlooked by their local councillor in favour of a larger community. Occasionally we have had to split rural parishes, this is in order to preserve reasonable electoral balance, but we have only done this where necessary, and have reflected on community needs and identity, typically where historic parish boundaries do not reflect modern developments. In one case we have considered the split to be of such small value that it may not be necessary (Helsby ward) in the eyes of the Commission. Obviously parish

boundaries cannot be changed by this review and we would not intend this to be the case.

## **Larger Parishes**

In the case of some large suburban parishes, which are too large for one ward but too small for two wards, we have had to split the parish and include an area in one of the wards which is outside the parish in question. This can be viewed as a contentious move, but given the parameters of electoral balance, there is no other option, as even if there were multi member wards the same mathematical rules would apply. But we have endeavoured to add similar type of areas where possible. In the case of two of these parishes we have also suggested that the parishes are warded, electing parish councillors proportionate to their electorates, which we believe would improve their representation.

## **Electoral Balance**

Ensuring electoral balance has been difficult, but we have overcome many of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles to produce a balance which lies within the  $\pm 10\%$  limit. In doing so we have taken the projected 2013 electorate for each polling district as the primary target to be within these limits, and only then considering the 2008 electorate. However in the case of one large parish the number of electors is just over the  $+10\%$  limit for two wards within its boundary, also the two neighbouring wards are over the median electorate. Therefore we have deliberately left the parish with a slightly over the limit electorate for each ward within that parish, as the alternative would be to take away small parts of the parish to another ward, resulting in (we believe) a reduction in the quality of representation and degradation in local identity for those electors who would be affected.

## Ward Listing 1

### Wards from the Former Chester City Council Area

Ward No	Ward Title	2008			2013		
		Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3350)	% Variance From Median (3350)	Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3401)	% Variance From Median (3401)
1	Handbridge & Curzon Park	3605	255	7.6%	3503	102	3.0%
2	Westminster Park	3546	196	5.9%	3468	67	2.0%
3	Lache Park	3673	323	9.6%	3579	178	5.2%
4	Upton Heath	3309	-41	-1.2%	3211	-190	-5.6%
5	Upton Dale	3024	-326	-9.7%	3239	-162	-4.8%
6	Newton	3229	-121	-3.6%	3132	-269	-7.9%
7	Newton St Michaels	3238	-112	-3.3%	3128	-273	-8.0%
8	Hoole Groves	3389	39	1.2%	3287	-114	-3.4%
9	Hoole All Saints	3316	-34	-1.0%	3203	-198	-5.8%
10	Vicars Cross	3252	-98	-2.9%	3143	-258	-7.6%
11	Boughton Heath	3300	-50	-1.5%	3196	-205	-6.0%
12	Dee Banks & Huntington	3311	-39	-1.2%	3387	-14	-0.4%
13	Garden Quarter & Northgate Village	3579	229	6.8%	3651	250	7.4%
14	Boughton	3235	-115	-3.4%	3345	-56	-1.6%
15	City & Old Port	2572	-778	-23.2%	3160	-241	-7.1%
16	Blacon South & Sealand	3022	-328	-9.8%	3181	-220	-6.5%
17	Blacon West	3228	-122	-3.6%	3142	-259	-7.6%
18	Blacon North	3228	-122	-3.6%	3143	-258	-7.6%
19	Dodleston & Farndon	3573	223	6.7%	3530	129	3.8%
20	Malpas	3573	223	6.7%	3620	219	6.4%
21	Rowton Moor	3781	431	12.9%	3680	279	8.2%
22	Mickle Trafford	3752	402	12.0%	3642	241	7.1%
23	Mollington & Saughall	3614	264	7.9%	3510	109	3.2%
24	Elton	3617	267	8.0%	3510	109	3.2%
25	Tattenhall	3771	421	12.6%	3670	269	7.9%
26	Tarvin	3564	214	6.4%	3513	112	3.3%
27	Kelsall	3476	126	3.7%	3422	21	0.6%

## Ward Listing 2

### Wards from the Former Vale Royal Borough Council Area

Ward No	Ward Title	2008			2013		
		Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3350)	% Variance From Median (3350)	Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3401)	% Variance From Median (3401)
28	Marbury	3575	225	6.7%	3590	189	5.6%
29	Lostock & Wincham	3253	-97	-2.9%	3440	39	1.1%
30	Barnton Rosebank	3122	-228	-6.8%	3294	-107	-3.1%
31	Barnton Village & Northwich Winnington	3167	-183	-5.5%	3266	-135	-4.0%
32	Northwich Town	3554	204	6.1%	3697	296	8.7%
33	Northwich Witton	3239	-111	-3.3%	3498	97	2.8%
34	Rudheath & South Witton	3496	146	4.3%	3604	203	6.0%
35	Kingsmead	3329	-21	-0.6%	3338	-63	-1.9%
36	Leftwich	3433	83	2.5%	3632	231	6.8%
37	Davenham & Lostock Green	3116	-234	-7.0%	3121	-280	-8.2%
38	Moulton and Allostock	3633	283	8.4%	3650	249	7.3%
39	Frodsham North West	3569	219	6.5%	3786	385	11.3%
40	Frodsham South East	3721	371	11.1%	3734	333	9.8%
41	Helsby	3725	375	11.2%	3762	361	10.6%
42	Kingsley & Forest	3601	251	7.5%	3748	347	10.2%
43	Milton Weaver & Weaverham Church	3365	15	0.4%	3400	-1	0.0%
44	Weaverham Gorstage & Owley Wood	3350	0	0.0%	3360	-41	-1.2%
45	Hartford Village	3261	-89	-2.7%	3291	-110	-3.2%
46	Hartford East & Greenbank	3469	119	3.6%	3489	88	2.6%
47	Cuddington & Sandiway	3476	126	3.8%	3490	89	2.6%
48	Mara	3342	-8	-0.2%	3355	-46	-1.3%
49	Tarporley & Oulton	3598	248	7.4%	3650	249	7.3%
50	Winsford Dene	3103	-247	-7.4%	3229	-172	-5.1%
51	Winsford Gravel	3421	71	2.1%	3422	21	0.6%
52	Winsford Over	3250	-100	-3.0%	3326	-75	-2.2%
53	Winsford Swanlow	3235	-115	-3.4%	3279	-122	-3.6%
54	Winsford Verdin	3131	-219	-6.5%	3136	-265	-7.8%
55	Winsford Weaver	2944	-406	-12.1%	3139	-262	-7.7%
56	Winsford Wharton	3339	-11	-0.3%	3348	-53	-1.6%

## Ward Listing 3

### Wards from the Former Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council Area

Ward No	Ward Title	2008			2013		
		Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3350)	% Variance From Median (3350)	Total Electorate	Actual Variance From Median (3401)	% Variance From Median (3401)
57	Parkgate	3267	-83	-2.5%	3208	-193	-5.7%
58	Neston	3190	-160	-4.8%	3163	-238	-7.0%
59	Marshlands	3314	-36	-1.1%	3212	-189	-5.6%
60	Little Neston-w-Burton	3360	10	0.3%	3263	-138	-4.1%
61	Willaston & Thornton	3250	-100	-3.0%	3224	-177	-5.2%
62	St Pauls	3656	306	9.1%	3603	202	5.9%
63	Netherpool	2934	-416	-12.4%	3534	133	3.9%
64	Little Sutton	3741	391	11.7%	3730	329	9.7%
65	Rivacre	3454	104	3.1%	3350	-51	-1.5%
66	Great Sutton	3304	-46	-1.4%	3202	-199	-5.9%
67	Sutton	3201	-149	-4.5%	3108	-293	-8.6%
68	Backford Cross	3133	-217	-6.5%	3041	-360	-10.6%
69	Groves	3367	17	0.5%	3263	-138	-4.0%
70	Grange	3562	212	6.3%	3457	56	1.6%
71	Pooltown	3468	118	3.5%	3359	-42	-1.2%
72	Ellesmere Port Town	2475	-875	-26.1%	3334	-67	-2.0%
73	Wolverham	3079	-271	-8.1%	3820	419	12.3%
74	Stanney	3474	124	3.7%	3370	-31	-0.9%
75	Whitby	3667	317	9.5%	3560	159	4.7%

# Appendix 1

## Former Chester City Council Area Wards

### Ward Descriptions

There are several natural and man-made features within the Chester area which provide clear and visible boundaries. These include the River Dee, the Shropshire Union Canal, the Chester Greenway (cycle and walkway using a former railway line) and various busy dual carriageways and main roads. We have tried to use these clear lines as much as possible.

We have tried to identify local schools, churches and community buildings where such buildings are a sufficient feature in the local area as well as services such as shops and public transport. There will be many other faith and community groups in addition to those we have mentioned.

#### 1) Handbridge & Curzon Park

##### Ward Justification

Due to the small size of the electorate to the east of Wrexham Road, the area had to be increased to make the ward viable. Also given that west of Wrexham Road there was rather more electors than necessary for two wards, it became obvious that a part of the latter area should be warded with Handbridge. The only area of the right size and of a community in its own right was the Curzon Park area, as there are two or three distinct areas to the housing between Hough Green and the River Dee.

The River Dee provides a distinct barrier between Handbridge and Curzon Park and the city of Chester.

This ward also includes Queens Park which borders The Meadows. The River therefore forms much of the boundary of this ward with the busy Wrexham Road (A483) forming most of the western boundary and a line south of Heronbridge and north of the independent Kings School forming the southern boundary. In addition, dwellings on the north side of Hough Green from Curzon Park North to Redland Close, and all roads between and including Curzon Park North and Curzon Park South are included in this ward.

Handbridge has a good range of local shops, two churches, several pubs, a youth club and several schools- Queens Park High School, Chester Catholic High, Overleigh Primary School as well as West Cheshire F.E. College on Eaton Road. The Old Dee Bridge and Grosvenor Bridge (A483) are the only crossings of the river open to traffic with the Suspension bridge linking pedestrians from Queens Park to The Groves. Curzon Park provides some fine examples of residential architecture. Housing is mainly privately owned with some social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. Local

bus routes include the 14, 16, 17 and others going further afield. The whole ward is unparished.

## Ward Description

Handbridge & Curzon Park ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Curzon Park	DH1	North side of Hough Green to Howe Road/ Curzon Park North & South/ all roads up to and including The Paddock
Overleigh Road	DJ1	n/a
Handbridge/Queen's Park	DJ2	n/a

Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where DJ1 polling district meets the River Dee and Grosvenor Bridge, follow the boundary north east along the river onto DJ2 boundary and along the River Dee east and then south. Turn west with the DJ2 boundary and onto the DJ1 boundary to the A483 Wrexham Road, turn north to the Grosvenor roundabout. Follow the DH1 polling district boundary west to a point just west of Howe Road, turn north following the rear of the properties on the west side of Howe Road, the turn west and to the rear of the properties on the south side of Curzon Park South, to a point opposite the junction with The Paddock. Cross north of Curzon Park South and continue north along the rear of the properties to the west of The Paddock. Follow a line north to the junction of Earlsway and Curzon Park North. Continue north, but to the rear of the properties to the west of Curzon Park North and Curzon Close to the Chester to Holyhead main railway line, follow the line east to the River Dee and return to the starting point.

## 2) Westminster Park

### Ward Justification

Again, the River Dee forms a natural boundary for this ward to the north. To the east the boundary can be clearly defined by Wrexham Road (A483). Hough Green (A5104) runs through the middle with Westminster Park (public sport and play facilities) being accessible from both Hough Green and Lache Lane therefore providing access from both parts of the ward. Chester Golf Club is on the northern boundary of the ward where there are pleasant avenues of roads adjacent to Curzon Park. The 8, 16 and 26 bus routes serve the local area with several longer distance services operating also on Hough Green. Belgrave Primary School serves mainly the Westminster Park area. Those families from Curzon Park choosing state schools for their children feed into Overleigh. There are local shops on Westminster Park and at the Saltney end of Hough Green where the road becomes Chester Road.

## Ward Description

Westminster Park ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Curzon Park	DH1	All excluding the north side of Hough Green to Howe Road/ Curzon Park North & South/ all roads up to and including The Paddock
Westminster Park	DH2	n/a
Cliveden Road	DN2	Lache Park Ave estate/ Lache Lane/ Forge Way etc/ Lache Hall Crescent/ Lonsdale Court/ Cranford Court/ etc
Marlston-cum-Lache (part)	DN3	n/a

### Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DH2 polling district boundary meets the A483 Wrexham Road by the Kings School, follow the boundary north to the Grosvenor roundabout. Follow the DH1 polling district boundary west to a point just west of Howe Road, turn north following the rear of the properties on the west side of Howe Road, the turn west and to the rear of the properties on the south side of Curzon Park South, to a point opposite the junction with The Paddock. Cross north of Curzon Park South and continue north along the rear of the properties to the west of The Paddock. Follow a line north to the junction of Earlsway and Curzon Park North. Continue north, but to the rear of the properties to the west of Curzon Park North and Curzon Close to the Chester to Holyhead main railway line, follow the line east to the River Dee and then follow the DH1 boundary north along the River Dee to the Welsh border, then turn south to the main Chester to Holyhead railway line, and follow the line east. At a point opposite the junction of Mount Pleasant and Park Road West, leave the railway line and turn south east to that junction. Cross over Mount Pleasant and turn south to the rear of properties to the east of Mount Pleasant, Montrose Court, Churchside Walk and Glan Aber Drive to meet the A5104 where Chester Street meets Hough Green. Follow Hough Green east to point just east of Cliveden Road, turn south to the rear of properties on the east side of Cliveden Road, Compton Place and Waltham Place, in the process crossing the ends of Lache Park Avenue and Marlston Avenue. At a point just south of Marlston Avenue, turn south east to the rear of properties south of Marlstone Road and continue south east and parallel to that road. Just before Lache Lane turn south behind the properties west of Lache Lane, continue south but to the east of properties on Lache Lane, Cranford Court, Lonsdale Court, Lach Hall Crescent and Forge Way (and the roads off Forge Way) until the southern boundary of polling district DN2 is meet. Follow the boundary east and north onto DN3 and DH2 polling districts, until the starting point is reached.

### 3) Lache Park

#### Ward Justification

Lache lies on the national boundary between England and Wales. To the south the boundary runs through open fields to the rear of the residential developments on Green Lane, then along Lache Lane and Lache Park Avenue to Hough Green. Properties on the Mount Pleasant are included in this ward as they link more to Saltney than Curzon Park

Lache Park comprises some of the oldest social housing in Chester. There is some private housing around the perimeter. Lache has been an area of significant socio- and economic deprivation. Health services have invested strongly in the area to address inequalities and there is a sense of community amongst people on 'The Lache' which is generating some improvement. The 8 and 16 bus routes serve the area and there are shops at Cliveden Road and Chester Road. There is a good local primary school at Hawthorn Road next to other community facilities including youth club, community centre, and RC church. There is open space and a hopefully soon to be relocated adventure playground. There is also a Cof E Church at Chester Road and a non-conformist church opposite.

