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Subject: Comments and suggestions for amendments to the Boundary Commission proposals for the new Bolton Borough Wards.

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Dear Sir / Madam / Review Officer Bolton,

I wish to make comments and suggestions in my capacity as a Bolton Borough Councillor and also as the Chair of the present Halliwell Ward Labour Party for amendments in relation to the Boundary Commission proposals for the new Bolton Borough Wards.

1) Queens Park Ward.

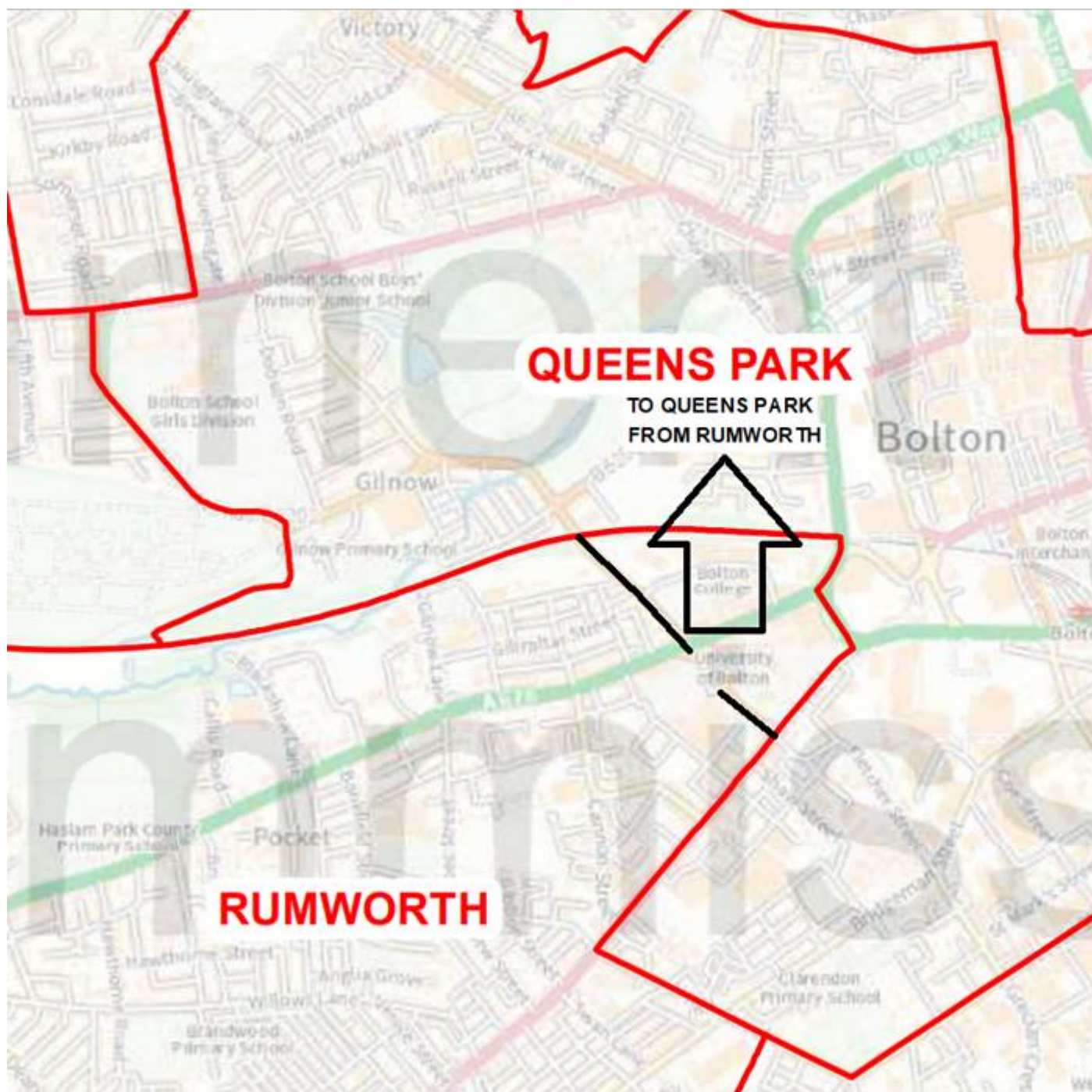
The majority of this proposed Ward is composed of the present Halliwell Ward of which I am Chair of the Labour Party Branch of the Ward. I have three minor amendments to suggest as follows to some of the boundaries of the new proposed Queens Park Ward which I hope you will be able to facilitate in order to make the Ward boundary a little bit more easier to understand which would also make some strategic practical changes which would help Bolton Council in the process regarding the town centre plan.

