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Please find attached the Labour Group submission that includes the documents which have been uploaded online, plus a word version of comments and warding rationale.

We also have PDF maps of each of the warding which we are happy to share.

Please contact us so we can agree a safe way of sending them.

With best wishes

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Chesterfield Borough Electoral Review

Warding Pattern Submission

By: Chesterfield Borough Council Labour Group: the majority group with 28 councillors.

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1.0 Introduction

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an electoral review of the Borough. The LGBCE has finished its consultation on the size of the Council and has determined that Chesterfield Borough Council should have 40 members.
- The Commission has now asked for submissions proposing Warding patterns that reflect this change. Any group or individual is able to put forward suggestions on Warding patterns for all or part of the borough. The LGBCE will consider all submissions and propose a warding pattern for the borough. The LGBCE will run a ten – week consultation on proposed warding patterns before it publishes its final recommendations. Boundaries will be changed following the laying down of an Order in Parliament and will take effect from the borough council elections in May 2023.
- In preparing its submission proposing new ward arrangements for the borough the following criteria should be taken into account:
 - Equality of representation
 - Reflecting community identities and interests
 - Providing for convenient and effective local government

2.0 Equality of representation

- Based on a council size of 40 and an electorate of 78,395 (March 2021) the optimum number of electors per councillor is 1960. However, there is a need to take into account the estimated future electorate which for 2030 is 84,992 giving an increased ratio of 2124.

3.0 Considerations informing ward proposals

- In arriving at our pattern of wards we have considered the Local Government Boundary Commission's statutory criteria but have also sought to address the specific concerns raised regarding the levels of electoral inequalities in several wards including Barrow Hill and New Whittington, Hollingwood and Inkersall, Loundsley Green and St. Leonards.

We have used a variety of sources including:

Chesterfield Borough Council Local Plan adopted 2020,
Chesterfield Borough Council: "Putting our Communities First" Council Plan 2019-23
East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy – World Class Locally Driven 2017,

Staveley Town Deal Investment Plan Part 1 Dec. 2020

Indices of multiple Deprivation 2015 /2019

Links to all the documents listed can be found on the Chesterfield Borough Council website.

Chesterfield Borough Council Council Size Submission to the LGBC Feb 2021

This document can be found of the LG Boundary Commission Website.

Stagecoach timetables and routes (stagecoachbus.com),

to identify key communities within the borough and a range of man-made or natural barriers such as major roads, rivers and water courses that act as boundaries between communities. Links to all the documents listed can be found on the Chesterfield Borough Council website.

- Our submission provides evidence for how proposed warding arrangements reflect community identity and interests, including local amenities and facilities which are central to community life, history and tradition of individual areas where appropriate and a range of physical or man-made barriers which are pertinent to community interests and/or impact on convenient and effective local government.
- In Chesterfield Borough Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Stage one of the review reference is made to the levels of deprivation within the borough. This worsened between 2015 and 2019 and early indicators suggest that COVID will continue to have a negative impact on income and health in the poorest communities. This has informed the proposals for representation in the most deprived areas.
- As 28 elected members of Chesterfield Borough Council we have first-hand experience of the needs of the residents and businesses across the borough. Our longest serving member has 33 years of continuous service. We have an age range of 40 years and are equally balanced between male and female. We have drawn on this unique collective experience of the borough in determining the Warding patterns in our submission. Equality of access to a local councillor is not just about the optimum councillor to elected ratio, it is also about the amount of casework an electorate presents to their councillor.

We have used our experience of working with our electorate to shape these proposals. We also have first-hand experience of travelling around our Wards which we have taken into account.

- Where possible links have been made to County Council division boundaries e.g. in Brimington, Spire, Walton & West.
- We have been mindful of the current parliamentary boundaries as they appertain to the wards in Staveley and Whittington that are not in the Chesterfield parliamentary constituency, but note that the current Barrow Hill and New Whittington ward is the smallest three seat ward in the entire Borough and is 13% below the current optimum size and with the current parliamentary boundaries still under review it should be possible to inform the parliamentary Boundary commission report about these very minor proposed changes.
- The Ward boundaries of the Staveley Town Council Wards have not been cut across but this has not been possible to achieve in Brimington Parish Council area owing to the electorate / councillor optimum ratio. This could be addressed through a Community Governance review following the decision on Warding patterns has been made by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Community Governance review would also include an issue that constituents have already raised with their councillors about the Brimington parish boundary cutting through the new Heritage Green housing development in the current Brimington South Ward.
- We have sought through these proposals to address, not only the current disparities between wards, but also to address a number of flaws with the current boundaries in terms of local community representation. These include:
 1. Brampton is one of the largest and most distinct community areas in Chesterfield but there is no Brampton ward. Instead Brampton is split between Holmebrook ward (which is shares with Boythorpe), whilst also having voters in Brockwell ward and West ward. Thus our proposal of the creation of a Brampton ward would re-unite this community and address this omission.
 2. The St Leonard's ward has voters who should more naturally be within Hasland ward (and have a Hasland address (QA5 and QA7) and within Rother ward (QA4 and QA6). This has contributed to the St Leonard's ward being 23% over the