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Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Curzon Park	DH1	Mount Pleasant/Chester Road/etc
St Marks Road	DN1	n/a
Cliveden Road	DN2	All excluding Lache Park Ave estate/ Lache Lane/ Forge Way etc/ Lache Hall Crescent/ Lonsdale Court/ Cranford Court/ etc

Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Start at the point where the DN1 polling district boundary crosses A5104 at the boundary with Wales, go north to the main Chester to Holyhead railway line, and follow the line east. At a point opposite the junction of Mount Pleasant and Park Road West, leave the railway line and turn south east to that junction. Cross over Mount Pleasant and turn south to the rear of properties to the east of Mount Pleasant, Montrose Court, Churchside Walk and Glan Aber Drive to meet the A5104 where Chester Street meets Hough Green. Follow Hough Green east to point just east of Cliveden Road, turn

south to the rear of properties on the east side of Cliveden Road, Compton Place and Waltham Place, in the process crossing the ends of Lache Park Avenue and Marlston Avenue. At a point just south of Marlston Avenue, turn south east to the rear of properties south of Marlstone Road and continue south east and parallel to that road. Just before Lache Lane turn south behind the properties west of Lache Lane, continue south but to the east of properties on Lache Lane, Cranford Court, Lonsdale Court, Lach Hall Crescent and Forge Way (and the roads off Forge Way) until the southern boundary of polling district DN2 is meet. Follow the boundary of DN2 west and north to the boundary with Wales and follow it to the starting point.

## 4) Upton Heath

### Ward Justification

This ward comprises mixed housing on both sides of the A41, all within the parish of Upton. To the East it runs through farmland close to the M53, then cross the A41 at 'County Officers Sportsground' following the Northern side of Plas Newton Lane to Newhall Road, across Weston Grove to Gateheath Drive and back onto Heath Road. There are shops at Long Lane on the A41 and at Weston Grove. Chester's largest high school (Upton) is within the ward and there are primary schools at Upton Manor, Weston Grove and Acresfield. Local buses operate on the 51 route (via Weston Grove and Dicksons Drive) and 4GHA( from Upton Heath Road and The Zoo, via St James Avenue, into Coniston, and onwards to Kingsway. Social housing centres around Weston Grove with a further smaller number on Caughall Road. There is private accommodation for older people in several establishments within the ward.

### Ward Description

Upton Dale ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Upton Heath (Saughall Road)	DS1	n/a
Upton-by-Chester (Upton Grange Ward)		
Upton by Chester (Upton Heath ward)	DT1	All excluding Appleton Road/ Wealdstone Lane/ Gatesheath/ Alraham Cres/ Cross Green/ Heath Road

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where on the A41 at the Zoo Park & Ride entrance, continuing south along the A41 to the Caughall Road/Heath Road junction. (This is traffic lights controlled and a significant landmark in the locality). The boundary then continues south west along Heath Road but on

the south side of the properties to the south of Heath Road to Gatesheath Drive, turning south and following the eastern rear boundary of properties in Gatesheath Drive, Cross Green and around the rear of properties to the east of Appleton Road, but including Handforth Road within this ward, the boundary then follows the DT1 polling district boundary east to the M53 and then north and west, then following the DS1 boundary through Chester Zoo back to the start point.

## 5) Upton Dale

### Ward Justification

The ward includes the Dale Army Camp, home to the families of many serving soldiers; The Countess of Chester Health Park, a very busy centre for many health services in Cheshire West, Morrisons supermarket, and Upton Golf Club. The majority of housing is privately owned or privately rented. Upton Park has Conservation Area status. There is an Anglican church in the midst of the ward and a Baptist church adjacent to the A41. Mill View is the local Primary School as well as a Special School, Dorin Park on Wealstone Lane. The centre of Upton Parish's community activities lies in the heart of this ward with library, GP surgery, tennis courts, bowling green, football/cricket pitches, voluntary youth club and a good supply of open space on Wealstone Lane. As well as Morrisons supermarket the area is served by a small number of local shops on Mill Lane, 3 public houses and a residential home. Liverpool Road runs north to south through the middle of the ward. A dual-carriageway, this has regular bus services between Chester and Ellesmere Port and there are also local routes Fst1 and GHA 4 via Mill Lane.

### Ward Description

Upton Dale ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Moston	DO8	n/a
Demage Lane Upton-by-Chester (Upton Grange Ward)	DS2	n/a
Upton-by-Chester (Upton Grange Ward)	DS3	n/a
Upton-by-Chester (Upton Park Ward)	DS4	n/a
Bache	DS5	n/a
Part of Upton Park	DS7	n/a
Upton by Chester (Upton Heath ward)	DT1	Appleton Road/Wealdstone Lane/ Gatesheath/ Alpraham Cres/ Cross Green/Heath Road

Map: Chester City North Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting from the major roundabout that links Parkgate Road, Blacon Avenue, Countess Way and Deva Way, the ward boundary to the West and North the Shropshire Union Canal provides a distinct and green barrier between adjacent wards. The line then goes south joining the A41 at the Zoo Park & Ride entrance, continuing along the A41 to the Caughall Road/Heath Road junction. (This is traffic lights controlled and a significant landmark in the locality). The boundary then continues south west along Heath Road but on the south side of the properties to the south of Heath Road to Gatesheath Drive, turning south and following the eastern rear boundary of properties in Gatesheath Drive, Cross Green and around the rear of properties to the east and south of Appleton Rd crossing Wealstone Lane onto the edge of Upton Park, past the Bache railway station to Liverpool Road, across to Countess Way and back to Parkgate Road.

## 6) Newton

### Ward Justification

Newton is a very compact ward lying between Upton and Hoole: The boundary follows the Chester Greenway from opposite Dicksons Drive to Liverpool Road, then via Morrisons entrance, across the railway line to Rosewood Avenue, and then following Upton Park to its entrance on Wealstone Lane. Taking in the small discrete estate at Whitton Drive, the boundary from Wealstone Lane goes south onto Newton Lane, then right again onto Brook Lane back to the junction with Dicksons Drive.

### Ward Description

Newton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Brook Lane	DP1	All excluding Neston Drive/ Sutton Drive/ Well Lane/ Newton Lane/ Part of Brook Lane/ Kingsway/ etc
Abbots Park	DS6	n/a

Map: Chester City North Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where the DS6 polling district boundary meets Parkgate Road and the former Chester Northgate railway line, used as a cycle way, and follow that line south west to the boundary of DP1 polling district. Continue east to a point just west of Western Approach and turn north across Brook Lane, at the rear of the properties to the north of Brook Lane, turn north east, following this line until just south of Well Lane. Turn west along the south, rear side of the properties to the south of Well Lane. At Shepherd's Lane, before any properties on that road, cross north at the junction of Well Lane, Shepherd's Lane and Sutton Drive, going to the west, rear side of the properties on the west side of Sutton Drive and continue north

to Neston Drive, then turn west along the southern, rear side of properties on the south side of Neston Drive. At the Thornton Drive end of Sutton Drive, cross to the north of Sutton Drive and head north, behind the properties on the east side of Thornton Drive to the boundary of DP1 polling district. Follow that boundary west to the Chester to Liverpool railway line, go south and then follow the DS6 polling district boundary west and south back to the starting point

## 7) Newton St Michael's

### Ward Justification

Newton St Michael's has a clear boundary to the South with the Chester Greenway (a disused railway line currently used for cycling and walking). The northern boundary generally follows Plas Newton Lane with small estate centred on Appleton Road being included. St Columba's RC church is a significant feature, set in open space. Kingsway is a well-known road served by the 53 bus route. It has shops, church, open space, play area and children's centre based on University premises.

The local primary school was closed not long ago but most local children attend Newton Primary Kingsway South.

### Ward Description

Newton St Michael's ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Brook Lane	DP1	Neston Drive/ Sutton Drive/ Well Lane/ Newton Lane/ Part of Brook Lane/Kingsway/etc
Kingsway	DQ1	n/a
Whitton Drive	DQ2	n/a
Queensway	DQ3	n/a

Map: Chester City North Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting from where the boundary of DQ1 polling district meets the A41 at Plas Newton Lane, follow the boundary along the A41 south east to the former Chester Northgate railway line, used as a cycle way, and follow that line south west to the boundary of DP1 polling district. Continue south west to a point just west of Western Approach and turn north across Brook Lane, at the rear of the properties to the north of Brook Lane, turn north east, following this line until just south of Well Lane. Turn west along the south, rear side of the properties to the south of Well Lane. At Shepherd's Lane, before any properties on that road, cross north at the junction of Well Lane, Shepherd's Lane and Sutton Drive, going to the west,

rear side of the properties on the west side of Sutton Drive and continue north to Neston Drive, then turn west along the southern, rear side of properties on the south side of Neston Drive. At the Thornton Drive end of Sutton Drive, cross to the north of Sutton Drive and head north, behind the properties on the east side of Thornton Drive to the boundary of DP1 polling district. Follow that boundary east to Wealstone Lane, turn south and then east along the boundary of DQ3 polling district back to the start on the A41.

## 8) Hoole Groves

### Ward Justification

This is a very compact ward of mixed housing bordered to North and South by two railway lines (one disused and now used as a walking cycle route known as Chester Greenway, the other the Chester to Helsby line). To the East the dual-carriageway A41 forms the boundary and to South from the Greenway, the boundary follows Fairfield Road, Canadian Avenue and the small and discrete recent housing development at Housesteads Drive. The southerly boundary meets the eastern boundary at the point two railway lines merge (Chester-Crewe and Chester to Helsby). Much of the housing in this ward is social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. Hoole United Reformed Church is a prominent landmark on Hoole Road in the middle of the ward. Various community activities take place there. There are a few shops including post office and the area is well served by the Number 9 bus route along Hoole Lane. Hoole Road is also served by the 27 (Hoole estates) and longer distance Chester to Frodsham and Warrington services. Alexandra Playing fields used for football and cricket is adjacent to a large allotment bordered by Hoole Road, Canadian Avenue and Hoole Lane. Hoole Primary School is in the ward and within the ward with pre-school facilities available on site. There is a small playground area next to the school and a Pub at the top of Hoole Lane.

### Ward Description

Hoole Groves ward consists of the following

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Panton Road	DK2	Hoole Lane/ Housesteads Grove/ etc
Coronation Rec Ground	DL1	n/a
Pipers Lane	DL2	n/a
Chestnut Close	DL3	n/a

Map: Chester City North Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where the DL1 polling district boundary meets the A41 and the former Chester Northgate railway line, now used as a cycle way, follow the A41 south to the Chester-Warrington railway line, keeping with the DL2 boundary follow the railway south west, on with DL3 and

DK2 boundaries with the railway line, until the boundary crosses over Hoole Lane. Turn north east up the centre of Hoole Lane to a point south of Housesteads Drive, follow the rear of the properties on Housesteads Drive and roads off (Houghton Close, Longburgh Close, Melkridge Close) going north, east and then south back to Hoole Lane. Go north east along the rear of the properties on the west side of Hoole Lane until the DL3 polling district boundary is met. Follow that boundary into DL1 polling district north west to Hoole Road, then south west along Hoole Road to Newton Lane to the former railway and go north east back to the starting point on the A41.

## 9) Hoole All Saints

### Ward Justification

Hoole is a vibrant local community with a busy shopping area providing a full range of local services including banks, butchers, bakers, fishmongers, fruit and vegetables, florists, delicatessen, restaurants, shoes, clothing, hairdressers, estate agents, hotels, B&Bs, several pubs, library, GP, dentist and much more. The housing is mainly privately owned or privately rented. There are bowling greens and tennis courts and a large children's play area at Hoole Park. Hoole All Saints C of E is a prominent feature and also provides a range of rooms for community activities including fitness sessions run by the PCT. As well as All Saints Cof E, there is a popular Methodist Church in Hamilton Street and a Baptist Church. Hoole Area Residents Association runs a busy Community Centre and there is a strong sense of identity and community in the area. Traders organise Christmas lights with a street party atmosphere when they are switched on. . There are several specialised homes for adults who need extra support ranging from drug and alcohol rehabilitation to physical disabilities.

To the North the boundary follows the Chester Greenway, a particular benefit of this new boundary enables the dwellings in Ermine Road and Flookersbrook to be included with the remainder of Hoole where local people feel they belong.

### Ward Description

Hoole All Saints ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Faulkner Street	DK1	n/a
Panton Road	DK2	All excluding Hoole Ln/Housesteads Grove/etc
Flookersbrook	DP2	n/a

Map: Chester City North Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DK1 polling district boundary meets Hoole Road at main Chester to Holyhead railway line, follow the

boundary south east to Hoole Lane. Turn north east up the centre of Hoole Lane to a point south of Housesteads Drive, follow the rear of the properties on Housesteads Drive and roads off (Houghton Close, Longburgh Close, Melkridge Close) going north, east and then south back to Hoole Lane. Go north east along the rear of the properties on the west side of Hoole Lane until the DL3 polling district boundary is met. Follow that boundary into DL1 polling district north west to Hoole Road, then south west along Hoole Road to Newton Lane to the former railway and go south west along the DP2 polling district boundary and south to the starting point.

## 10) Vicars Cross

### Ward Justification

Vicars Cross ward comprises most of the North Ward of Gt. Boughton Parish Council. Green Lane runs through the middle with most local services located here, including Oldfield Primary School, library, several shops, dentist, United Reformed Church and, on Oldfield Drive, a local pub. The Number 21 bus service serves the area and there are a number of sheltered homes for older people. Housing is mainly privately owned with a small road of social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. There is some privately rented property as well. There is a youth club at Square One Youth Centre operated by Connexions where various other local community groups meet serving people of all ages. There is a large Scout HQ at Thackeray Drive and as well as shops at Green Lane there are a few shops at Queens Road and Vicars Cross Road as well as a petrol station. Football pitches are used by local teams at Thackeray Drive and there is a 6acre playing field at Queens Road and smaller public open space at Dulverton Avenue.

The remainder of Gt. Boughton's North Ward, a discrete area known locally as Pearl Lane area, bordered by the Shropshire Union Canal, the A41 and busy Vicars Cross Road has separated from the rest of Vicars Cross and added to Boughton Heath to balance numbers. It is adjacent to Boughton Heath and is linked by the A41 which does provide a walking and cycling route, albeit unlit. Children from Pearl Lane area Cherry Grove Primary School's catchment area rather than Oldfield.

High School pupils mainly attend Christleton High School.

### Ward Description

Vicars Cross ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Green Lane Great Boughton (North ward)	DU2	North of (& north side of) A51 – Vicars Cross Road
Cawdor Drive	DU3	n/a

Map: Chester City South East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the boundary of polling district DU3 meets the Chester to Warrington railway line and Hoole Lane, follow the DU3 boundary north east into the DU2 boundary to a point near Piper's Ash. Continue following the DU2 boundary southeast to Chester Rugby Club's ground on Hare Lane and turn west, following straight along the A51, Vicars Cross Road. Continue along Vicars Cross Road to where the DU2 boundary re-crosses the road and follow that west, north and west again along the Shropshire Union Canal, back to the starting point.

## 11) Boughton Heath

### Ward Justification

Most of this ward is in Gt. Boughton Parish Council's South ward with the addition of the Pearl Lane area from the North Ward. Most of the housing is privately owned with a small amount of social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. Caldly Valley Road runs through the middle of the ward. To the North the boundary follows the bus Vicars Cross Road, to the East it runs through open farmland between the A41 and the A55, to the South it follows the Caldly Brook which is home to the Caldly Valley Nature Park, providing a distinct boundary between Gt. Boughton and Huntington parishes. Boughton Heath Primary School is in the centre of the ward. Local High School pupils attend either Christleton High School or Bishops Bluecoat CofE High School. There is a large Sainsbury's supermarket and other retail units on Caldly Valley Road along with a pub, hotel and Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Church and Centre. This is a popular and well-used building where a very wide range of community activities are available for people of all ages. The Parish Council has a small play area and 3 boules pitches on land adjacent to the church premises. Boughton Heath is served by the Number 5, 25 and 41 bus routes and the longer distance 56. All these routes run into the city centre with the 5 and 41 route also running through Huntington.