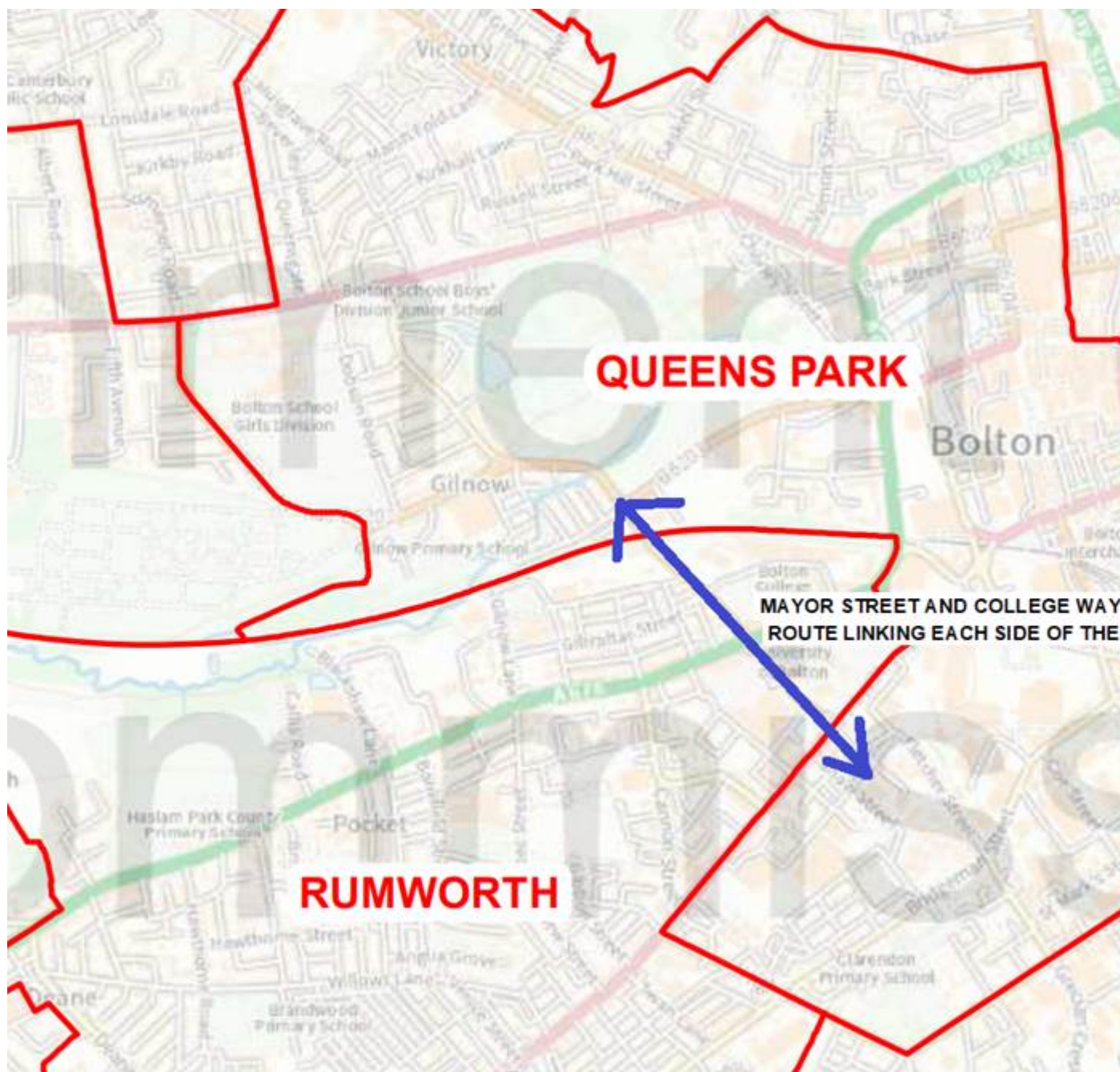
I would ask that the Ward boundary of Queens Park Ward which is proposed, continues to run along the railway line to where it meets Mayor Street, however it is then changed after this point to run in a southerly direction down Mayor Street to the junction with Deane Road and University / College Way and continue in a southerly direction along University / College Way to the junction of Derby Street to meet up with the current proposed boundary. This area is presently proposed to be in Rumworth Ward.