optimum amount and, containing voters from distinct different communities.

3. The Hasland ward has had a polling district FA3. This is part of a neighbourhood called Birdholme. The rest of Birdholme sits in the Rother Ward which is centred on the A61 Derby Road. We propose to re-unite Birdholme into the Rother Ward.
4. The village of Barrow Hill is the only part of Staveley that is not part of a Staveley ward. We propose to de-couple the link with New Whittington and instead place it in the Staveley North ward.
5. Hollingwood is linked with Brimington in the Derbyshire County divisions and with Staveley in the Chesterfield Borough divisions, we propose to end this anomaly by linking Hollingwood with Brimington North to bring it in line with the Derbyshire divisions.

4.0 Proposed warding patterns

- We propose that there are 16 Wards. A summary of the proposed new Wards can be found in the Proposed New CBC Boundaries 2023.
- The table below outlines how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of the review:
 - Equality of representation
 - Reflecting community interests
 - Providing for convenient and effective local government

Ward name	Evidence and rationale that the proposals meet the three statutory criteria
	Overview of the rationale for the Brimington Wards. The Borough of Chesterfield comprises of two towns Chesterfield & Staveley with the civil Parish of Brimington being the bridge in between. This is reflected in the configuration of the proposed Wards.
Brimington North	This Ward largely comprises of the north ward of the Parish of Brimington and a small part of the South Ward, the Brimington village centre and the neighbouring Hollingwood estate. Hollingwood is a Staveley Town Council Ward. The gap between Brimington and Hollingwood has decreased in recent years due to housing developments such as Ringwood Meadows. This was reflected in the addition of Hollingwood to the Brimington county division and so our proposal brings the Borough wards in line with the

	<p>county divisions in including Hollingwood in a Brimington rather than a Staveley ward.</p> <p>There is easy road access between Brimington and Hollingwood via Victoria Street New Brimington/ Station Road Hollingwood and there is a bus route 90 which travels through Brimington from the High Street down Devon Drive/ Dorset Drive to join Hollingwood at Elm Street. It then travels through Hollingwood before heading to Barrow Hill and Staveley. Further bus routes (74 & 77) join the two settlements along the A619 to the Ringwood Hotel.</p> <p>Active Travel routes which link Brimington and Hollingwood include the Trans Pennine Trail / Cuckoo Way.</p> <p>It is proposed that Ringwood Park and Ringwood Hall grounds are included within the boundary of this Ward. This will compensate for the Ward being largely being built up. Also, the long established and very active Hollingwood Residents Association (see Facebook page) see this as belonging to them. They arrange litter picks and organise family events in the park such as an annual Easter egg hunt.</p> <p>This proposed Ward is entirely the Brimington Division of Derbyshire County Council and the normal area of Springwell Community College (11-16), Staveley.</p> <p>We suggest adding 166 voters (57 from NA1 and 109 from MA1) from the slightly oversized Whittington Moor ward who are on the Brimington side of the bypass which we consider to be a natural dividing line, which also has the effect of reducing the amount that Brimington North is below the optimum size for three councillors.</p>
Brimington South	<p>This Ward largely comprises of the South Ward of Brimington Parish Council and the Tapton suburb of Chesterfield. It is entirely within the Brimington Division of Derbyshire County Council.</p> <p>There is good road connectivity between all parts of the Ward. The Stagecoach 74, 77, 90 bus routes link all parts of the Ward. Active travel routes include the Trans Pennine Trail which has 2 routes through this Ward via Chesterfield Canal Cuckoo way and via Tapton Golf Course and Park to Brimington Common.</p> <p>We considered adding more voters from Brimington South ward to Brimington North as this ward is slightly over sized for two councillors and Brimington North is slightly undersized for three. However, Station Road is a natural dividing line between North and South.</p>