### Ward Description

Boughton Heath ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Becketts Lane (Great Boughton South ward)	DD1	Belgrave Road/ Reeves Road/ Oakmere Drive/ Hatchmere Drive/part of Becketts Lane, etc
Caldly Valley Road Great Boughton (South ward)	DD2	n/a
Littleton	DE2	Broadmead & Stamford Court
Green Lane Great Boughton (North ward)	DU2	South of (& south side of) A51 – Vicars Cross Road

Map: Chester City South East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DD2 polling district boundary crosses the A55 dual carriageway adjacent to the former Saughton Camp, follow the boundary north and onto the DU2 boundary to a point where the boundary crosses the A41 dual carriageway, continue north along the A41 to meet the DU2 polling district boundary, turn west along the A51, Vicars Cross Road. Continue along Vicars Cross Road to where the DU1 boundary re-crosses the A51 and turn south and east following the DU1 boundary along the A41 Christleton Road to where the DD1 Polling district boundary meets, follow that south between Marian Drive and Kingsley Road, then turn east to the south of Westward Road. Leaving the DD1 boundary, turn south to the east of Heather Court and The Orchard, crossing Beckett's Lane and Heath Lane in the process. Join the DD2 polling district boundary on to the south of Heath Lane, follow the boundary south and then east back to the starting point.

## 12) Dee Banks & Huntington

### Ward Justification

All of Huntington Parish and part of Gt. Boughton Parish South ward are in the new ward along with some unparished dwellings at the northern end of Sandy Lane and Stocks Lane and all of Dee Banks. Homes are mainly privately owned with some especially grand properties with river frontage. There is some social housing in Huntington and a block at St Giles at the Mount, owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. The Bishops Bluecoat CofE High School a Dee Banks, a Special school, and Cherry Grove and Huntington Primary School are in this ward. There are shops at Christleton Road and Chester Road in Huntington. St Lukes church is in Huntington and the area is served by the Number 5 and the 41b bus route. There is a popular water play area at Sandy Lane, run by CW&C, and a public slipway. Chester's Sailing and Canoe Club also has premises on the river bank. There are bowling greens at Stocks Lane.

### Ward Description

Dee Banks & Huntington ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Sandy Lane	DC2	South of (& south side of) A41 - Christleton Rd
Becketts Lane (Great Boughton South ward)	DD1	All excluding Belgrave Road/ Reeves Road/ Oakmere Drive/ Hatchmere Drive/part of Becketts Lane, etc
Dee Banks	DD3	n/a
Huntington	DM1	n/a
Filkin's Lane	DU1	n/a

Maps: Chester City South East Wards and Rural North West Wards

Ward Boundary: starting at a point where the boundaries of polling districts DD1 and DD3 meet the River Dee, follow DD3 boundary north along the river continuing onto polling district DC2, turning north off the river to the A41 Christleton Road, then follow the A41 south east to where the DU1 polling district boundary goes north along Cherry Grove Road, follow the DU1 boundary north, then south east along the Shropshire Union Canal and then south to the A41 Christleton Road. Continue south along the DD1 boundary between Marian Drive and Kingsley Road, then turn east to the south of Westward Road. Leaving the DD1 boundary, turn south to the east of Heather Court and The Orchard, crossing Beckett's Lane and Heath Lane in the process. Join the DD1 polling district boundary on to the south of Heath Lane, follow the boundary south and then east and follow the DM1 polling district boundary south, then west and north along the River Dee back to the starting point.

### **Note with regard to Great Boughton Parish Council**

The new wards of Vicars Cross, Boughton Heath and Dee Banks and Huntington will require some new arrangements for Gt. Boughton Parish. The majority of parish councillors would favour division of the parish into two separate parishes – Vicars Cross and Boughton Heath – when the opportunity arises.

Currently there are two parish wards, North and South with 8 seats in the North and 7 in the South. New parish wards could be formed as follows

North Ward - Vicars Cross ward –	7 cllrs
North Ward - Pearl Lane –	1 cllr
South Ward Boughton Heath -	5 cllrs
South Ward Dee Banks -	2 cllrs

There are other permutations which could provide an equal voter:councillor ratio; Pearl Lane could be transferred to the South Ward if local people so wished, or more of Dee Banks ward – the unparished part, could consider joining Gt. Boughton Parish Council.

### **13) Garden Quarter & Northgate Village**

#### **Ward Justification**

To the north, the boundary of this ward follows the Chester Greenway along a dis-used railway line. The Chester-Wirral railway line forms the south-eastern boundary then following George Street and Canal Street to the actual canal which then becomes the boundary until Granville Road and Saughall Road to Deva Link road. The main university buildings are in this ward surrounded by a mixture of dwellings mainly privately owned or tenanted.

## Ward Description

Garden Quarter & Northgate Village ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
St Annes	DF1	North of Chester-Holyhead railway
Sealand Road	DG1	Gladstone Street/ Cheney Road/Sydney Street/ etc
Parkgate Road	DG2	n/a

Map: Chester City South East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where the DG2 polling district boundary meets the Shropshire Union Canal and the old railway line that is now a cycleway, continue east onto the DF1 boundary to the Chester to Liverpool railway line, following the railway line south west to where Victoria Road crosses the railway line and turn south to St Oswalds Way. Continue following the boundary of DG2 northwest along St Oswald's Way to the roundabout at the junction of Northgate Road. Continue following the DG2 boundary south along Northgate and then west along Canal Street, and around to the Shropshire Union canal at Tower Wharf. Follow the canal north west to a point opposite the start of Gladstone Street, turn west across that street and turn northwest following behind the properties to the west of Granville Road to Stadium Way. Turn north east along Stadium Way and then turn north along Saughall Road to the junction with Deva Way, then turn north to the Shropshire Union Canal and return to the start point.

## 14) Boughton

### Ward Justification

The River Dee forms the boundary of this ward to the South and Chester to Crewe railway line to the East and the Chester to Holyhead railway line to the North. To the west the boundary follows St Oswalds way, a busy dual-carriageway. The Mount and Barrelwell Hill are all significant features with links to the Civil War period of Chester's history. The ward is well-served by a number of churches and a mosque. Churches include St Paul's and St John's (C of E); St Werburgh's (RC), Tarvin Road (Methodist). All have halls which are available for community activities. Chester's main railway station is on the boundary of the ward and many bus routes are available throughout the ward. The area comprises a wide range of housing from some of the most expensive in Chester alongside the River Dee to many recently built apartments, together with older tower blocks and terraced housing. Brook Street provides a large number of retail outlets serving the area to the north of the ward including Newtown.

## Ward Description

Boughton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Boughton	DC1	n/a
Sandy Lane	DC2	North of (& north side of) A41 Christleton Rd (Cherry Road/ Cecil Street/ Churton Road/ etc)
Brook Street	DC3	n/a
St Annes	DF1	South of Chester-Holyhead railway

Map: Chester City South East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DC3 polling district boundary meets Hoole Road at main Chester to Holyhead railway line, follow the boundary south east onto DC1 and DC2 polling district boundaries. Follow the DC2 boundary from the Chester to Crewe railway line south across the Shropshire Union Canal and south along Cherry Grove Road to Christleton Road. Then follow DC2 boundary northwest along Christleton Road to the DC1 boundary. Follow the DC1 boundary south to the River Dee then west along the river and north along Dee Lane, turning west and then north at the Bars. Continue following the boundary of DC3 and DF1 northwest along St Oswald's Way to Victoria Road, follow DF1 boundary north to the main Chester to Holyhead railway line, turn north east and then south east along the railway and follow it back to the start point.

## 15) City & Old Port

### Ward Justification

Again the River Dee provides part of the boundary of this ward to the south and west. From the start of the canalised section of the river, the boundary then moves onto dry land via Sealand Road to the Deva Link (A5480) along Saughall Road and Granville Road then follows the Shropshire Union Canal to the city centre where the boundary then follows the busy dual-carriageway St Oswalds Way, Foregate Street, and the Walls down again to the River. The main features of the city centre are in this ward including the Town Hall, Cathedral, County Hall, Crown Court, Magistrates Court, bus exchange and Chester Race Course. There is public open space at the Water Tower Gardens and alongside parts of the canal. There is a range of privately owned and privately rented property along with some social housing. In recent years there has been significant regeneration around the Old Port and this has generated a strong sense of community. The University also owns several premises in the area.

### Ward Description

City & Old Port ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Northgate	DF2	n/a
Nicholas Street	DF3	n/a
Grosvenor Park	DF4	n/a
Castle	DF5	n/a
Sealand Road	DG1	All excluding Sealand Road/ Bumpers Lanen/ Saughall Road/ Gladstone Street/ Cheney Road/Sydney Street/ etc

Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where the DF3 polling district boundary meets the A483 Grosvenor Bridge, follow the boundary east, onto DF4 polling district and north along Dee Lane, turning west and then north at the Bars. Continue following the boundary of DF2 northwest along St Oswald's Way to the roundabout at the junction of Northgate Road. Continue following the DF2 boundary south along Northgate and then west along Canal Street, and around to the Shropshire Union canal at Tower Wharf. Follow the canal north west to a point opposite the start of Gladstone Street, turn west across that street and turn northwest following behind the properties to the west of Granville Road to Stadium Way. Turn north east along Stadium Way and then turn north along Saughall Road to the junction with Deva Way, then turn south west along Deva Way to Sealand Road. Turn south east along Sealand Road to a point opposite the River Dee by the waterworks and go south to the river. Follow the river south and east to the starting point.

## 16) Blacon South & Sealand

### Ward Justification

Blacon is a mainly modern housing estate comprising mainly social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. There are also a significant number of privately owned properties and in addition the dwellings in the Sealand part of the ward are mostly privately owned. All of Blacon is well served by public transport including the 1/1A, 4/4A and 15 bus routes. The Chester Greenway forms the northern boundary, the Deva Link (A5480) is on the eastern boundary, then via Sealand Road the river becomes the boundary to the south. The western boundary follows the national boundary between England and Wales. Western Avenue then takes the boundary back to the Greenway. There is a mosque and a wide range of community support groups in Blacon.

### Ward Description

Blacon South & Sealand ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Blacon Point Road	DB2	All excluding. Western Avenue & Fowler Road
Saughall Road	DB3	All excluding Western Avenue & Furness Road
Sealand Road	DG1	Sealand Road/ Bumpers Lane/ Saughall Road/ etc

#### Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where the DG1 polling district boundary meets the Shropshire Union Canal and the old railway line that is now a cycleway, continue south east along the boundary to Deva Way, turn south west along Deva Way to Sealand Road. Turn south east along Sealand Road to a point opposite the River Dee by the waterworks and go south to the river. Follow the river west to the border with Wales, then follow that border northwest to the point where Sealand Road crosses the Wales border. Turn north east along Western Avenue, but to the rear of the properties on the east side of that road, including Fowler Road, Chevron Hey, Chevron Close, and Furness Road, until Saughall Road is reached. Cross Saughall Road and head north to the former railway now a cycleway and turn south east back to the starting point.

## 17) Blacon West

### Ward Justification

Like Blacon South, Blacon West is a mainly modern housing estate comprising much social housing owned by Chester & District Housing Trust. The boundary abuts Blacon South and Blacon North and follows the rear of properties to the West between Blacon and Saughall. All of Blacon is well served by public transport including the 1/1A, 4/4A and 15 bus routes. Blacon High School is in the centre of this ward. The library and Blacon Project are based in this ward providing a focal point for community support.

### Ward Description

Blacon West ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Blacon Ave (top end)	DA1	South of (& south side of) Blacon Avenue
Blacon Ave (bottom end)	DA2	Blacon Hall Avenue
Oakfield Road	DA3	n/a
Adelaide Road	DB1	n/a

Blacon Point Road	DB2	Western Ave & Fowler Rd
Saughall Road	DB3	Western Ave & Furness Rd

Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DB1 polling district meets Sealand Road and the Welsh border. Turn north east along Western Avenue, but to the rear of the properties on the east side of that road, including Fowler Road, Chevron Hey, Chevron Close, and Furness Road, until Saughall Road is reached. Cross Saughall Road, head north to the former railway now a cycleway and turn south east to Blacon Hall Avenue. Turn northwest along Blacon Hall Avenue and at the junction of Blacon Avenue turn northwest, continue northwest along Blacon Avenue, but to the rear of the properties on the north side of Blacon Avenue and into Saughall Road, to a point where the boundaries of polling districts DA1 and DA3 meet. Follow the DA3 boundary south east to the Wales border and then along the border back to the starting point.

## 18) Blacon North

### Ward Justification

In common with the rest of Blacon there is a history of social and economic disadvantage in the area and significant health inequalities. These are being addressed by various organisations with facilities in Blacon, mainly in Blacon North. There is a strong sense of community identity amongst Blacon residents.

The boundary for Blacon North ward follows the Chester Greenway , then joins Blacon Hall Road onto Blacon Avenue, then running along the rear boundary of the many closes of Saxon Way. Beyond those properties is open farmland which is in the Saughall/Mollington ward. Blacon North has both Anglican and Roman Catholic churches amongst a range of faith groups. Like the rest of Blacon it is well served by public transport bus routes 1/1A; 4/4A; 15A and 15B.

### Ward Description

Blacon North ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Blacon Ave (top end)	DA1	North of (& North side of) Blacon Avenue
Blacon Ave (bottom end)	DA2	All excluding Blacon Hall Avenue

Map: Chester City South West Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the DA2 polling district boundary meets Parkgate Road and the former railway line converted to a cycleway, follow the boundary northwest to Blacon Hall Avenue. Turn northwest along Blacon Hall Avenue and at the junction of Blacon Avenue turn northwest, continue northwest along Blacon Avenue, but to the rear of the properties on the north side of Blacon Avenue and into Saughall Road, to a point where the boundaries of polling districts DA1 and DA3 meet. Follow the DA1 boundary north east and south east back to the starting point.

## **Rural Wards Around Chester**

The seven proposed rural wards in this area each have one or more substantial villages as their focus, together with the surrounding smaller villages which – in general – depend on the larger villages for most local services. These proposed wards have – wherever possible – been based on former Chester CC two member wards, or the pairing of two former single member wards. The area is bounded by the Welsh border to the west, the Shropshire border to the south, Cheshire East to the south-east, and suburban Chester to the north-west. To the north-east it abuts other rural wards in the former Vale Royal district.

### **19) Dodleston & Farndon Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

This ward covers the English part of the Dee valley immediately south of Chester. It combines the former Chester CC single member wards of Farndon and Dodleston, with the addition of some small parishes to the east of Farndon, some of which formed part of Farndon ward prior to 1999.

This ward is entirely parished, and – with the exception of three very small parishes (totalling fewer than 25 dwellings) - is covered by parish councils.

It comprises the substantial historic villages of Farndon and Dodleston, together with the smaller villages of Aldford, Churton, Lower Kinnerton, Barton and Clutton, which – along with the other hamlets and rural parishes in the ward – depend on the two larger villages for most local services, including shops and doctors.