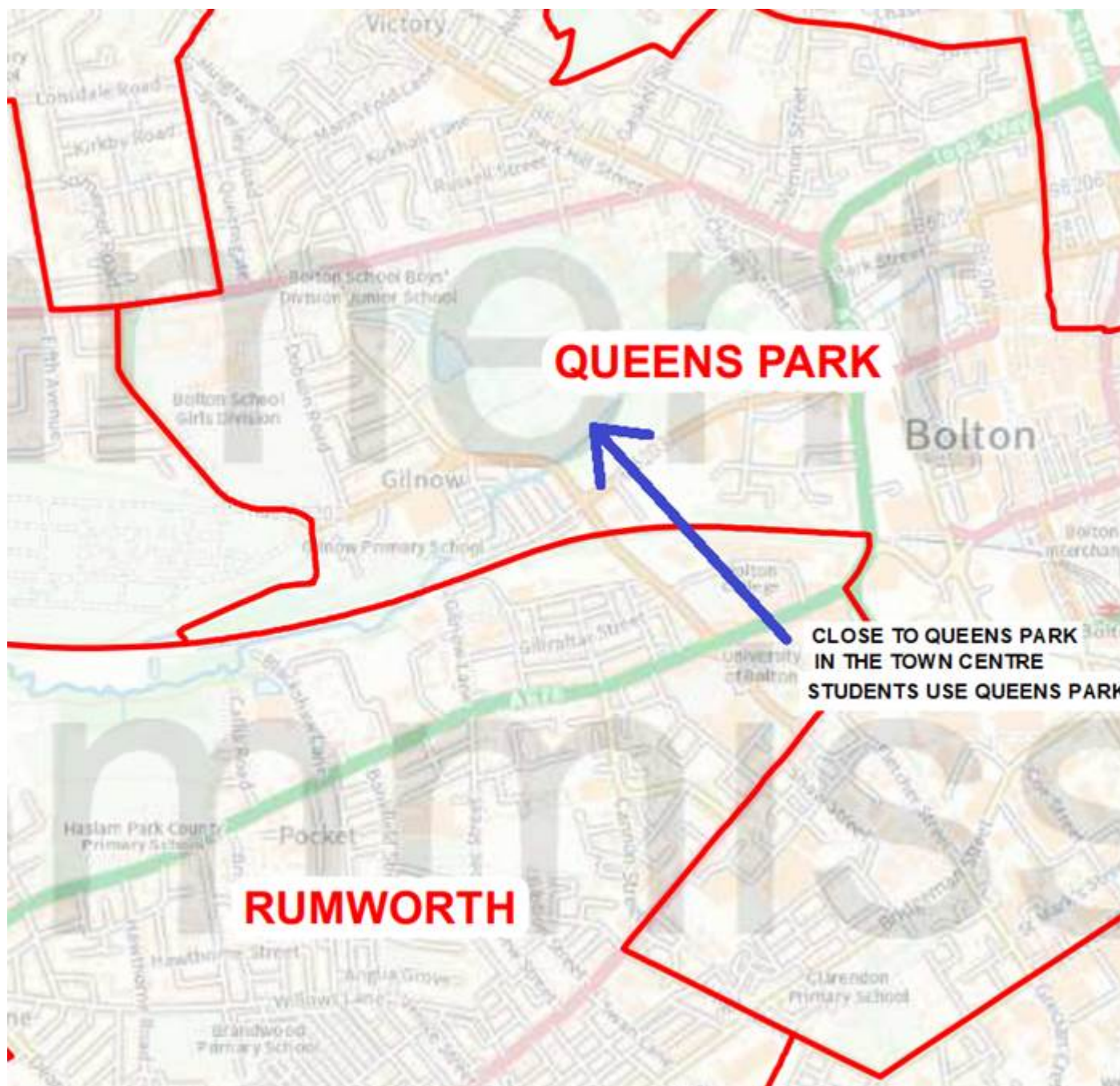
This would be a more practical Ward boundary as this direct route would be a vital link between each part of the new proposed Queens Park Ward. It is also the present Ward boundary between the present Rumworth Ward and Great Lever Ward.

Students from the University use Queens Park as it is a short distance away. It would also encompass that part of Bolton Town Centre covering the University area within the rest of the town centre which is within Queens Park Ward.