	<p>Overview of rationale for the Staveley wards.</p> <p>The three proposed Staveley wards are all in the civil parish of Staveley and are all part of the Staveley Town Deal Plan. Poolsbrook, Duckmanton, Mastin Moor and Barrow Hill are officially designated as rural. Typically, people living in rural areas have further to travel for services. By proposing 3 x 2 member Wards the aim is to ensure that the criteria of "Providing for convenient and effective local government" is met. As the geographical spread particularly in Staveley North and Staveley South is not too large to impede local councillors reaching their constituents.</p> <p>We agreed with Derbyshire County electoral commission review which moved Hollingwood into Brimington division. Leaving Hollingwood in the Staveley South ward would mean that the ward stretched from the North West of Staveley to the far South East. Adding Hollingwood to the Northern ward would have made a significant change to the co-terminosity with Parliamentary boundaries as all of the Staveley North ward is in the North East Derbyshire constituency and Hollingwood is in Chesterfield constituency.</p> <p>The unresolved issue is the impact of the predicted housing growth in the next 5 years on electorate councillor ratios owing to the rural nature of the area.</p>
Staveley North	<p>This Ward falls in its entirety within the civil parish of Staveley and the parliamentary constituency of North East Derbyshire. It comprises of the settlements of Barrow Hill, Hartington, Lowgates (to the north of the A619), Mastin Moor and Woodthorpe.</p> <p>Whilst Barrow Hill is a geographically isolated settlement there are several national and local economic growth projects which over the next 20 years will strengthen Barrow Hill's links with the rest of Staveley. These include a proposed HS2 Infrastructure maintenance depot on Hall Lane between Staveley and Barrow Hill, housing development at the Staveley Chesterfield Canal Basin between Hartington and Hall Lane, proposed reopening of the Barrow Hill Railway Line with a station at Barrow Hill which will be the rail service which will link Staveley with North Derbyshire and Sheffield. Barrow Hill, as with all settlements within the civic parish of Staveley is covered by the Staveley Town Deal. (See para 3.2 for source documents related to these developments.) The projects in the Deal will bring people of all ages from all part of the Deal area together for training, jobs and leisure activities.</p> <p>There are good road links between all parts of the proposed Ward and the 74, 77, 80 and 90 bus routes link all parts of the Ward. Most residents of these areas shop at the Morrisons Supermarket in Staveley Town</p>

	<p>Centre. The Trans Pennine trail/ Cuckoo way is a valuable active travel route and there is a well-used public footpath to Barrow Hill which leaves the Trans Pennine trail at Mill Lane bridge in the centre of Staveley.</p> <p>Barrow Hill is a growing village and it's significance within the Staveley Town Deal means that we believe it should no longer be paired with New Whittington which it currently is (as New Whittington is outside of Staveley Town Council and the scope of the Staveley Town Deal). Instead we propose making it part of the Staveley North ward which means that it would still remain part of a ward that is wholly within the North East Derbyshire Parliamentary constituency.</p>
Staveley Central	<p>This Ward comprises of the settlements of Middlecroft, Poolsbrook and Staveley Town Centre. It falls in its entirety within the civil parish of Staveley.</p> <p>Middlecroft and Staveley Town Centre are one built up area. Whilst Poolsbrook is more isolated there are linked by good road links, the no. 74 bus route, and active travel routes. The Trans Pennine Trail connects Poolsbrook with both Middlecroft and the Staveley Town Centre. There is also housing along this route which fall into this proposed Ward e.g. the railway cottages on Belmont Drive.</p> <p>However as currently drafted a Staveley Central ward based on the old Middlecroft and Poolsbrook ward would be 13.6% below the optimum number for a two councillor ward, whilst the Staveley North ward would be a little over the desired amount, so we have proposed adding 364 voters from the South side of Lowgates into the Staveley Central ward which brings both Staveley Central and Staveley North within 5.5% of the optimal amount.</p> <p>This would mean there were 364 voters inside the Staveley Central ward which would currently vote within the North East Derbyshire parliamentary constituency and we would suggest that they were moved into the Chesterfield constituency in the current Parliamentary boundary review.</p> <p>Most families in Poolsbrook are registered at the Royal Primary Care Centre at Rectory Road, Staveley which lies within this Ward. Poolsbrook is a small village which will need to be paired with something. As it is in the Chesterfield constituency and has been paired with Middlecroft for a long time we considered this to be the best way of organising wards.</p>
Staveley South	<p>This Ward comprises of the settlements of Inkersall and Duckmanton both of which are in the civil parish of Staveley.</p>