There are primary schools at Dodleston, Eccleston, Clutton and Farndon, with a range of local places of worship across the ward. The Eaton Estate is central to the ward, with links to both sides of the river. The only public road links for the east and west bank parts of the ward area are via the A55 or south across the Farndon- Holt bridges, but this is no different to the previous Dodleston Chester CC single member ward, or the current 3 member CWaC ward. However this proposed warding does mean that Dodleston is linked with other rural areas with similar issues, rather than being a small part of an otherwise suburban ward with quite different needs.

Public transport links are generally poor in this area. Much of the land in the ward is owned by the Grosvenor and Barnston estates.

### **Ward Description**

Dodleston & Farndon ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Aldford	DI1
Marlston-cum-Lache (part)	DI10
Poulton	DI11
Pulford	DI12
Bruera	DI2
Churton Heath	DI3
Claverton	DI4
Dodleston	DI5
Eaton	DI6
Eccleston	DI7
Lea Newbold	DI8
Lower Kinnerton	DI9
Churton by Aldford	FB1
Churton by Farndon	FB2
Crewe by Farndon	FB3
Edgerley	FB4
Farndon	FB5
Kings Marsh	FB6
Aldersley	FG1
Barton	FG2
Clutton	FG7
Coddington	FG8

Maps: Rural South Wards and Rural North West Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## **20) Malpas Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

This ward – the most southerly in CWaC - is very similar to the former Chester CC Malpas (2 member) ward. The historic village of Malpas is a local centre, with shops, doctors surgery, sheltered housing (private and HA), the Bishop Heber secondary school, and primary schools.

Nomansheath is the only other substantial community, but residents have only one local shop, relying on nearby Malpas for everything else. There is a reasonable bus service accessible to most residents of the ward.

Malpas church occupies a very prominent site in the village, but there are several other places of worship in the ward.

### **Ward Description**

Malpas ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Agden	FD1
Macfen	FD10
Malpas	FD11
Newton by Malpas	FD12
Oldcastle	FD13
Overton	FD14
Stockton	FD15
Threapwood	FD16
Tushingam-cum-Grindley	FD17
Wigland	FD18
Wychough	FD19
Bickley	FD2
Bradley	FD3
Chidlow	FD4
Chorlton	FD5
Cuddington	FD6
Edge	FD7
Hampton	FD8
Larkton	FD9
Horton by Malpas	FG12
Shocklach Oviatt	FG13
Stretton	FG14
Caldecott	FG4
Carden	FG5
Church Shocklach	FG6

Map: Rural South Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## **21) Rowton Moor Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

This ward – immediately to the south-east of Chester’s eastern suburbs - joins Christleton, Waverton, Saughton and Rowton and takes its name from Chester’s Civil War history. The area is all parished. Christleton High School, and Christleton ,Waverton and Saughton Primary schools serve the ward.

There are CofE churches in Christleton, Saughton and Waverton and also a Baptist Church at Waverton. Both are popular villages with a strong sense of community. There are shops in both main villages and a number of pubs. There is a social club in Christleton and Joint-Use sports facilities including swimming pool at the High School. The Number 41 bus route links Christleton and Waverton and the 56 route runs along the A41. There are stronger links between Christleton and Waverton than the former linkage of Christleton with Guilden Sutton. Christleton and Waverton have particularly active Parish Councils.

The parish boundary of Christleton and Waverton cuts across the northern edges of Waverton village in such a manner as to make the two almost indistinguishable, also given that Waverton is within the catchment area for Christleton High School, gives strong reasons for these two adjoining parishes, with similar profiles, should be in the same ward.

### **Ward Description**

Rowton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Christleton	DE1
Saughton	DW1
Rowton	DX1
Cotton Edmunds	FE4
Fouk Stapleford	FE6
Golborne Below	FF4
Golborne David	FF5
Hatton	FF7
Cotton Abbotts	FH1
Waverton	FH2

Maps: Rural North Wards and Rural North West

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## **22) Mickle Trafford**

### **Ward Justification**

North east of Chester along the A56, Mickle Trafford and surrounding villages provide a home for many commuters to Chester and beyond. Much of the area is agricultural, although the large Gowy land raise scheme does dominate part of the area.

### **Ward Description**

Mickle Trafford ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Littleton	DE2	All exc. Broadmead & Stamford Court
Guilden Sutton	DE3	n/a
Bridge Trafford	EB1	n/a
Hoole Village	EB2	n/a
Mickle Trafford	EB3	n/a
Picton	EB4	n/a
Wimbolds Trafford	EB5	n/a
Dunham-on-the-Hill	EC1	n/a

Map: Rural North Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## 23) Mollington & Saughall

### Ward Justification

Mollington and Saughall villages have particularly strong parish councils providing a range of services and a strong sense of identity. Other areas in the ward are also parished and have clear local identities.

The area is bordered by the Dee estuary to the west, Chester to the south and Ellesmer Port to the north, the villages and hamlets are a rural break from the industry and development in all directions.

### Ward Description

Mollington & Saughall ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Capenhurst	DO2
Ledsham	DO6
Mollington	DO7
Puddington	DR1
Saughall	DR2
Shotwick	DR3
Shotwick Park	DR4
Woodbank	DR5

Map: Rural North Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## 24) Elton

### Ward Justification

Elton is a village on the edge of the massive Stanlow oil refinery complex, many people living there work at the refinery and associated industries. The other villages lie either side of the western end of the M56 motorway, providing a rural break to the industrial backdrop.

### **Ward Description**

Elton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Backford	DO1
Caughall	DO3
Chorlton	DO4
Lea by Backford	DO5
Croughton	DV1
Stoak	DV3
Wervin	DV4
Elton	EA1
Thornton-le-Moors	EA2
Hapsford	EC2
Ince	OB

Map: Rural North Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## **25) Tattenhall Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

This is similar to the former Tattenhall (2 member) ward of Chester CC, with the addition of the villages of Tilston and Broxton, and the rural areas between them. Other than these two villages, and Tattenhall itself, Tiverton is the only other substantial village in the ward.

The historic village of Tattenhall is a notable local centre, with a wide range of local services, including shops, doctors, primary school, places of worship, restaurants and pubs. It also has a good range of small local businesses, which have been built up the local landowner, the Barbour estate.

The ward covers a stretch of the Sandstone ridge, including Beeston Castle and part of the Iron Age Maiden Castle hillfort.

### **Ward Description**

Tattenhall ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Huxley	FE8
Beeston	FF1

Tilstone Fearnall	FF10
Tiverton	FF11
Burwardsley	FF2
Chowley	FF3
Handley	FF6
Newton by Tattenhall	FF8
Tattenhall	FF9
Grafton	FG10
Harthill	FG11
Tilston	FG15
Broxton	FG3
Duckington	FG9

Map: Rural South Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries

## 26) Tarvin Ward

### Ward Justification

This compact rural ward is built on the former (2 member) Tarvin ward of Chester CC, with the addition of the village of Barrow. Historic Tarvin village is a major local centre, with doctors, a school, and a good range of shops and other local services used by residents from throughout the proposed ward. Duddon is the only other fair-sized village in the ward. Bus services are good for most of the ward, with routes running along the A51 and A54.

### Ward Description

Tarvin ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Barrow	FA1	n/a
Bruen Stapleford	FE1	n/a
Tarvin (Outer)	FE11	All excluding Willington Road/ Willington Corner/ etc
Tarvin (Village)	FE12	n/a
Burton by Tarvin	FE2	n/a
Clotton Hoofield	FE3	n/a
Duddon	FE5	n/a
Hockenhull	FE7	n/a
Iddenshall	FE9	n/a

Map: Rural North Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries (apart from the variations around FE11 polling district, see map).

## 27) Kelsall Ward

### Ward Justification

This proposed ward – on the edge of the Sandstone ridge - adds the village of Mouldsworth to the former Chester CC Kelsall ward. The village of Kelsall has a range of local services, including a primary school, doctors, shops, places of worship, and Ashton Hayes has some local services of its own. Mouldsworth (part of the same Chester CC ward as Kelsall until 1999) has a railway station, but few other local services. Willington has always had a strong connection with Kelsall and used to be in the same ward, also the Parish of St Philips, Kelsall also covers Willington.

The area of Oakmere parish along Willington Road, Chapel lane and Boothsdale has been included within Kelsall ward as there is a definite strong link between it and Kelsall village. Often well away from the centre of Oakmere some miles away, when Kelsall village is a few hundred metres away. Indeed, until the 1980's about a third of Kelsall village was within Oakmere parish and the same local government wards, such is the commonality between the areas.

Although we are not proposing this area be removed from Oakmere parish, there is strong evidence to back the proposal with regard to local authority wards.

### Ward Description

Kelsall ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Delamere	EEC	Willington Road/ Chapel Lane/ Boothsdale/ etc
Peel cum Horton	FA2	n/a
Mouldsworth	FA3	n/a
Ashton	FC1	n/a
Kelsall	FC2	n/a
Pryors Heyes	FE10	n/a
Tarvin (Outer)	FE11	Willington Road/Willington Corner/etc
Willington	FE13	n/a

Map: Rural North Wards

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries (apart from the variations around EEC and FE11 polling districts, see map).

## Appendix 2

### Former Vale Royal Borough Council Area Wards

#### 28) Marbury Ward

##### Ward Justification

This ward takes in the villages in the extreme north east of the CW&C area. Most villages are commuter villages for people working in Northwich, Manchester and beyond, being very close to the M6 and M56 motorways. There are a number of small industrial hamlets nearer to Northwich, but generally the ward is rural most land being used for agricultural purposes.

Given the similarity of the numerous small villages and hamlets across this area, it made little sense to split and/or merge this area with larger adjacent villages as it would lose its identity in the larger communities.

##### Ward Description

Marbury ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Comberbach	TBB
Little Leigh	TBC
Antrobus	TEA
Great Budworth	TEB
Marston	TEC
Whitley	TED

Map: Rural North East Wards

#### 29) Lostock & Wincham Ward

##### Ward Justification

The two adjacent villages of Lostock Gralam and Wincham are separated by Wincham Brook and a few hundred metres, but both have similar backgrounds. Originally industrial villages built to serve the growing chemical industry around this part of Cheshire, then developing with new private and public housing estates since the last war.

Both villages were served for decades as part of the same borough council ward, therefore have a strong civic link. Given their strong similarity we believe that they should be retained together, rather than splitting the villages among separate wards and a consequent reduction in the quality of representation.

##### Ward Description

Lostock & Wincham ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Lostock Gralam Village	TCA
Wincham	TCB

Map: Rural North East Wards

### **30) Barnton Rosebank**

#### **Ward Justification**

Barnton is a large industrial village to the north of Northwich and on the north bank of the River Weaver, the famous Anderton Boat Lift is just by the village. Development is entirely owed to the salt industry, which thrived here in the nineteenth and early twentieth century, followed by the various chemical industries which still dominate the area. Since the last war there has been development of both private and public housing estates. Being separated from Northwich by the River Weaver it has its own character and sense of independence.

However, given the electorate of Barnton at approx. 4500, it is too large for a single ward and too small for two wards. Therefore the village needed to be split and part added to an adjacent area to ensure electoral balance, adding anything to Barnton could well be viewed locally as contentious. This was probably one of the most difficult problems encountered in our submission.

Within Barnton there are three distinct sub-communities, roughly in line with the three existing polling districts. TAA polling district centred around Elmwood Road is mostly a development of private housing dating from the 1960's until recently. TAB polling district, based around Meadow Drive and Grange Road, is mostly, but not exclusively, public housing developed in the 1950's. TAC polling district is essentially the heart of the old industrial village, consisting of mostly nineteenth century terraced houses with other more modern, small developments.

Given this we propose that TAA and TAB polling districts along with the Emmett Street area of TAC polling district are combined to form a new ward. At the heart of this part of Barnton is Rosebank School, therefore we suggest that this would be a suitable name.

#### **Ward Description**

Barnton Rosebank ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Barnton (Part 1)	TAA	n/a
Barnton (Part 2)	TAB	n/a
Barnton (Part 3)	Part of TAC	Emmett St/Hindley Cr /Hickson St/Grange Ave/etc*

\* See polling district appendix for full details of proposed polling district split

Ward Boundary: Starting where TAB polling district meets the River Weaver adjacent to the road called Canal Side, follow the polling district boundary along the river south, west and then north to the point on the A533 road where the TAA polling district boundary meets. Following that boundary north, south east and then south west to the point where TAA crosses Townfield Road. The boundary continues to the rear of properties on Lydyett Lane across the start of Emmett Street and on the A533, meeting the boundary of polling district TAB. Follow TAB boundary south back to the River Weaver.

Map: Rural North East Wards

## **31) Barnton Village and Northwich Winnington Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

For initial comments, please see paragraphs 1-3 for Barnton Rosebank ward above.

Northwich Winnington is a suburb of Northwich on the northwest side of the town to the south of the River Weaver. The area is dominated by chemical works, so much a part of the town's economy. Most of the residential buildings were developed during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, consisting of terraced and other housing. Some of the development was built by chemical manufacturers for their workers. Latterly there has been modern development since the 1990's, and more is proposed, using land vacated by the chemical industry between Winnington and Barnton.

As discussed above, Barnton has been split to achieve electoral balance, as such the area of Barnton adjacent to the River Weaver, most of TAC polling district comprising of the original nineteenth century village, has similar housing and concerns as Winnington.

Therefore we are proposing to combine the two into one ward. Although we are fully cognisant of the individuality of each community, but believe we have come up the best compromise possible. Even if a two member ward was proposed this would have still necessitated the addition of a substantial area outside of Barnton, exceeding 2000 electors.

As the ward is slightly oversize a small part of the Cromwell Road area on the eadge of Winnington has been transferred to Hartford East and Greenbank, to ensure electoral balance.

### **Ward Description**

Barnton Village & Northwich Winnington ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split	Outline
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Barnton (Part 3)	TAC	All exc. Emmett St/Hindley Cr/Hickson St/Grange Ave/etc
Winnington	WKA	All exc. part of Moss Ln/Cromwell Rd/Alderley Rd

\* See polling district appendix for full details of proposed polling district split

Ward Boundary: Starting where TAC polling district meets the River Weaver adjacent to the road called Boot Hill, follow the polling district boundary north and south west to the point where TAA crosses Townfield Road. The boundary continues to the rear of properties on Lydyett Lane across the start of Emmett Street and on the A533, meeting the boundary of polling district TAB. Follow TAB boundary south to the River Weaver.

Then follow the WKA polling district boundary south along the River Weaver, then east and north, until Moss Road. The boundary cuts between number 89 and 91 Moss Lane and across to include 44 Moss Lane then between the rear of houses between Alderley Road and Cromwell Road. The boundary crosses between the properties 88/90 and 113/115 Cromwell Road, before resuming the WKA polling district boundary and back to the starting point on the River Weaver.

Map: Rural North East Wards

## 32) Northwich Town Ward

### Ward Justification

Town centres rarely make for convenient wards and Northwich is no exception, due to rivers and other physical barriers. But there are established communities such as the Castle area and immediately south of the town centre.

### Ward Description

Northwich Town ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Castle (Part 2)	WJB	n/a
Witton (Part 3)	WLC	All exc. east of and inc. Station Rd/Albert Pl

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting where WJB polling district boundary meets the River Weaver south of the town centre, follow the boundary west, then north and east back to the River Weaver. Then follow the WLC polling district boundary north along the River Weaver and east along Witton Brook and then Wade Brook, to a point where it meets the B5075 New Warrington Road, follow this road south the roundabout at the junction with Manchester Road. From this roundabout go south but to the west and rear of the properties on Station Road and Albert Place to the Northwich to Chester Railway line. Follow the

railway line west to where it crosses the River Dane. Follow the River Dane north to Chester Way, the follow Chester Way west to the River Weaver and then head south to the starting point.