If all of Bolton town centre were within Queens Park Ward, this would assist Bolton Council officers and Councillors as only one set of Ward Councillors would need to be consulted by officers regarding the Town Centre plan, so from a strategic perspective as well, it would make sense that the Queens Park Ward Councillors could deal with all town centre issues if all of Bolton town centre was within Queens Park Ward. Moving the Ward boundary slightly so that the University area is within Queens Park Ward would help and secondly a vital link is created between each part of Queens Park Ward as well. Please see the maps as below.



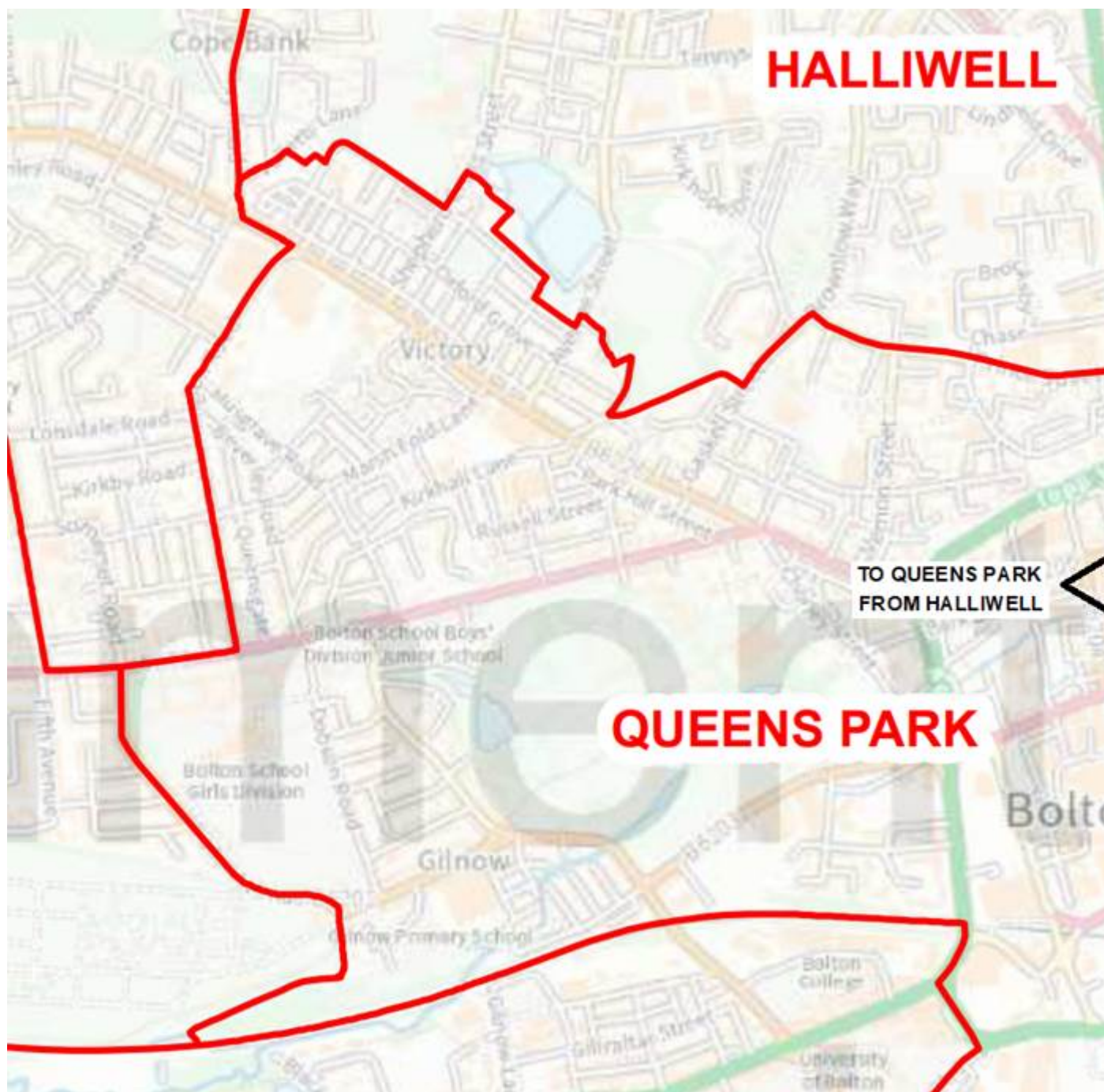


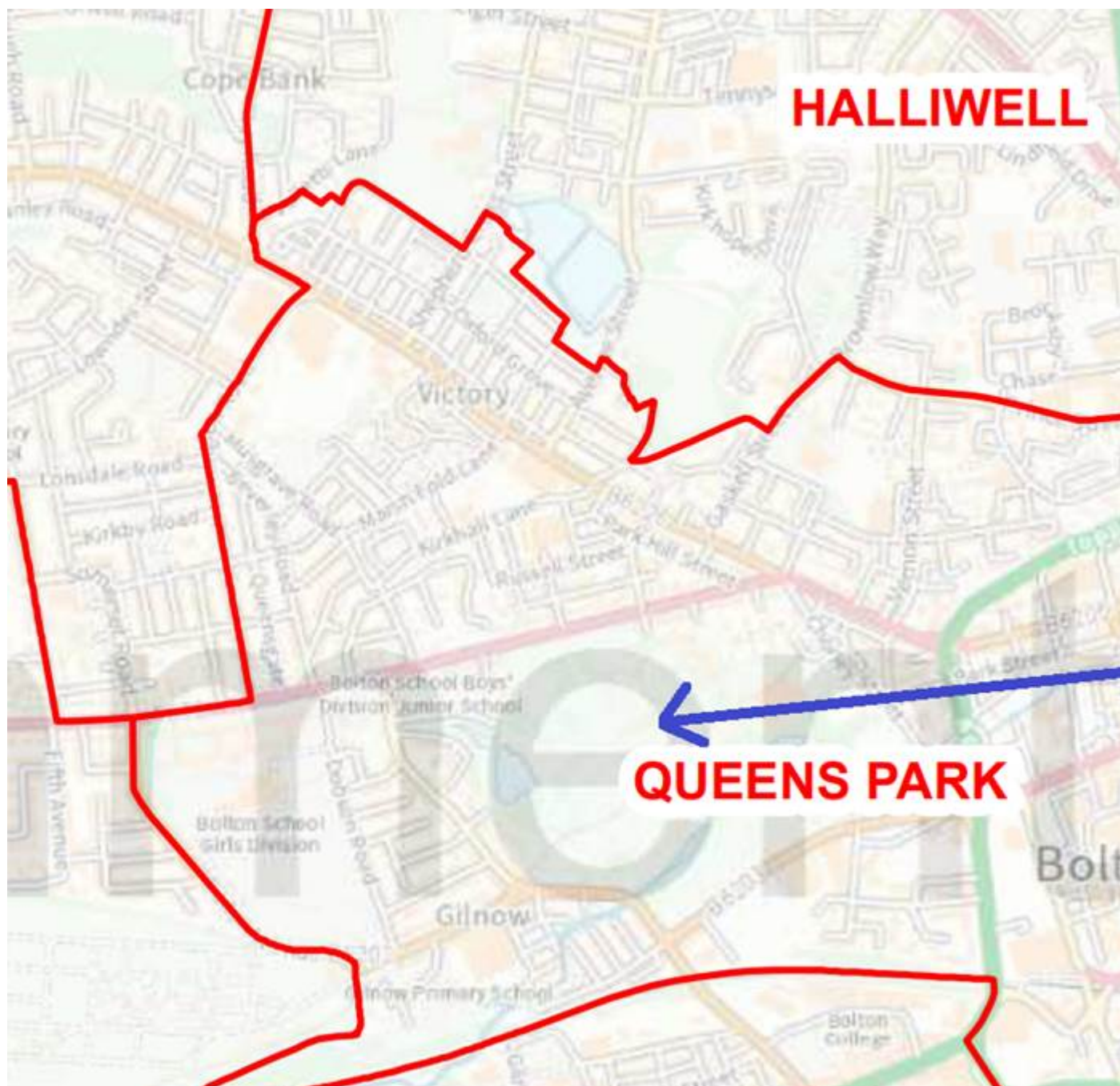


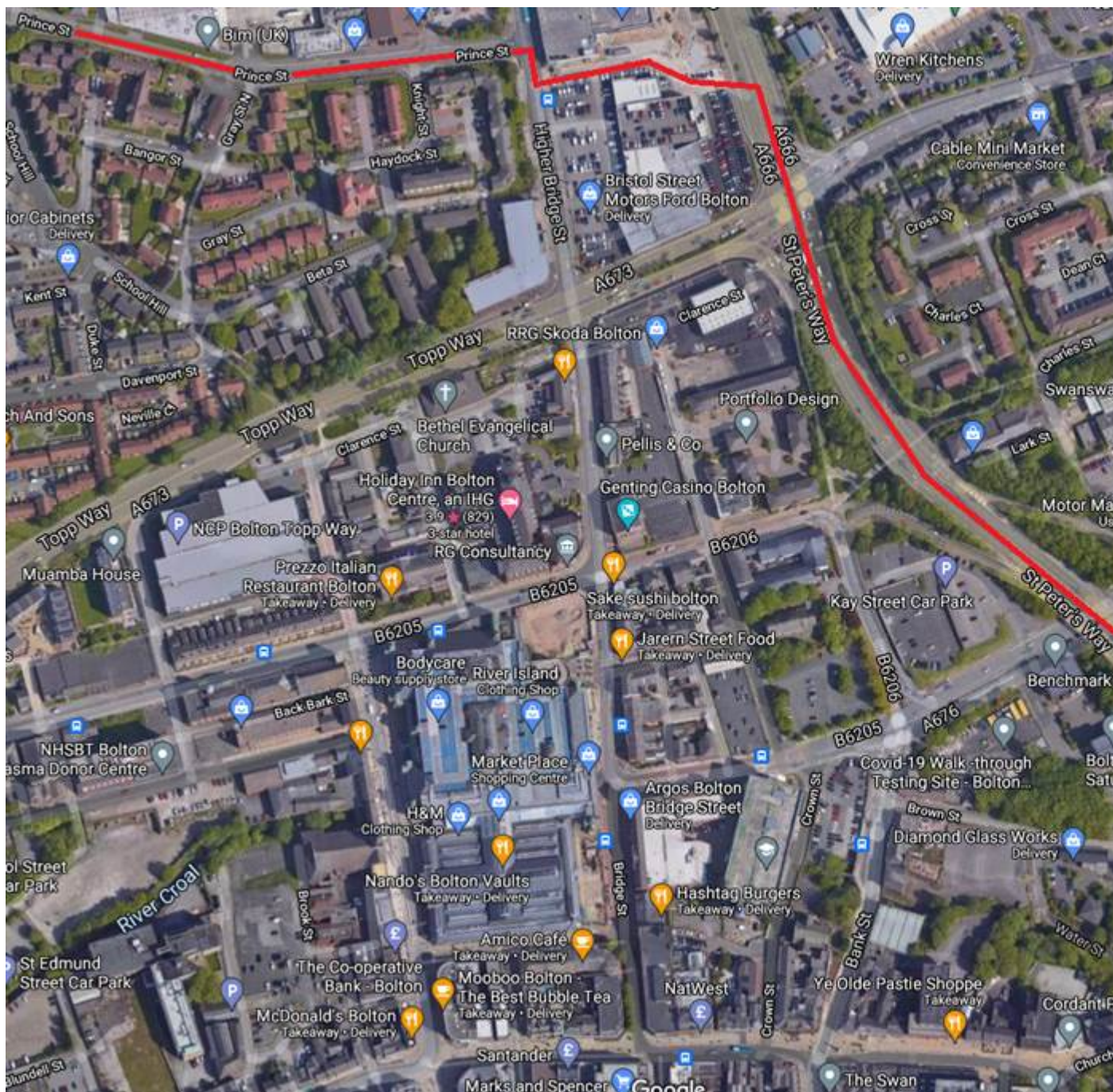


I would also ask that the Ward boundary of Queens Park Ward which is proposed continues to run along Price Street and to meet with the junction of Higher Bridge Street, however it is then changed after this point to cross Higher Bridge Street and to run along the centre line of Haigh Street until it meets Kay Street and then continues in a southerly direction along the centre line of Kay Street and continues in a southerly direction along St. Peter's Way to meet up with the current proposed boundary. This area is presently proposed to be in Halliwell Ward.

This would also add this small section of Bolton town centre into Queens Park Ward. This area is close to and can associate with Queens Park. As I have suggested above from a strategic perspective as well, it would make sense that the Queens Park Ward Councillors could deal with all town centre issues if all of Bolton town centre was within Queens Park Ward. These two small amendments would ensure that all of Bolton town centre would be encompassed within Queens Park Ward. Please see the maps as below.