	<p>Whilst they stand geographically apart, they are served by good road links and the No. 74 bus route.</p> <p>Many families in Duckmanton are registered at the large Royal Primary Care Centre in Inkersall.</p>
Hasland	<p>This Ward brings together the village of Hasland. This is a strong cohesive community served by a large and variety of community groups including well established the Big Local Grassland Hasmoor (www.grasslandhasmoor.co.uk), Scout and Girl Guide units, Methodist & Baptist churches, Asian Community Association. All of which are at the heart of Hasland life. In addition, children in the proposed this Ward attend the three Hasland schools from age 4 to 16 years. Many sporting activities and community events take place within in the Green Flag status Eastwood Park which is the geographical centre of the community.</p> <p>This proposal reunites Hasland by returning the QA5 and QA7 polling district from St Leonard's ward and returning the FA3 polling district to Rother ward.</p> <p>We recognise that the addition of 635 voters from the Spital Lane area that is currently in St Leonard's ward is not ideal. However, without this the Spire ward would be too large and with Heathcote Drive having been within Hasland for many years the principle of voters on the Spital side of the A617 by -pass has been long established. School children on Spital Lane already attend Hasland schools.</p>
Rother	<p>This proposed Ward lies on both sides of the main A61 arterial route into the Borough from the south. At its southern most tip it comprises of primarily pre and post War council housing on the St Augustine's housing estate. This was added to in the mid to late twentieth century with the addition of more council homes including medium rise blocks of flats to the south west.</p> <p>Two primarily owner-occupied housing estates have been built to the north of the ward on former factory sites during the past 20 years. The addition of these to the Ward has added social and economic diversity to the Ward. Children from these new estates, for the most part, attend the same primary and secondary schools as the children from the council housing.</p> <p>Whilst the Ward in primarily built up it will have access to key areas of open spaces and park. Langerfield and Hunloke Community Garden, Mc Gregors Pond to the south, Harehill Road to the west and the Queens Park to the north near to the town centre. This will provide valuable space</p>

	<p>for community activities and families to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of the outdoors.</p> <p>The area covered by this Rother is the most deprived in the area overall and in the top 10% of the most deprived Wards in England. It is the most deprived in the Borough on the following measures: income deprivation, income deprivation affecting children, income deprivation affecting older people, employment deprivation and health and disability.</p> <p>The Ward is purposely created as a three-member Ward owing to the high level of challenging casework the constituents present to their local elected representatives.</p> <p>Our proposal returns the QA4, QA6 and FA3 (centred on Derby Road the A61) polling districts from St Leonards and Hasland into the Rother ward and allows voters north of Boythorpe Road into the proposed Walton E and Boythorpe ward creating a more natural Rother ward.</p> <p>We considered adding 177 voters from the Hartfield Close/ Railway Terraces estate in FA5 into the Rother ward, which we recognise would reduce Rother's under-allocation and Hasland's over-allocation, however having re-established the railway line as a natural boundary between Rother and Hasland we were loathe to recreate that problem by adding those voters into the Rother ward.</p> <p>We also draw the commission's attention to the fact that the Walton hospital housing development is already in the process of being built and will add 94 voters to the Rother ward.</p> <p>We also propose to move voters from Park Road in QA6 into the new Walton E and Boythorpe ward to increase the numbers in that two Councillor ward which would otherwise be below the optimum number without much new building proposed in that ward between now and 2030.</p>
Walton East & Boythorpe	<p>This is a compact Ward with walking routes between all its constituent parts.</p> <p>Boythorpe is primarily a pre and post war council housing estate to the west of Chesterfield Town Centre. This was added to by the Whitecotes estate in the late 1950's and extended again in early 1980's. It remains for the most part social housing. The Walton part of the Ward is primarily mainly owner-occupied housing which was built on the fields to the west of Boythorpe bounded on the by Walton Road from the mid to late twentieth century.</p>