### **33) Northwich Witton Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

The Witton area to the south east of Northwich is a largely residential area for people working in the town's chemical industry there is a mix of both public and private housing dating from the mid nineteenth century to the 1960's. It is a well established community that extends beyond any ward boundary with schools, shops, recreation grounds and social clubs. All of it contained within a very compact area.

The main difficulty is determining where to place the boundary, particularly to the south of Witton. To produce a more balanced split in terms of electorate and keeping the smaller communities together, we have avoided splitting the smaller estates and where possible roads, something not achieved with earlier reviews.

Also because of the need to keep Northwich Town ward within the limits of electoral variance, an area of Witton has been included into that ward, although we have managed to keep a smaller community unit in that process.

#### **Ward Description**

Northwich Witton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Witton (Part 1)	WLA	n/a
Witton (Part 2)	WLB	n/a
Witton (Part 3)	WLC	East of and inc. Station Rd/Albert Pl
Witton (Part 4)	WLD	All exc. Agecroft Rd/Belmont Rd/Braemar Ave/etc

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting where WLB/WMA polling district boundaries and meet the River Weaver, go north along the River Dane, continuing to where the Chester to Northwich railway line cross the river and follow the railway north east. When the railway meets Station Road go north, but to the west of the rear of properties on Albert Place and Station Road to the roundabout at the junction with Manchester Road. Follow the B5075 new Warrington Road north to Wade Brook to the boundary of WLA polling district. Follow this boundary east and then south and then the WLD polling district boundary to where it meets Middlewich Road. Go north along Middlewich Road until just north of Agecroft Road, turn south west between the properties on Agecroft Road/Manor Drive/Braemar Avenue to the south, and Richard Street/ Grantham Close to the north. From the mini roundabout at the junction of

Braemar Avenue and Malpas Road, go west to the Northwich to Sandbach railway line and head south, then west to the starting point on the River Dane.

### **34) Rudheath & South Witton Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

Immediately south of Witton is Rudheath, the boundary between the two is well established as a parish boundary, however as stated for Witton part of Witton has to be part of a ward with Rudheath to maintain electoral balance.

Rudheath shares many of the facilities with Rudheath. The housing is mixed with a sizeable pre war public housing estate, and later 1980's/90's private housing developments.

The rural part of Rudheath has been put in with Davenham and Lostock Green ward.

#### **Ward Description**

Rudheath & South Witton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Rudheath (Part 1)	TDA	All exc.South of A556/canal
Rudheath (Part 2)	TDB	n/a
Witton (Part 4)	WLD	Agecroft Rd/Belmont Rd/Braemar Ave/etc
South Witton	WMA	n/a

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting where the TDA boundary on the A556 meets the junction of Gadbrook Road. Here the ward boundary continues east along the A556 to the Trent and Mersey Canal, where the boundary goes north along the canal, until it meets the boundary of TDA and WLD polling districts. Follow the WLD polling district boundary west and south to where it meets Middlewich Road. Go north along Middlewich Road until just north of Agecroft Road, turn south west between the properties on Agecroft Road/Manor Drive/Braemar Avenue to the south, and Richard Street/ Grantham Close to the north. From the mini roundabout at the junction of Braemar Avenue and Malpas Road, go west to the Northwich to Sandbach railway line and head south along the WLD polling district boundary and west to the River Dane. Follow the River Dane south to the A556, then east along the TDB polling district boundary to the starting point.

### **35) Kingsmead Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

The Kingsmead area, south of Northwich and north of the A556 Northwich Bypass, is a new private development built during the past 15 years, consisting of detached and semi-detached housing. Together with its own school and shops, it has established its own community. There is an older part of the area along London Road, which has housing of various ages from the nineteenth century to the 1970's.

The electorate make a ward of almost median electorate size.

### **Ward Description**

Kingsmead ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Davenham Kingsmead	EDA	n/a
Leftwich (Part 1)	WGA	Monarch Dr/Sandbach Dr/Wyndham Cl/etc
Leftwich (Part 2)	WGB	London Rd/Woodpecker Dr

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: From the point where EDA polling district boundary leaves the A556 follow the boundary northwest along the River Weaver, continue along the WGA polling district boundary to a point beyond Sandbache Close and The Pines, follow south east behind these properties on the edge of the Sir John Deane's College to the roundabout at the junction of Kingsmead and Monarch Drive. Continue south east, south of the properties in Dobell's Road and Lime Avenue, but north of the properties in St George's Way, etc, to the point on London Road where the EDA polling district boundary meet, follow the boundary south and west to the starting point.

## **36) Leftwich Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

Leftwich is south of Northwich with a mixture of 1950's public housing and a variety of private housing developments dating up to the 1970's. Towards the centre of Northwich along London Road there are older properties from the nineteenth century.

Since Leftwich alone is not large enough to justify its own ward, the adjacent polling district of WKE, south of Chester Way, has been added. This has been part of other wards in the past, but it is isolated from the rest of Northwich by the Rivers Weaver and Dane. Also the housing and general make up of the area has much in common with the part of Leftwich immediately beyond the railway viaduct which currently serves as the boundary between the two.

### **Ward Description**

Leftwich ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Leftwich (Part 1)	WGA	All exc. Monarch Dr/Sandbach Dr/Wyndham Cl/etc
Leftwich (Part 2)	WGB	All exc. London Rd/Woodpecker Dr
Witton (Part 5)	WLE	South of Chester Way

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Commencing Where polling district boundaries WLE and WGA meet on the River Weaver, go south along the WGA polling district boundary to a point before Sandbach Close and The Pines, follow south east behind these properties on the edge of the Sir John Deane's College to the roundabout at the junction of Kingsmead and Monarch Drive. Continue south east, south of the properties in Dobell's Road and Lime Avenue, but north of the properties in St George's Way, etc, to the point on London Road where the EDA polling district boundary meet, follow the boundary south to just north of Woodpecker Drive. Go west to the A556 and follow the WGB polling district boundary east along the A556, then north along the River Dane, continuing with WGA polling district boundary north and then west. Continue north along the River Dane where it becomes the WLE polling district, until Chester Way, follow Chester Way west to the River Weaver and then head south to the starting point.

### 37) Davenham & Lostock Green Ward

#### Ward Justification

To the south of Northwich there is a crescent of commuter villages both large (Davenham) and small (typically Lach Dennis and Lostock Green), separated by flat agricultural lands. Most people in these areas commute to Northwich, Winsford and Middlewich for employment. The rural hinterland of Rudheath parish is very similar to these areas and has been included for that reason.

#### Ward Description

Davenham & Lostock Green ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Davenham Village	EBB	n/a
Davenham Whatcroft	EBC	n/a
Rudheath (Part 1)	TDA	Broken Cross (south of canal) & King St etc
Lach Dennis	TFC	n/a
Lostock Green	TFD	n/a

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: The boundary follows the outline of polling districts clockwise: TFD, TFC, EBC, EBB and TDA up to where the TDA boundary on the A556 meets the junction of Gadbrook Road. Here the ward boundary

continues east along the A556 to the Trent and Mersey Canal, where the boundary goes north along the canal, until it meets the boundary of TDA and TFD polling districts. This completes the ward boundary.

### **38) Moulton & Allostock Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

At first glance the ward boundary here looks unusual, until the boundary of CW&C Council is considered. Moulton is an old, established industrial village, with connections to the local salt industry. There are many nineteenth century terraced house in the village as well as more modern developments from throughout the twentieth century. Many people commute to the various mid-Cheshire towns for employment.

The remaining villages and hamlets in the ward are a mix of agricultural and commuter communities, all small in electorate, and almost encircling Middlewich which, not being in West Cheshire, is something of an anomaly. Making, as already stated, the ward boundary highly unusual.

Given that the other option would be to unnecessarily split villages that are well below the median size for a ward, we feel this is the better option and therefore propose that this is a ward.

#### **Ward Description**

Moulton & Allostock ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Moulton	EBD
Stanthorne	EBE
Wimboldsley	EBF
Allostock	TFA
Byley	TFB
Nether Peover	TFE
Sproston	TFF

Map: Rural North East Wards/Rural East Wards

### **39) Frodsham North West Ward**

#### **Ward Justification**

Frodsham is an old rural town either side of the A56, with an historic eighteenth century centre, followed by nineteenth century Victorian villas up Frodsham Hill. Subsequently public and private housing was built for people working in the developing chemical industry in nearby Runcorn up until the 1970's. Many local residents commute to Manchester and Liverpool.

Frodsham Town Council is warded into four wards North, South, East and West, in natural divisions within the town. Given the total electorate of Frodsham is about 7300, the town can be split into two wards, if slightly above the electoral norm, it just sits on the top of the +10% limit. However, we believe that to split minute parts of the town away to another ward, would not be in the best interests of the local electorate.

The area generally to the North West of the A56 represents either the centre of the town and a distinct community based around Ship Lane. Therefore we propose that the Frodsham Town Council wards of Frodsham North and Frodsham West be combined into one ward, with a minor change of transferring two roads into Frodsham South East ward.

### **Ward Description**

Frodsham North West ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Frodsham North	WBB
Frodsham West	WBC

Note that the following roads should be transferred from Frodsham North West ward to Frodsham South East ward:

Fieldway  
Hatley Lane

Map: Rural North Wards

## **40) Frodsham South East Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

For initial comments, please see paragraphs 1-2 for Frodsham North West ward above.

The area generally to the south east of the A56 consists of Victorian villas, some scattered nineteenth century terraced housing and twentieth century developments up to the 1970's. It stretches from the back of the town centre up Frodsham Hill and up to Beacon Hill and a tranche of rural hinterland with scattered farmhouses and cottages.

The ward consists of Frodsham Town Council East and South wards. The small roads of Fieldway and Hatley Lane have been transferred in to the ward from the North West ward, to balance the electoral numbers better and for convenience of representation. Again we stress that although this ward is at the maximum size being almost +10% over the electoral limit, we believe that separating a small section of the ward to another ward would not be in the best interests of local electors who identify with Frodsham.

### **Ward Description**

Frodsham South East ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Frodsham East	WBA	n/a
Frodsham West	WBC	Fieldway/Hatley Lane
Frodsham South	WCA	n/a

Map: Rural North Wards

## 41) Helsby Ward

### Ward Justification

Helsby, similar to Frodsham, but much smaller, in the shadow of the sandstone ridge and along the A56, has similar nineteenth century terraced housing and Victorian villas, along with twentieth century private and public developments up until the 1980's. For many years a large cable manufacturer was based in the town and provided much local employment. Nowadays Helsby is a commuter town and provides workers for Ellesmere Port and Runcorn.

The electorate of Helsby is higher than the median for wards, and is actually just over the +10% limit. However, we believe that (as with Frodsham) splitting a small number of electors away from the town would not be in the best interests of local residents and would reduce the value of their representation greater than a slight exceeding of the recommended electoral variation.

### Ward Description

Helsby ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Helsby Central	WEA
Helsby North	WEB
Helsby South	WEC

Map: Rural North Wards

## 42) Kingsley & Forest Ward

### Ward Justification

The area between the sandstone ridge behind Frodsham and Helsby and Delamere Forest consists of the large village of Kingsley and smaller villages and hamlets such as Norley and Alvanley. The area is predominately agricultural, with some forestry, but no major industrial or commercial developments. The villages are used by many people for commuting to Northwich, Runcorn, Chester and further afield. Many of the upland areas

here have an unusual character, not usually associated with Cheshire, and its uniqueness needs to be recognised.

With much in common between these villages and the nature of the spread out rural communities in this area, and given that the electorate size lies within the allowable limits, these parishes formed a practicable ward.

### **Ward Description**

ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Avanley	WAA
Manley	WAB
Norley	WAC
Helsby North	WEB
Kingsley	WFA

Map: Rural North Wards

## **43) Milton Weaver & Weaverham Church Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

For initial comments, please see paragraphs 1-2 for Weaverham Gorstage & Owley Wood ward above.

The rural part the Weaver valley between Weaverham and Frodsham has a number of small villages and hamlets, many are commuting villages to Northwich, Chester, Liverpool and Manchester. This area is mostly agricultural with little industry. The villages between them are too small to justify a ward on their own, but do number 1700 electors. Therefore, rather than swamping the area in a large multi member ward, it would be balanced to combine the area with a similar sized adjacent area. Weaverham Church is of a similar electorate, with the traditional village heart of Weaverham, it was felt that there was good level of similarity between the two areas to make a ward with effective representation.

### **Ward Description**

Milton Weaver & Weaverham Church ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Acton Bridge	WHA
Aston	WHB
Crowton	WHC
Dutton	WHD
Sutton	WHE
Weaverham (Part 1) Church	WNA

Map: Rural North Wards

## **44) Weaverham Gorstage & Owley Wood Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

Weaverham is an old rural village north west of Northwich and south of the River Weaver, with at its heart buildings dating back to the eighteenth and nineteenth century, that has since then seen large development in the post war period of public housing for workers in Northwich's chemical industry, followed by smaller private developments since then.

As with Barnton, Weaverham has a strong sense of identity and it also has over 5000 electors, therefore needs to be split and other areas added in to part of Weaverham to retain electoral balance. However, Weaverham Parish Council, unlike Barnton, is already warded into three wards Church, Gorstage and Owley Wood, each of about 1700 electorate. Church being the old heart of the village, and Gorstage and Owley Wood being the more recent developments in Weaverham.

Therefore we propose that, given the similarity of housing and proximity to each other, a ward of Gorstage and Owley Wood parish wards is created.

### **Ward Description**

Lostock & Wincham ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Weaverham (Part 2) Gorstage	WNB
Weaverham (Part 3) Owley Wood	WNC

Map: Rural North East Wards

## **45) Hartford Village Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

Hartford Parish has a total electorate of over 4300, therefore is larger than a single ward and needs to be considered for firstly where it can be split with due respect for community ties within Hartford, and secondly what can be linked with part of Hartford that has some similarity. As Hartford Parish is not warded this exercise has to be carried out from scratch.

Within Hartford there was identified a central community which stretched from the Parish Church of St John's along Chester Road and over towards the A556 Northwich by-pass, including School Lane. Its size came just under the electoral median, but perfectly acceptable.

This part of Hartford consists of a core village area with some terraced housing and Victorian villas but varied developments, mostly of twentieth

century build ranging from large 1930's detached property, through more modern private development up to the 1980's, to some public housing. This is essentially a commuter area primarily to Northwich.

### **Ward Description**

Hartford Village ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Hartford (Part 1)	WDA	n/a
Hartford (Part 2)	WDB	All exc. Hartford Beach
Hartford (Part 3)	WDC	West of and all west side/east side from Whitehall Drive of School Lane

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the Hartford parish boundary meets the A556 at Sandiway Bank (by the road to Whitegate), follow the parish boundary generally east to where the parish boundary re-crosses the A556 at Hartford Bridge, then trace a north west line to School Lane to a point where Whitehall Lane meets School Lane. Follow the centre of School Lane to the cross roads with Chester Road, then follow in a northwest line to the Northwich to Chester railway line. Follow the railway line west to the parish boundary and then south along that boundary until you reach the starting point.

## **46) Hartford East & Greenbank Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

For initial comments, please see paragraph 1 for Hartford Village ward above.

Away from the main part of Hartford, there are two identifiable areas Hartford Beach, along Beach Road and Hodge Lane, represents a clearly distinct area with housing a mix of private developments from the turn of the twentieth century onwards. Also the area east of School Lane towards Greenbank and around the Mid-Cheshire College has a clear identity. The area has housing ranging from Victorian and Edwardian private developments to 1950's public housing.

Greenbank is again a similar mix of housing ranging from Victorian and Edwardian private developments to 1950's public housing. Adjacent to this is a relatively new private development sometimes known as Moss Farm, along Firdale Road, which was built in the 1980's and has a mixture of bungalows and houses both detached and semi-detached. Along Moss Road is a inter war years development of semi-detached housing. Most people in this area work in the Northwich area.

This area has much in common, the local station is called Hartford & Greenbank, and one ward would represent a good opportunity to combine an

area which in the past has always had the potential for being overlooked by virtue of being split up among other wards at all levels of local government.

### **Ward Description**

Hartford East & Greenbank ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Hartford (Part 2)	WDB	Hartford Beach
Hartford (Part 3)	WDC	East of and east side of School Lane up to Whitehall Drive
Castle (Part 1)	WJA	n/a
Castle (Part 3)	WJC	n/a
Winnington	WKA	Part of Moss Ln/Cromwell Rd/Alderley Rd

Map: Rural North East Wards

Ward Boundary: Starting at a point where the parish boundary crosses the A556 at Hartford Bridge, then trace a north west line to School Lane to a point where Whitehall Lane meets School Lane. Follow the centre of School Lane to the cross roads with Chester Road, then follow in a northwest line to the Northwich to Chester railway line. Follow the railway line west to the parish boundary and then north and east along that boundary until you reach the point where polling district WJA is met. Follow the boundary of WJA north east to Moss Lane. The boundary cuts between number 89 and 91 Moss Lane and across to include 44 Moss Lane then between the rear of houses between Alderley Road and Cromwell Road. The boundary crosses between the properties 88/90 and 113/115 Cromwell Road, before resuming the WJA polling district boundary in a south direction. When the boundary of WJC polling district is met follow that in a south east direction, until the WDC polling district boundary is met. Follow that south west until you reach the starting point.

## **47) Cuddington & Sandiway Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

The ward consists of the Cuddington & Sandiway parish Council wards of Cuddington and Sandiway.

The ward is bisected by the A556 and the Manchester-Chester railway line. Cuddington and Sandiway are served by Cuddington railway Station. The A49 also passes through Cuddington parish.

Cuddington and Sandiway have two primary schools, a library, a dentist and three small parades of shops. Oakmere parish shares a primary school with neighbouring Mara ward.

Due to the size of the electorate of Cuddington & Sandiway parish of over 4400, it was necessary to split the parish to ensure electoral balance. As the

parish was already split into wards (Cuddington, Sandiway and Delamere Park), this was not a difficult process on paper, and we propose that Delamere Park is included with the new Mara ward. However, we appreciate the concerns that this causes locally about the potential for losing Delamere Park, because of the proposed split, in some future parish review. Although we consider this unlikely, as in the past there have been a number of parishes across Cheshire West in a similar position for a number of years now, and none have lost any part of the parish. A typical example is Upton Parish near Chester where the Dale Army camp is in an adjacent ward, but this has never been even considered for transfer away from its current Parish Council. Another, nearer, example is Lostock Green within Lostock Gralam Parish, which is split off into another ward, again with no threat of loss from the Parish Council.

**Ward Description**

Cuddington & Sandiway ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Cuddington (Part 1)	EAA
Sandiway	EAC

**48) Mara Ward**

**Ward Justification**

Mara ward consists of the parishes of Delamere, Cotebrook, Oakmere and the Delamere Park ward of Cuddington & Sandiway Parish Council. It is essentially a rural area apart from Delamere Park, mainly green belt, containing Delamere Forest in the north and farmland in the south.

The western boundary is clearly defined by the B5152 from Hatchmere, past Delamere Station over the crossroad with the A556 at the Abbey Arms to the crossroad with the A49 and then south along the A49 to Cotebrook where it follows the the line of Sandyford Brook for a while and then across country to take in the small community of Cotebrook and outlying farms. The eastern boundary then starts in a northerly direction following the CP boundary line to Willington Corner. Here it takes in Yeld Lane, across the A54 at Kelsall Hill, leading north across country to Spy Hill, turning east along Delamere Lane at the Outdoor Education Centre back to the B5152.

The ward is served by two primary scools at Chester Rd, Delamere and Utkinton. 60% of the electorate are concentrated along the B5152 (Station Road and Abbey Lane).

The Willington Road, Chapel Lane, Boothdale area of Delemere Parish has been included within Kelsall ward for reasons given there.

**Ward Description**

Mara ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Cuddington (Part 2)	EAB	n/a
Oakmere	EAD	n/a
Whitegate and Marton	ECA	n/a
Cotebrook	EEA	n/a
Delamere	EEC	All exc. Willington Road/Chapel Lane/Boothdale/Gooseberry Lane/etc

Ward Boundary: As per the combined parish boundaries (apart from the variations around FE11 polling district, see map).

## 49) Tarporley & Oulton Ward

### Ward Justification

Tarporley and Oulton ward consists of the parishes of Tarporley, Rushton, Little Budworth, Darnhall and Utkinton. Tarporley contains the highest density of housing and amenities with 66% of the electorate.

The southern boundary follows the CP boundary line from Birch Heath in the west, along Wettenhall Brook, turns north at Towns Green, past Ash House Cottages, Bankside Farm, Primrose Hill, along Ashbrook to the River Weaver near Trelfa's Wood. The ward is essentially contained within the area north of this boundary within (but not following) the A49 to the west of Tarporley, the A54 to Brook Farm and then across country skirting the west of Winsford Over to Bottom Flash and the river Weaver at Trelfa's Wood again.

Tarporley is served by three schools, two primary and one High School. The village has fairly large range of retail facilities, a hospital and two dentists. The rest of the ward is rural with small communities – Eaton, Rushton, Little Budworth (which has a primary school) and Darnhall.

### Ward Description

Tarporley & Oulton ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District
Utkinton	EEB
Darnall	EFA
Little Budworth	EFB
Rushton	EFC
Tarporley (Part 1)	EFD
Tarporley (Part 2)	EFE

## 50) Winsford Dene Ward

## Ward Justification

The Dene ward is the hub of the town, with the Winsford shopping centre, Wyvern House Municipal building and the brand new Winsford Lifestyle Centre all located within its boundaries.

With the south side of the High St. [A54] as its northern boundary it encompasses the rows of Victorian terraced house running off the High and the 1950's properties of the Council estates extending either side of Dene drive. Many of these former Council houses are now privately owned following the right to buy legislation.

The Dene ward is home to the St. Luke's hospice which serves all of Mid Cheshire residents who are in need of its special medical services. A recent merger of three medical practices' made possible a fully equipped and up to date medical centre located on Dene Drive and a similar merger of smaller dental practises has enabled a modern Dental Practice to open in Queens parade in the heart of the shopping centre. There are two public houses in the ward and St Chad's C of E junior school on Gladstone St serves the primary educational needs.

## Ward Description

Winsford Dene ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Dene (Part 1)	EGA	n/a
Winsford Dene (Part 2)	EGB	All exc. Weaver, Dingle, Ways Gr, Granville, lower part of Gladstone & lower part of Queensway
Winsford Swanlow (Part 1)	EKA	Swanlow Lane (up to Townsfield Rd only), , Carisbrooke Dr, Caernavon Ave, etc

Ward Boundary: Starting on the A54 roundabout at Swanlow Lane follow the EGA and then EBG polling district boundaries east past the Dene Drive junction by 100 metres. Turn south across the Winsford shopping centre and across the former vale Royal BC headquarters at the Drummer to point on Queensway opposite Churchill Parkway. Continue south but to the east of and behind the properties on Churchill Parkway to Gladstone Street, then due south to the boundary of EGB polling district. Follow the EGB boundary south west and continue following the EGA polling district boundary south west, but including the two properties on Townsfied Road currently in Swanlow ward, to the junction of Townsfield Road and Swanlow Lane. The boundary then continues north along the back of the properties to the west of Swanlow Lane a point where the properties the back onto the eastern side of Beeston Drive meet, where the boundary goes south along the rear of properties to Beeston Drive until the junction with Dover Drive. Here the boundary crosses over Dover Drive and goes in generally north direction around the rear of properties on the south side of Clare Place, Carisbrooke Drive, Chilham

Close, Caister Way and Corfe Way, crossing over Denbigh Drive and around the rear of properties on Conway Avenue. The boundary then follows a north east direction on the west of Handley Hill to the A54, where it turns east to return to the start point.

## **51) Winsford Gravel Ward**

### **Ward Justification**

Gravel ward located to the east of the town is noted for being the location of the Town's rail station on the west coast main line. It is no surprise therefore to find the main thoroughfare running through the ward is called Station Rd. Until recent times and the opening of the A54 By-Pass which skirts around the Gravel ward, the traffic leaving the M6 at junction 18 and heading for Chester and North Wales would have had to pass along Station Road.

To the north of Station road are the long established estates of the 1950's including Greville drive, Lodge drive Newall Crescent. Typical of their kind, most of the properties are still social housing stock. Further north bordering the Wharton ward are the Victorian artisan cottages of Ledward St. Station Road itself has many similar aged terraced properties with just a sprinkling of more grandiose Edwardian style villas as you approach the Railway station. The Nun House estate off Station is a modern estate of private development comprising many bungalows as well as three bedroom two-story dwellings. A 1960's development, it was very popular with foremen, Charge hands and middle management employed in the nearby Winsford Industrial estate.

To the south of Station Road is the more up to date development of Rookery Rise with a genuine mix of properties from the three bed terrace to the five-bed detached. This estate is partially encircled by the By-pass and as such has almost no through traffic. In addition to the main line trains there is regular rail service to Liverpool and a taxi rank and bus service from the station to the town centre are both well used.

Apart from the industrial estate where over 4000 people are gainfully employed, there is little commercial activity in this ward except for Dickinson's Ford Dealership, two Public Houses and a newsagents, all located on Station Road.

Gravel ward has no library or community centre but it is the home of the Flashes, once described in a holiday brochure of the 1950's as the "Cheshire Broads". The Flashes - stretches of water which appear as a result of brine and salt extraction in past years; are home to a myriad of water fowl, Winsford Sailing club, Northwich sailing club, Winsford Angling club and many static caravans and chalets that follow the shoreline of the two stretches of water. The river Weaver passes through the flashes on its way to join the Mersey and the open sea.

Travelling, in an easterly direction, along Station Rd past the Industrial estate, the road name changes to Middlewich Road at the hamlet of Clive. This is the

eastern limit of the Ward and the ribbon development of small cottages and chalet bungalows along the A54 in this area of the ward is typical of the 1920's when many of the properties were built. One or two retail premises and a children's play ground on Beckett Avenue are the only notable features of this locality.

## Ward Description

Winsford Gravel ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Gravel (Part 1)	EHA	n/a
Winsford Gravel (Part 2)	EHB	n/a
Winsford Wharton (Part 2)	EMB	Ledward St and Princess St

Ward Boundary: Starting where EHB polling district boundary joins the River Weaver at Winsford Bridge in the middle of town, the boundary goes in a south east direction then north east and north, then following EHA polling district to where it turns west across Winsford Industrial Estate to the West Coast main railway line. From here the boundary goes north along the railway and opposite Bradbury Road turns west to Bradbury Road turning south west along that road to Crook Lane. The boundary goes north a short way up Crook Lane, then turns west south of and behind the properties on the south side of School Road, across Princess Street, between properties on School Street to the north and Princess Street to the south and across Ledward Street, at it's junction with School Road and Wharton Road. The boundary then turns south running to the west properties on the west side of Ledward Street, rejoining the EHA polling district boundary and returning to the start point by the River Weaver.

## 52) Winsford Over Ward

### Ward Justification

The ancient Borough of Over from which the Ward takes its name has a long history, stretching back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The original ancient Borough was essentially Delamere St. itself and the land and buildings adjoining it.

The bulk of the ward is comprised of the two Social housing estates built in the 1960's, Green field Park to the north of Oakmere Road the A54, and the Mount Pleasant estate to the south. Prior to 1974 Oakmere road was a country lane running through the two estates until the ministry of transport diverted the A54 away from the narrow and congested Delamere St. and in the process turned Oakmere road into a dual carriage way, with fast moving traffic, effectively cutting the community in two. A pedestrian underpass and a footbridge were built across the A54 in order to maintain the community link.

The Over ward has its own well used community centre situated at Cheviot square in a complex which also includes four retail premises and a Public house to serve the local community of the Mount Pleasant estate and the private property off Denbigh Drive.

There is a busy doctor's surgery at Denbigh drive and a regular bus service to Winsford town centre and to Crewe in the south and Northwich in the east. The Ward is well served by schools with Greenfields community school on Greenfield Park, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary school on Woodford lane, and St. John's C of E Primary school on Delamere St.

The south side of the A54 has Over Hall Junior school, Oatlands special school for Children with learning difficulties, Hebden Green special school for children born with disabilities and one of the two Comprehensive Senior schools serving the Town, Woodford Lodge High School on Mount Pleasant drive.

Delamere street has numerous retail outlets, a BP /Spar petrol station, several food take-away outlets and three public houses. Also on Delamere Street is the Parish Church of St John built in 1863 and commissioned by Lord Delamere in memory of his deceased wife. St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Woodford lane and the United reform Church on the Over roundabout meet most of the other spiritual needs of the community.

The Ward is high up the list of areas of deprivation with at least one infant school in the ward having over 70% of pupils qualifying for free school meals.

A large private development to the North West of the Green field Park estate, built in the mid nineties off Foxfield Lane resulted in a mix of properties from five and six bedroom detached houses at the Northern end and three and four bedroom houses at the southern end of Foxfield Lane where it becomes St John's Drive.

The Over ward is home to the Cheshire Constabulary who re-located from their old building in Chester to a brand new Police headquarters and training centre on Oakmere Road.

## **Ward Description**

Winsford Over ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Over (Part 1)	EJA	All exc. Radcliffe Road etc
Winsford Over (Part 2)	EJB	Lower end of Delamere Street
Winsford Over (Part 3)	EJC	All exc. Launceston, Llandoverly, etc

Ward Boundary: Starting at the point where EJA polling district boundary crosses the A54 north of the new Cheshire Police HQ, the boundary follow EJa west, south and east to a point close to Woodford Lane South, where the

boundary goes north east along Woodford Lane South to Mount Pleasant Drive, where it goes south east along that road to it's junction with Denbigh Drive. Going north east along Denbigh Drive and around the rear of properties on Conway Avenue. The boundary then follows a north east direction on the west of Handley Hill to the A54 and east to the A54 and Swanlow Lane roundabout. The boundary continues northwest along the rear of properties to the east of Delamere Street, including Delamere Rise, Sandymere Court and St Johns Court to Saxon Crossway. The boundary then goes north east up the middle of Delamere Street, to Whitbys Lane, where it continues north east along the rear of the properties to the west of Delamere Street, Westgate Avenue and Littler Lane (only up to the closed off section of Littler Lane). The boundary then continues north west back to the start point.