	<p>Whilst it is primarily built up it has one play park which serves both the Whitecotes and Walton part of the Ward. The whole Ward is within walking distance of the Queens Park and Walton Dam which will be in neighbouring Wards.</p> <p>Children attend primary and secondary schools which lie within the Ward's boundary.</p> <p>This proposal also recognises that the most recent Derbyshire County divisions established the principle that RA2 polling district linked more naturally with Whitecotes and Boythorpe than it did with the rest of Walton and so this proposal would see this ward almost entirely within the Boythorpe and Brampton South division, although in order to reach an acceptable number of voters, and to stay true to the principle of that all voters on the east side of Walton Road would be in this ward by transferring 480 voters in RA3 polling district all to the east of Walton Road into the Walton E & Boythorpe ward.</p>
Brampton	<p>This Ward forms the western gateway to Chesterfield Town Centre primarily along the A619 arterial route known as Chatsworth Road which leads to the Peak District and ultimately Manchester. The housing ranges from Victorian to 21st century in fill which is held in a variety of tenures. The commercial focal point of the Brampton community is Chatsworth Road with many local shops, restaurants, cafes, and pubs. Prior to COVID there was an annual Chatsworth Road festival. In addition to several churches that are active in the community there is a mosque. Brampton is the name of this area with which residents identify with. Naming this Ward Brampton will reflect the communities' interests and identities.</p> <p>This ward re-unites one of Chesterfield's most distinct districts and contains voters from HA1, HA2, SA1, SA3 and SA5 all of whom would say that they lived in Brampton. It breaks the false association with Boythorpe that the current Holmebrook ward imagines and with Brockwell that the current Brockwell ward imagines. It is almost a perfect size of two councillors, and we believe would be popular with Brampton voters. It would be primarily co-terminous with the Boythorpe and Brampton South County division with the addition of voters from SA1 and SA3 who we believe would more naturally associate with Brampton ward.</p>
Walton West & Brookside	<p>This is the most affluent area of the Borough which most properties falling in Council Tax band D and above. With incomes above the average for the Borough the residents have a wide choice of options for spending their leisure time. This Ward has the highest life expectancy in the Borough.</p>

	<p>This ward agrees with the DCC principle that Walton Road is a natural ward dividing line. It re-unites the Walton voters of SA4 polling district with the rest of Walton and adds in voters to the west of Storrs Road in the Brookside area</p> <p>We would ideally have liked to maintain Storrs Road as the dividing line, but the ward is then almost 9% below the optimum amount, which we felt was unacceptable for a ward which already contained the most affluent members of the community and so we have included 272 voters from SA3 and 259 voters from SA1 which forms a line parallel to Storrs Road of voters who have historically been in the West ward which the Walton West and Brookside name evokes.</p>
Loundsley Green	<p>The Ward primarily comprises of three council housing estates, Loundsley Green, Holme Hall and Green Farm, built in the 1960's and 70's.</p> <p>Whilst the Ward is divided by the B6150 there are under passes for pedestrians and cyclists and the Holmebrook Valley Cycle route joins the most easterly point of the ward with its westerly edge. Both parts of the Ward are served by the No. 39 bus route.</p> <p>Many the residents on the estates remain Council tenants. The area covered by the Ward is the second most deprived in the Borough. Holme Hall Estate is among the 10% most deprived areas in England. The Ward area scores highly on the following indexes of multiple deprivation: health and disability, income affecting both children and older people, employment.</p> <p>Thus, the area served by this Ward is significantly different to the areas that surrounds it (i.e. Brockwell and Linacre and Walton West) which are predominately higher income, owner occupiers. Voters present a high level of casework to their local councillors and deserve a dedicated councillor team.</p> <p>We consider that the Loundsley Green ward has been a success in its previous form recognising the identity of voters in KA1 with Holme Hall and the identity of voters in IA1 with Linacre.</p> <p>However as currently constituted the Loundsley Green ward is too small and so we propose to add 564 voters from SA3 polling district and 448 from DA5, who all live north of Ashgate Road creating a neat divide north of Ashgate Road.</p>

	<p>We have further supplemented the numbers of this ward by adding 196 voters from the council estate of Green Farm to reduce the over allocation of voters in the Brockwell and Linacre ward.</p>
Brockwell & Linacre	<p>Whilst not as affluent overall as Walton West and Brookside residents in the area covered by this Ward are considerably more likely to be in employment or retired with incomes above average for the Borough.</p> <p>Our proposal largely follows the linking of the western half of Brockwell ward with Linacre as enacted by the Derbyshire County Loundsley Green & Newbold division, but also maintaining the vast majority of the existing Linacre ward intact.</p>
Dunston	<p>The area of this Ward will be in the 10% most deprived in England on the following measures: Health and disability, Employment deprivation, education, skills and training.</p> <p>This is related to a significant part of this Ward comprising of council housing particularly flats. The tenants present a wide range of complex issues to their local elected representatives. Whilst the ratio of electorate to councillor is slightly low for 2021 with development continuing along the north westerly edges of the Ward it is predicted that the electorate will increase by over 1,000 by 2030, making this ward slightly over the optimal amount by 2030 though still within a reasonable number of the optimal voter count.</p> <p>This ward predominantly based on the current Dunston ward, but also takes voters 1,057 voters from the western end of the current Moor ward to bring it close to the median voter range.</p>
Whittington Moor	<p>This ward comprises the Whittington Moor and the village of Old Whittington which have a strong shared identity which this new Ward recognises.</p> <p>This Ward runs along the B6057 Sheffield Road which is a vibrant heart of the community. It includes the Chesterfield Football Club's ground, community facilities and a variety of unique shops, restaurants, cafes. Many of the residents in Old Whittington use this area for their weekly shopping and leisure. Many Old Whittington residents are registered with the GP's surgery next to the Methodist Church and roundabout which links the two parts of the Ward.</p> <p>There are underpasses and footbridges that allow pedestrians to cross the A61 safely. The no.25 and 50A bus services link the two parts of this Ward.</p>