## 53) Winsford Swanlow Ward

### Ward Justification

Located in the south west quarter of the town, Swanlow ward is enclosed by the B5074 Swanlow Lane on the eastern side and Moors Lane to the south. A compact ward of mixed older style houses along the length of Swanlow Lane and Darnhall School Lane and more recent developments including the Glebe green estate, a social housing estate built in the 1960's.

There are various private developments located either side of Swanlow Drive, known as Swanlow Park, built in 1970's and into the 1980's. Swanlow Park comprises mostly of small three bedroom properties of various styles, with just a few single bedroom "starter homes" located on Commonwealth close.

The Swanlow area has few facilities of it's own with the exception of the Swanlow Lane Post Office which is the unofficial centre for the community. The Old Star is the only public house in the ward and there is just the one school Darnhall lane Junior School.

Although on the Southern outskirts of the town, Winsford town centre is just five minutes away by car and there is a regular bus service to both the town centre and to Crewe some 7 miles way to the south. The 13<sup>th</sup> century St Chad's Church which serves the ancient Borough of Over is reached from Swanlow Lane opposite it's junction with Darnhall School Lane and is the only place of Worship in the Ward.

### Ward Description

Winsford Swanlow ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Over (Part 1)	EJA	Radcliffe Road etc
Winsford Over (Part 3)	EJC	Launceston, Llandoverly, etc
Winsford Swanlow (Part 1)	EKA	All exc. Swanlow Lane (up to Townsfield Rd only), Beeston Dr, Carisbrooke Dr, etc

Winsford Swanlow (Part 2) EKB n/a

Ward Boundary: Starting where EKB and EGB polling district boundaries meet near to Winsford Bottom Flash (lake), following EKB north and then west to the EKA boundary, to the top of Townsfield Road, but excluding the two properties on Townsfield Road currently in Swanlow ward, to the junction of Townsfield Road and Swanlow Lane. The boundary then continues north along the back of the properties to the west of Swanlow Lane a point where the properties meet back onto the eastern side of Beeston Drive, where the boundary goes south along the rear of properties to Beeston Drive until the junction with Dover Drive. Here the boundary goes south west along Denbigh Drive to Mount Pleasant Road where it turns northwest along that road to Woodford Lane South, turning south east along that road, to a point behind Woodford School, where the boundary crosses to the EJA polling district boundary. Then follows the EJA boundary south west, onto the EKA boundary south west, and to the EKB boundary south east and north back to the start point.

#### **54) Winsford Verdin Ward**

Named after one of Winsford's local benefactors Sir William Verdin, the ward is in the main a compact ward made up mostly of the Grange municipal housing estate, another big City overspill estate built in readiness to house the mainly Mancunian contingent who arrived seeking work in the fledgling industrial estate based at Wharton.

It is bounded by the High St. [A 54] to the south and stretches northward along Chester Rd, embracing en-route the recent private development of the Fairways with its mix of four and five bedroom detached properties.

At the end of Grange Lane is the Knights Grange sports complex which takes its name from the 17<sup>th</sup> century house built by Lady Mary Cholmondeley and which still stands at the centre of the complex. Knights Grange caters for footballers, golfers, cricketer, tennis players, track and field athletes and walkers.

One of the Town's two comprehensive schools Verdin High is located on Grange lane within the ward, which also has a primary school located in the centre of the Grange estate, close by its own parade of shops. There is a thriving residents association on the Grange estate and a modern play facility for younger children. The Town centre is just a short walk from the estate across the high St. and one of the Town's own parks is located close by in Alexander St. The park provides play equipment for young children and two excellent bowling greens.

Verdin ward also contains the town's allotments, reached a by a short walk from Moss Bank and the plots are much sought after by Verdin ward residents eager to grow their own produce. The ward has two public Houses the Gate Inn on Chester Rd and the Knights Grange Inn.

## Ward Description

Winsford Verdin ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Over (Part 2)	EJB	All exc. lower end of Delamere Street
Winsford Verdin (Part 3)	ELC	All exc. High St, Moss Bank (part), Fairways, Saunton Cl, etc

Ward Boundary: Starting at the A54 and Delamere Street roundabout, the boundary goes northwest along the rear of properties to the east of Delamere Street, including Delamere Rise, Sandymere Court and St Johns Court to Saxon Crossway. The boundary then goes north east up the middle of Delamere Street, to Whitbys Lane, where it continues north east along the rear of the properties to the west of Delamere Street, Westgate Avenue and Littler Lane (only up to the closed off section of Littler Lane). The boundary then continues north west to the point where EJB polling district meets the A54 by the new Cheshire Police HQ. The boundary follows the EJB boundary north and east, to where it meets the ELC polling district, here the boundary follows the polling district boundary south, all the way back down Grange Lane to the A54. From here the boundary goes west back to the start point.

## 55) Winsford Weaver Ward

### Ward Justification

The introduction of this proposed new ward will go along way re-uniting the established community which thrived before the town Planners put a dual carriageway through the centre of the town.

The community around Dingle lane, Weaver Street and Ways Green comprising as it does of modest terraced properties will find common cause with those residents on the north side of the High St. [A 54] in the vicinity of Siddorn St and Bakers lane. From the gyratory system built across the river Weaver the Eastern boundary runs along Bradford Rd. parallel with the Weaver navigation past the Winsford Salt mine complex to the settlement of Meadowbank at the northern edge of the Town boundary.

Behind the old High St, the area is zoned for new house building as is the land alongside the river Weaver, just south of the Weaver Valley country park. A new college under construction at the eastern end of the A54 where Weaver St. meets the High St [A54] and the planned housing development on the Town Park adjacent to the new College will be a major part of the re-generation of Winsford within the Weaver ward.

The old High St. has numerous retail outlets, two restaurants, a motor repair facility and two public houses. The Brunner Guild Hall, given to the Town by another of its beneficiaries, Sir John Brunner MP dominates the Grange Lane

and High Street junction. The Brunner family also built the Liberal Club in Siddorn Street for the benefit of the working men of Winsford.

With Grange Lane forming the eastern boundary of the ward most of the property known locally as the Roehurst Lane estate is of very recent construction whilst the Buttermere Road development and Shepherd Fold estate off the eastern side of Grange Lane are a few years older. The three estates are similar in their make up comprising as they do of a mixture of three and four bedroom properties all built by private developers.

As part of the Winsford re-generation project, construction has just commenced on the Bakers lane development, off the Old High Street, on the site of the last working farm in the town. The Weaver ward has within the proposed boundaries the headquarters of the Cheshire Fire and Rescue service at Sadlers Road and just one place of worship, St Andrews Methodist Church at the junction of the High Street [A54]and Dingle Lane. The High Street Primary School and the Mid- Cheshire College located adjacent to the Brunner Guildhall on the High St. are the only educational establishments in the Ward at the present time. A business centre for new business start- ups occupies the former Grammar school cheek by jowl with the Mid-Cheshire College on the High Street.

### **Ward Description**

Winsford Weaver ward consists of the following:

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Dene (Part 2)	EGB	Weaver St, Dingle Lane, Ways Green, Granville St, lower part of Gladstone & lower part of Queensway
Winsford Verdin (Part 1)	ELA	n/a
Winsford Verdin (Part 2)	ELB	n/a

Ward boundary: Starting on the A54 junction with Grange Lane/Dene Drive follow the EBG polling district boundary east 100 metres. Turn south across the Winsford shopping centre and across the former vale Royal BC headquarters at the Drumber to point on Queensway opposite Churchill Parkway. Continue south but to the east of and behind the properties on Churchill Parkway to Gladstone Street, then due south to the boundary of EGB polling district. Follow the EGB boundary south east to Winsford Bottom Flash (lake), the north along the River Weaver an onto the ELB and ELA polling district boundaries to just north of Meadowbank where the boundary turns west. Continue following the polling district boundary west onto ELB district, then when it meets the ELC polling district, here the boundary follows the polling district boundary south, all the way back down Grange Lane to the A54 and the start point.

### **56) Winsford Wharton Ward**

## Ward Justification

According to local historians, the town of Winsford is an amalgamation of two villages. The village of Over, to the west of the river Weaver and the village of Wharton east of the river. The village of Wharton has been expanding rapidly over the past thirty years with the Bradbury road and Wharton Gardens Estates being typical examples. The estates were occupied in the main by Liverpoolians who arrived in the late 1960's to work for the various companies based at the burgeoning Winsford Industrial estate.

Shops, a Community Centre, Library and a Public house were built at the same time within the Bradbury Rd. Estate to cater for the social needs of the new community. Old Wharton centred on Wharton Parish church on Crook lane is a mixture of Victorian cottages, 1930's Municipal housing around Kingsway and Hill St, whilst further development of three and four bedroom properties of modern design can be found in the Collingtree avenue area built in the 1980's.

Developments in the past five years along the Weaver Valley road have seen more up market four and five bedroom detached properties being built in the Ward. Morrison's supermarket, Focus D.I.Y "Fords of Winsford" and Macdonalds fast food outlet are all located in the ward close to the Wharton by-pass A5108 Wharton Park Rd. Six years ago, a modern medical centre was opened at the junction of Crook lane and Bradbury to serve the whole Wharton community. This year a brand new Library and Community Centre housed in one modern building was formally opened. Partially funded by the "Big Lottery" the new facility replaces the two old sixties buildings mentioned above.

The ward is well served with primary schools, a bus service to the town centre and beyond. There are three Public houses, two restaurants and several take away food outlets. The ward has it's own park with bowling greens and children's play equipment. Wharton ward also contains Barton Stadium the home of Winsford United FC, the local football team.

## Ward Description

Parish/Area	Polling District	Polling District Split Outline
Winsford Wharton (Part 1)	EMA	n/a
Winsford Wharton (Part 2)	EMB	All except Ledward St and Princess St

Ward Boundary: Starting where EMA polling district crosses the A5018 Bostock Road at Wharton Green, the boundary follows the polling district boundary south east to where it turns west across Winsford Industrial Estate to the West Coast main railway line. From here the boundary goes north along the railway and opposite Bradbury Road turns west to Bradbury Road turning south west along that road to Crook Lane. The boundary goes north a short way up Crook Lane, then turns west south of and behind the properties

on the south side of School Road, across Princess Street, between properties on School Street to the north and Princess Street to the south and across Ledward Street, at its junction with School Road and Wharton Road. The boundary then turns south running to the west properties on the west side of Ledward Street, joining the EMB polling district boundary, and runs down to the River Weaver. From here the boundary runs north up the River Weaver following the EMB district boundary, then turning east to return to the start point.

## Appendix 3

### Former Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council Area Wards

#### Ward Justification

The wards set out below are for single member wards in a council size for Cheshire West and Chester (CW&C) of 75 members. In some cases the wards are the original wards of the former Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council (EPNBC). Polling district boundaries have been maintained where possible to give continuity and maintain a sense of community. However in discussion with residents throughout this process, people are more interested in the area where they live than in the name of the polling district.

In each case the new ward is set out in bold followed by the number of electorate for that ward. This is followed by the current polling district designation.

#### **57) Parkgate (electorate 3239)**

Polling districts CH; CJ; CF (part).

Ward Boundary:

The ward is bounded on the west by the authority's boundary with Wales, and on the north by its boundary with Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council, (WMBC). The southern boundary extends from a notional point on the western boundary to the site of the "Old Quay" and thence north eastwards along a footpath to its junction with the Wirral Way Country Park, (Wirral Way) and thence along the Wirral Way in an easterly direction to Bridge Street. The western boundary runs northwards from this point along the centre of Bridge Street, High Street and Liverpool Road to the Wrexham-Bidston railway line and then along the railway line to The Runnell and along the southern edge of The Runnell to the Wirral Metropolitan Borough boundary at Chester High Road (A540).

Justification.

Parkgate ward has had minimal changes to the boundaries from the former EPNBC ward and therefore maintains its identity and previous community links. It is also a ward of Neston Town Council.

#### **58) Neston (electorate 3143)**

Polling district: CF (part); CE (part).

Ward Boundary.

The ward is bounded on the west by Parkgate Ward (see above) and to the north and north-east by the boundary with WMBC southerly to Bluebell Lane. Thence the boundary runs along the northern side of Bluebell lane to its junction with Quarry Road, thence along the southern edge of Quarry Road to its junction with Hanns Hall Road and southwards along the western side of Hanns Hall Road thence to the rear of properties in Cherry Close, to the junction of Hanns Hall Road and Chester High Road and thence along Cuckoo Lane to its junction with the Wirral Way. The boundary then follows Wirral Way westwards to its junction with Mellock Lane, and then continues to the south of Station Close and westwards between Romney Way and Station Road, to the south of Stanney Close and thence westwards to the junction of Bridge Street and Burton Road.

Justification.

Neston is a recognisable district within the 'Generic Neston' and polling district CF forms a single ward of Neston Town Council. This is predominately the old EPNBC ward with a small part of polling district CE added to achieve closer electoral equality without compromising the natural community affiliation.

## **59) Marshlands (electorate 3336)**

Polling districts: CC; parts of CB and CE

Ward Boundary.

The ward is bounded on the west by the Welsh border and on the north by Parkgate Ward (see above). The eastern boundary runs southwards from the Neston Ward boundary at the rear of the properties on the eastern side of Burton Road. (Properties that are in roads that have junctions onto Burton Road on the east side are not in Marshlands ward). The boundary continues to its junction with School Lane and Neston Road. At this point the boundary line doubles back on its self north to the junction with Burton Road and Well Lane. At this point the boundary continues from Burton Road southwards along Well Lane to the footpath known as New Houses Lane, (the six properties on the west side of Well Lane are in Marshlands ward) and thence south-westwards to a notional point on the Welsh border.

Justification.

The existing polling district CC (was the Riverside Ward of the former EPNBC) has been extended eastwards to form a single member ward characterised by properties largely, but by no means exclusively, of the same age. By extending the ward in this way community cohesion is maintained.

The name “Marshlands” reflects the outcome of local consultation and is name of a well known road locally and reflects the original nature of most of the ward.

## **60) Little Neston with Burton (electorate 3339)**

Polling districts CD; CA; parts of CB and CE

Ward Boundary.

The ward is bounded to the southwest by the Welsh border, the northwest by Marshlands Ward (see above) the north by Neston Ward (see above), the east by the centre of Chester High Road (A540) and on the south and southeast by the former City of Chester Council boundary.

Justification.

Why the name Little Neston with Burton? The ward name respects the identities of the two communities. Polling districts CD & CE (Little Neston) and CB (Ness) are part of Neston Town Council. Burton Village did not want to become part of the Town Council when the proposals were first muted. Burton village has always been a tight knit community and has a very strong village organisation, ‘Burton Society’. This group over the last few has represented the village in high profile planning objections against both the former Borough Council and Flintshire County Council. However, Burton is still regarded by many to part of the ‘Generic Neston’ area. It was felt that Burton would always maintain its community independence whichever electoral area it was grouped with but that it would be better served by remaining within the ‘Generic Neston’ area.

## **61) Willaston & Thornton (electorate 3215)**

Polling districts CK; LA. CF (part).

Ward Boundary.

The northern boundary runs from Hooton Park Lane along the boundary with WMBC until it reaches Neston Ward (see above). It is bounded on the northwest by Neston Ward and then on the southwest by Little Neston with Burton Ward along the A540 southwards until Mudhouse Lane. The boundary then follows former City of Chester Council boundary eastwards until it meets the Welsh Road (A550). The boundary continues northwards on the west side of Welsh Road until its junction with Margaret’s Lane where it turns east until it meets Chester road (A41). The boundary line now swings north to a point slightly north of St Paul’s Church. It then continues eastwards north of the church and Ellesmere Port Golf Course to the western boundary of

Church Wood. From the northern tip of Church Wood the boundary continues north-eastwards to the southern end of Hooton Park Lane and back to the Wirral boundary.

Justification

Willaston & Thornton ward is unchanged from the EPNBC ward, therefore maintaining community cohesion. The ward also meets the electoral variance required by the Committee.

## **62) St Pauls' (electorate 3631)**

Polling district PA; MA (part); MD

Ward Boundary.

The ward is bounded on the west and north by Willaston & Thornton Ward (see above). The east boundary line runs from Church Wood (on the northern boundary line), southeast across the golf course to join the railway by a line immediately to the east of properties in Reid Court, Red Lion Lane West, Hillfield Road and Cloverfield Gardens and Rossall Grove. When the boundary line meets the railway it turns west to form the southern boundary. When the railway is intersected by Chester Road (A41) the boundary turns southward down the centre of the A41 to its junction with Ledsham Road. The boundary then runs along the centre of Ledsham Road until its junction with A550 (Welsh Road).

Justification.

This is a newly created ward. It takes its name from the local church which is very well known in the area. Until now the A41 has acted as a boundary line for wards in the Ellesmere Port area. It is felt that the new ward will better express a sense of identity by using the A41 as a high street rather than a boundary. By having minimal changes to the boundaries of the polling districts the electorate size falls to within the electoral variance required by the Committee while maintaining a sense of community identity.

## **63) Netherpool (electorate 2811)**

Polling districts MA (part); MB; MC; NC (part)

Ward Boundary.

The western boundary consists of the boundary lines of the new St Paul's Ward (see above) and the boundary with Willaston & Thornton Ward (see above). The northern boundary is the CW&C boundary with Wirral MBC and eastern boundary and runs from the Wirral MBC boundary to a point opposite junction 8 on the M53 along the CW&C boundary with Liverpool City Council.

(This is at a notional point in the River Mersey.) The southern boundary runs from the CW&C boundary with Liverpool City Council eastwards. At junction 8 of the M53 the boundary line angles off northeast in a line south of Pool Hall Road and north of Leven Walk and curves around east of Atlas Way and returns to Rossmore Road East Just east of Shallacres the boundary line turns south to the railway and then west again to the St Paul's ward boundary.

Justification.

The majority of this ward is the old EPNBC Rossmore ward with the addition of part of polling district NC from the old EPNBC Westminster ward. However this does still not meet the electoral variance require by the Committee at this time. However there is a large building program going on off Netherpool Road which will add another 640 electors to the register and therefore bring the ward to within the electoral variance require by the Committee before 2013.

## **64) Little Sutton (electorate 3336)**

Polling district PB; QB

Ward Boundary.

The northern boundary is the southern boundary of St Paul's ward, (see above) and the western boundary is the old City of Chester Council boundary. The eastern boundary runs from a point off the northern boundary which is opposite the centre of Woodvale Road to the Chester Road (A41) via the centre line of the following roads. Into Woodvale Road and then Parklands westward to Hawthorn Road, where it turns north to Glenwood Road here it goes west again to Chester Road (A41). Then it goes south along the centre of Chester Road (A41) to the junction with Green Lane/ Glencoe Road and straight on to the former City of Chester Council boundary.

Justification.

Little Sutton is another newly created ward and the ward name represents both the shopping centre and post district. Little Sutton is a recognized centre with shops on both sides of the A41 and so it seems logical to include the properties that surround the centre in one ward. For this reason the A41 has been as a high street rather than a boundary. The ward meets the committee's electoral variance criteria.

## **65) Rivacre (electorate 3426)**

Polling districts QA; QC; RA; RC

Ward Boundary.

The ward is boundary to the west and northwest is the Little Sutton ward boundary (see above). The north-eastern boundary is the railway to where it

intersected by Overpool Road. The eastern boundary runs from the intersection of Overpool Road and the railway south to the roundabout at Sutton Way and the southern boundary runs west from Sutton Way roundabout to the Chester Road (A41) and the Little Sutton ward boundary.

Justification.

The ward is formed from a recognisable community and maintains the old EPNBC ward name. The two polling districts (RA; RC) that have been included in the ward are of the same type properties form an adjacent ward.

## **66) Great Sutton (electorate 3312)**

Polling districts UA; UB (part); ZA.

Ward Boundary.

The former City of Chester boundary forms the west boundary. Running from the Little Sutton Ward (see above), to just south of Swan Close. The north boundary is on the northwest the Little Sutton Ward boundary (see above) and on the northeast is made up of part of Rivacre Ward boundary (see above). The southern boundary runs east from just south of Swan Close on the former City of Chester boundary and south of Little Green Close to the Chester Road (A41), at the A41 it goes north to just south of the junction with The Paddock where it turns east again and continues to Ascot Drive. Here the boundary line turns north till the junction with Baker Drive, where it again swings east along the centre line of Baker Drive until it reaches Summertrees Road. The boundary line then follows the centre line of Summertrees Road northeast to Overpool Road. The eastern boundary starts at the junction of Overpool Road and Summertrees Road and runs north along the centre line of Overpool Road to a point between 274 and 272 Overpool Road, where it turns west in a line north of Lupus Way and south of Hardy Close and stops just west of 35 Charter Crescent. From here the boundary line goes north back to the Rivacre Ward boundary on Sutton Way sweeping around Peckforton Drive and to the west of the properties in Rostherne Avenue.

Justification.

The ward brings together the community generally known as Great Sutton and Sutton Manor. The postal address for this area is Great Sutton and hence the ward name. This again is another new ward that uses the A41 as the main street. The electorate numbers meet Committee's electoral variance criteria by combining these two areas.

## **67) Sutton (electorate 3165)**

Polling districts UC; WA (part); ZB (part).

Ward Boundary

The ward is bounded in the north by the southern boundary of Great Sutton Ward (see above). The east boundary line runs south down the centre of Overpool Road to its junction with Hope Farm Road. The southern boundary then runs west to the rear of properties on the north side of Hope Farm Road to numbers 109 and 130. It continues in the same direction to include properties on both sides of Hope Farm Road to its junction with A41 (Chester Road). It then runs south down the centre of A41 to 965 Chester Road from where it runs south west between Llandaff Close and Bakewell Close to the boundary with the former City of Chester Council boundary and then northwards along this boundary back to the Great Sutton boundary.

Justification.

The main part of the ward is the polling district UC from the EPNBC Sutton ward and by adding properties from polling districts ZB and WA brings the number of electorate into the Committees electoral variance criteria. It also maintains community identity.

### **68) Backford Cross (electorate 3061)**

Polling districts WB; and parts of ZB; XA; WA.

Ward Boundary.

The western boundary runs south from the Sutton Ward at Llandaff Close (see above) along the former City of Chester Council boundary to the A5117. The ward's south boundary follows the A5117 east along the former City of Chester Council boundary to a point just east of Blackthorne Avenue and west of Maple Grove, (Point 'A'). The eastern boundary starts at Point A" and goes north. It intersects Sycamore Drive and picks up the footpath and continues north to a point just north of Alder Drive. The boundary line now turns west until it joins Yeoman Way where it swings north along Yeoman Way until it reaches the junction with Randle Meadow and it then follows the road centre line of Randle Meadow to just north of Whitebeam Avenue. Here turns west to follow the footpath back to Yeoman Way. The boundary line now turns north until the junction of Dublin Croft. Here the boundary line turns diagonally northwest in a line from north of Dublin Croft and south of Northbury Road back to the Sutton Ward boundary on Hope Farm Road and from this point the north boundary of the ward is the ward boundary for Sutton Ward (see above).

Justification.

The original postal address for this area was Backford Cross and so with the inclusion part of the EPNBC polling district XB with polling district WB it was thought more appropriate to return to the original area name. By taking properties from polling districts WA & XA the electorate falls within the Committees electoral variance criteria and the properties in the ward are of similar type.

## **69) Groves (electorate 3351)**

Polling districts XB; and parts of XA; WA; VB.

Ward boundary.

The ward's west boundary is with the Backford Cross ward boundary, (see above). The north boundary is with the Sutton ward boundary, (see above). The south boundary follows the former City of Chester Council boundary from the Backford Cross boundary (see above), to the Strawberry roundabout. The east boundary line runs north from the Strawberry roundabout along the Chester Road (A5032) to Parkfield Drive. The north eastern boundary line runs Chester Road west to the north of Parkfield Drive and encompassing Kinnerley Road and follows the eastern perimeter of the school field back to Overpool Road, where the boundary line turns north and follows the roads centre line until it reaches the Sutton ward boundary.

Justification.

Much of the ward is the pre 1999 EPNBC Groves ward and at that time it was a two member ward. Then in 1997 the ward boundary reorganization split the then Groves ward into three EPNBC wards. Therefore there is no loss of community and the electorate number falls within the Committees electoral variance criteria.

## **70) Grange (electorate 3546)**

Polling districts SA; RB (part); RD.

Ward boundary.

The northern boundary runs east along the railway line from the Rivacre ward boundary, (see above) to Westminster Bridge. The ward's east boundary line runs south from Westminster Bridge along Whitby Road to the traffic lights at the Sutton Way junction. The south boundary line runs from the traffic lights west along Sutton Way to Aldgate. Here the boundary line turns north on the west of the properties in Aldgate and runs to Luton Road. At this point the boundary line again turns west and runs from Aldgate to the Rivacre ward boundary at Overpool Road. This line is to the North of Luton Road and south of Brooklyn Drive. The Rivacre ward boundary (see above) makes up the western boundary of Grange ward.

Justification.

In order to try and meet the Committees electoral variance criteria and to keep community continuity, these polling districts have been linked to make up the new Grange ward. Polling district of SA is known locally as 'The Fields' because so many of the roads contain the word 'field' and the proposed ward does have commonality because the identity and sense of community for both these areas is recognized.

## **71) Pooltown (electorate 3294)**

Polling districts VA; VB (part); UB; RB.

Ward Boundary.

The ward's boundaries are. On the north Grange ward and part Rivacre ward boundaries (both described above). To the west by Great Sutton and Groves ward boundaries, (both described above). The east boundary runs south from Sutton Way traffic lights along Chester Road (A5032) until it meets the Groves ward boundary, (see above).

Justification.

Basically this is the old EPNBC ward of Pooltown with a few streets from polling district UB and RB added. This keeps community continuity and the electorate number falls within the Committees electoral variance criteria.

## **72 Ellesmere Port Town (electorate 2362)**

EPNBC polling districts NA; NB; NC (part).

Ward boundary.

The northern boundary is the Netherpool ward south boundary (see above). The east boundary runs along the CW&C boundary with Liverpool City Council, (this is at a notional point in the River Mersey), from the Netherpool ward boundary east to a point opposite to Powell's Bridge and the southeast edge of the M53 junction 9 roundabout where it turns inland on a southwest line to the M53. Here the boundary line turns southeast and runs to where the M53 intersects the railway line. At this point the boundary line turns west and then follows the railway line back to the point where the Netherpool ward boundary joins the railway. (Part of this boundary is a common line with Grange ward.)

Justification.

Ellesmere Port Town ward is the old EPNBC ward of Westminster. Part of polling district NC has been taken out and moved into Netherpool ward. This has been done to take into account the large build projects that are taking place in that area. This however does leave at present a short term problem in meeting the electorate numbers in order to meet the Committees electoral variance criteria. Building is already going on in NC polling district and this is anticipated to increase the electorate by 850 which will bring the ward's electorate to within the Committees electoral variance criteria long before 2013.

### **73) Wolverham (electorate 2997)**

Polling districts SB & OC.

Ward boundary.

The north boundary for the ward is the southern boundary of the Ellesmere Port Town ward (see above). The northwest boundary is the east boundary of Grange ward (see above). The west boundary runs along the centre of Stanney Lane south until 167 Stanney Lane. At this point the boundary line turns northeast (running parallel with Marlborough Road) and goes to a point just east of Stirling Court and west of Ruskin Drive. The boundary line now goes south to a point which is just south of St Andrews Road and here it turns northeast running parallel to St Andrews Road and into Telford Road until it gets to the M53. The boundary line now turns north and follows the M53 until it reaches the Ellesmere Port Town ward boundary (see above).

Justification.

This ward is made up of two established polling districts SB and OC and therefore community continuity is maintained. Has with Ellesmere Port Town ward, the proposed ward does not meet the Committees electoral variance criteria. This again is only for a short while as building in the OC polling district is already underway and will eventually increase the ward electorate by approx 750 and then the electorate number will meet the criteria by 2013. There is also planning permission for a further 64 properties (120 electorate) in SB polling district.

### **74) Stanney (electorate 3435)**

Polling districts OA; YA; DV2.

Ward boundary.

Starting at the Liverpool City and CW&C boundary in the river Mersey the boundary line follows the Ellesmere Port Town and Wolverham ward boundaries (see above), southwest to 167 Stanney Lane. At Stanney Lane the boundary line turns south until it reaches a point opposite the north boundary line of Cheshire Oaks High School at which point the boundary line turns west, just to the south of Birkett Avenue and continues on this line following the outer limits of Stanney Woods Country Park until it meets the former City of Chester Council boundary on the A5117. From here the boundary line follows the former City of Chester Council boundary east, all the way along the A5117 (the boundary line does not deviate into Little Stanney Village (part of polling district DV2) which is now part Stanney ward), to a point opposite Corridor Road to the north and from here takes a line north until it reaches the Liverpool City and CW&C boundary in the river Mersey. And from this point the boundary line goes northeast back to the Ellesmere Port Town ward boundary.

Justification.

The Committee asks for community identity and this is better achieved by the renaming of this ward. Residents of polling district OA call the area where they live “Stanney”. Cheshire Oaks High School used to be called Stanney High School. Adding polling districts YA and DV2 to OA is not dissimilar than joining Little Neston with Burton. The one area in this case Stanney will always maintain its own individuality no matter what combination is used to meet the electorate criteria. With this in mind and by the addition of Little Stanney polling district from DV2 the number of electors meets the Committees electoral variance criteria.

## **75) Whitby (electorate 3602)**

EPNBC polling districts YB; YC.

Ward boundary

The boundary to the west forms a common boundary with Pooltwon and Groves wards (see above). The east boundary is also a common boundary with Wolverham and Stanney wards (see above). The south boundary is common to Stanney ward (see above). There is a short section on the south boundary that crosses over the A5117 and runs west from the Stanney ward boundary to the Strawberry Roundabout. The boundary encompasses all the houses on the southwest and southeast side of Strawberry roundabout. The boundary line now crosses back over the A5117 to meet back up with the west boundary.

Justification.

This is the old EPNBC Whitby ward minus polling district YA. This keeps community continuity and the electorate number falls within the Committees electoral variance criteria. The houses that are adjacent to the Strawberry roundabout on the A5117, (polling district DV2) are now in Whitby ward.

## Appendix 4

All maps courtesy of the Ordnance Survey and Election Maps website

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## Appendix 5

### Other Attachments

File Name	Description
EPN Wards Final	Shows ward electorate and number of electors in each street of each ward

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