	<p>This ward brings together Old Whittington and the areas of the Moor and St Helens wards which run down the Sheffield Road, but it loses 166 voters in NA1 and MA1 who reside east of the by-pass to Brimington North ward.</p> <p>Ideally, we would have maintained Tapton View Road within this ward but the need to reduce the voter numbers in this ward required Tapton View Road to move into Spire ward.</p> <p>By moving 1,057 voters from MA2 into Dunston ward, this ward is much more centred upon Whittington Moor and Sheffield Road than the previous Moor ward.</p>
New Whittington	<p>New Whittington is primarily a post-industrial village to the North of Chesterfield. It consists largely of family houses and bungalows and has very few flats. The primary and secondary school's which children from the village attend both lie within the boundary of this ward.</p> <p>New Whittington is a distinct community. It has been linked with Barrow Hill in the previous Chesterfield Borough boundary configuration, but we propose to de-couple them for the reasons described above.</p> <p>The two existing New Whittington polling districts leave this ward too small and so propose moving 368 voters from NA2 polling district into the New Whittington ward. This is not ideal as these voters would currently vote in the Chesterfield constituency unlike New Whittington voters but in community terms it makes sense.</p> <p>We considered creating one single three councillor Whittington ward but it would have had 700 voters too many and would have increased the disparity between this ward and the parliamentary constituency, so we believe this proposal to be the least disruptive and would recommend to the Parliamentary Boundary commission that they consider also moving the 368 NA2 voters into the North East Derbyshire constituency during their current Parliamentary boundary review.</p>
Spire	<p>This Ward brings together the communities of Hady, Spital, St Helens and Stonegravels. The connection points being the Town Centre, the town's famous Crooked Spire and the prestigious Northern Gateway and Waterside developments. Housing in this Ward is predominantly owner occupied and private rented with pockets of social housing.</p> <p>The Ward covers most of the Spire Division of Derbyshire County Council. (GBC DCC review map2012)</p>

	<p>This ward brings together all the Chesterfield town centre sections which were previously split between Brockwell, St Leonards and St Helens wards, now all Town centre properties will vote in the evocatively named Spire ward.</p> <p>The main issue is the impact of the predicted housing growth on the Waterside Development in the next five years. The Outline planning for the site requires renewing this year. Will the housing configuration remain the same? We did consider moving the Avant housing estate on Brimington Road into Brimington South ward, however, that makes this ward too large.</p>
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- Appendix 1 includes a street index for each proposed ward
- Appendix 2 maps showing the boundary of each Ward.

Polling Distri	Polling Distri Road	No. Electors
GA2	(GA2) Holling Amber Croft	20
GA2	(GA2) Holling Attlee Road	32
GA2	(GA2) Holling Avondale Ro	127
GA2	(GA2) Holling Bevan Drive	94
GA2	(GA2) Holling Bondfield Ro	7
GA2	(GA2) Holling Bradwell Pla	13
GA2	(GA2) Holling Clarendon R	73
GA2	(GA2) Holling Clumber Plac	34
GA2	(GA2) Holling Crich Road	118
GA2	(GA2) Holling Dade Avenu	14
GA2	(GA2) Holling Denby Road	27
GA2	(GA2) Holling Hillman Driv	102
GA2	(GA2) Holling Holbrook Pla	10
GA2	(GA2) Holling Hucklow Ave	41
GA2	(GA2) Holling Inkersall	1
GA2	(GA2) Holling Inkersall Gre	28
GA2	(GA2) Holling Peak Place	8
GA2	(GA2) Holling Pindale Aver	22
GA2	(GA2) Holling Ringwood	1
GA2	(GA2) Holling Shinwell Ave	27
GA2	(GA2) Holling Smith Avenu	13
GA2	(GA2) Holling Springwell P	46
GA2	(GA2) Holling Stanley Aven	145
GA2	(GA2) Holling Summerskill	5
GA2	(GA2) Holling Sutton Cresc	35
GA2	(GA2) Holling Thoresby Pla	20
GA2	(GA2) Holling Turner Drive	40
GA2	(GA2) Holling Welbeck Clo	27
GA2	(GA2) Holling Wilkinson Dr	25
GA2	(GA2) Holling Winnat Place	11

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GA3	(GA3) Holling Ashover Roa	96
GA3	(GA3) Holling Bakewell Ro	34
GA3	(GA3) Holling Bamford Ro	162
GA3	(GA3) Holling Batewood Av	13
GA3	(GA3) Holling Beeley Close	65
GA3	(GA3) Holling Beeley Way	9
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blue Bell Clo	54
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blue Lodge C	29
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blueberry Cl	66
GA3	(GA3) Holling Booker Close	48
GA3	(GA3) Holling Bradshaw Rc	53
GA3	(GA3) Holling Bramley Clos	35
GA3	(GA3) Holling Castleton Gr	54
GA3	(GA3) Holling Croft View	36
GA3	(GA3) Holling Curbar Curve	125

GA3	(GA3) Holling Dade Avenue	20
GA3	(GA3) Holling Dobson Place	10
GA3	(GA3) Holling Dovedale Avenue	22
GA3	(GA3) Holling Elliott Drive	98
GA3	(GA3) Holling Froggatt Close	17
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Chesterfield Borough Electoral Review Warding Pattern Submission By: Chesterfield Borough Council Labour Group: the majority group with 28 councillors. July 2021 1.0 Introduction • The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an electoral review of the Borough. The LGBCE has finished its consultation on the size of the Council and has determined that Chesterfield Borough Council should have 40 members. • The Commission has now asked for submissions proposing Warding patterns that reflect this change. Any group or individual is able to put forward suggestions on Warding patterns for all or part of the borough. The LGBCE will consider all submissions and propose a warding pattern for the borough. The LGBCE will run a ten – week consultation on proposed warding patterns before it publishes its final recommendations. Boundaries will be changed following the laying down of an Order in Parliament and will take effect from the borough council elections in May 2023. • In preparing its submission proposing new ward arrangements for the borough the following criteria should be taken into account: • Equality of representation • Reflecting community identities and interests • Providing for convenient and effective local government 2.0 Equality of representation • Based on a council size of 40 and an electorate of 78,395 (March 2021) the optimum number of electors per councillor is 1960. However, there is a need to take into account the estimated future electorate which for 2030 is 84,992 giving an increased ratio of 2124. 3.0 Considerations informing ward proposals • In arriving at our pattern of wards we have considered the Local Government Boundary Commission’s statutory criteria but have also sought to address the specific concerns raised regarding the levels of electoral inequalities in several wards including Barrow Hill and New Whittington, Hollingwood and Inkersall, Loundsley Green and St. Leonards. We have used a variety of sources including: Chesterfield Borough Council Local Plan adopted 2020, Chesterfield Borough Council: “Putting our Communities First” Council Plan 2019-23 East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy – World Class Locally Driven 2017, Staveley Town Deal Investment Plan Part 1 Dec. 2020 Indices of multiple Deprivation 2015 /2019 Links to all the documents listed can be found on the Chesterfield Borough Council website. Chesterfield Borough Council Council Size Submission to the LGBC Feb 2021 This document can be found on the LG Boundary Commission Website. Stagecoach timetables and routes (stagecoachbus.com), to identify key communities within the borough and a range of man-made or natural barriers such as major roads, rivers and water courses that act as boundaries between communities. Links to all the documents listed can be found on the Chesterfield Borough Council website. • Our submission provides evidence for how proposed warding arrangements reflect community identity and interests, including local amenities and facilities which are central to community life, history and tradition of individual areas where appropriate and a range of physical or man-made barriers which are pertinent to community interests and/or impact on convenient and effective local government. • In Chesterfield Borough Council’s submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Stage one of the review reference is made to the levels of deprivation within the borough. This worsened between 2015 and 2019 and early indicators suggest that COVID will continue to have a negative impact on income and health in the poorest communities. This has informed the proposals for representation in the most deprived areas. • As 28 elected members of Chesterfield Borough Council we have first-hand experience of the needs of the residents and businesses across the borough. Our longest serving member has 33 years of continuous service. We have an age range of 40 years and are equally balanced between male and female. We have drawn on this unique collective experience of the borough in determining the Warding patterns in our submission. Equality of access to a local councillor is not just about the optimum councillor to elected ratio, it is also about the amount of casework an electorate presents to their councillor. We have used our experience of working with our electorate to shape these proposals. We also have first-hand experience of travelling around our Wards which we have taken into account. • Where possible links have been made to County Council division boundaries e.g. in Brimington, Spire, Walton & West. • We have been mindful of the current parliamentary boundaries as they appertain to the wards in Staveley and Whittington that are not in the Chesterfield parliamentary constituency, but note that the current Barrow Hill and New Whittington ward is the smallest three seat ward in the entire Borough and is 13% below the

current optimum size and with the current parliamentary boundaries still under review it should be possible to inform the parliamentary Boundary commission report about these very minor proposed changes. • The Ward boundaries of the Staveley Town Council Wards have not been cut across but this has not been possible to achieve in Brimington Parish Council area owing to the electorate / councillor optimum ratio. This could be addressed through a Community Governance review following the decision on Warding patterns has been made by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Community Governance review would also include an issue that constituents have already raised with their councillors about the Brimington parish boundary cutting through the new Heritage Green housing development in the current Brimington South Ward. • We have sought through these proposals to address, not only the current disparities between wards, but also to address a number of flaws with the current boundaries in terms of local community representation. These include: 1. Brampton is one of the largest and most distinct community areas in Chesterfield but there is no Brampton ward. Instead Brampton is split between Holmebrook ward (which is shares with Boythorpe), whilst also having voters in Brockwell ward and West ward. Thus our proposal of the creation of a Brampton ward would re-unite this community and address this omission. 2. The St Leonard's ward has voters who should more naturally be within Hasland ward (and have a Hasland address (QA5 and QA7) and within Rother ward (QA4 and QA6). This has contributed to the St Leonard's ward being 23% over the optimum amount and, containing voters from distinct different communities. 3. The Hasland ward has had a polling district FA3. This is part of a neighbourhood called Birdholme. The rest of Birdholme sits in the Rother Ward which is centred on the A61 Derby Road. We propose to re-unite Birdholme into the Rother Ward. 4. The village of Barrow Hill is the only part of Staveley that is not part of a Staveley ward. We propose to decouple the link with New Whittington and instead place it in the Staveley North ward. 5. Hollingwood is linked with Brimington in the Derbyshire County divisions and with Staveley in the Chesterfield Borough divisions, we propose to end this anomaly by linking Hollingwood with Brimington North to bring it in line with the Derbyshire divisions. 4.0 Proposed warding patterns • We propose that there are 16 Wards. A summary of the proposed new Wards can be found in the Proposed New CBC Boundaries 2023 (spreadsheet attached). • Also in this spreadsheet is - rationale for each ward addressing the three criteria To support the data the LGCC requested We also have maps for each ward in PDF format which we were unable to upload to this sight however happy to share in another way END

Uploaded Documents:

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GA2	(GA2) Holling Bevan Drive	94
GA2	(GA2) Holling Bondfield Ro	7
GA2	(GA2) Holling Bradwell Pla	13
GA2	(GA2) Holling Clarendon R	73
GA2	(GA2) Holling Clumber Plac	34
GA2	(GA2) Holling Crich Road	118
GA2	(GA2) Holling Dade Avenu	14
GA2	(GA2) Holling Denby Road	27
GA2	(GA2) Holling Hillman Driv	102
GA2	(GA2) Holling Holbrook Pla	10
GA2	(GA2) Holling Hucklow Ave	41
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GA2	(GA2) Holling Inkersall Gre	28
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GA2	(GA2) Holling Smith Avenu	13
GA2	(GA2) Holling Springwell P	46
GA2	(GA2) Holling Stanley Aven	145
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GA2	(GA2) Holling Sutton Cresc	35
GA2	(GA2) Holling Thoresby Pla	20
GA2	(GA2) Holling Turner Drive	40
GA2	(GA2) Holling Welbeck Clo	27
GA2	(GA2) Holling Wilkinson Dr	25
GA2	(GA2) Holling Winnat Place	11

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GA3	(GA3) Holling Beeley Way	9
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blue Bell Clo	54
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blue Lodge C	29
GA3	(GA3) Holling Blueberry Cl	66
GA3	(GA3) Holling Booker Close	48
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