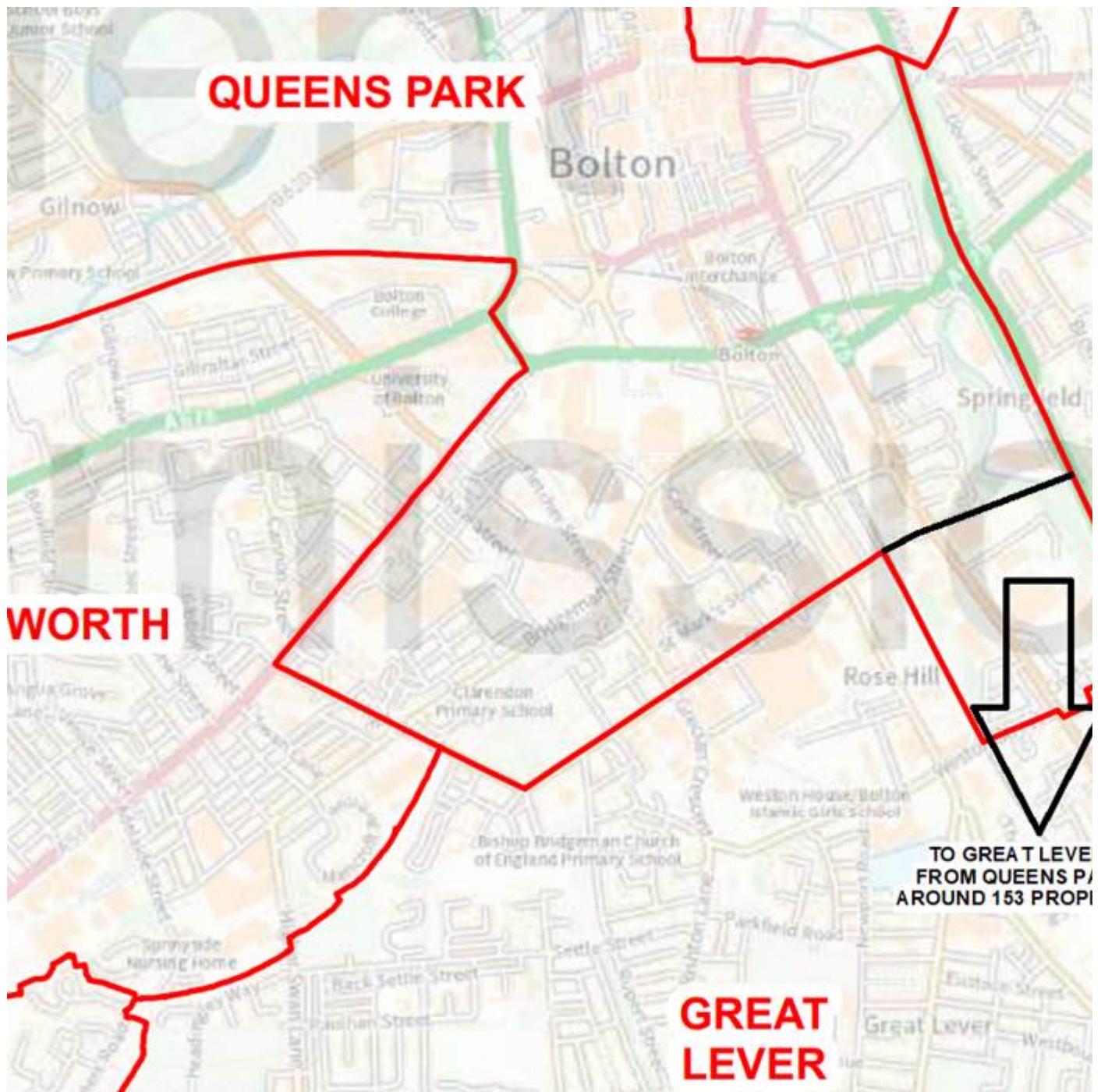






I would also ask that the Ward boundary of Queens Park Ward which is proposed continues to run along Lever Street to the railway line, however it is then changed after this point to continue over the Lever Street footbridge and continues in a straight line along Lever Street, the other side of the railway line to its junction with Manchester Road, and then straight across Manchester Road to continue in a straight line along the centre of Rose Hill and then continues in a straight line crossing unused land and the River Croal until it meets with St. Peter's Way to meet up with the current proposed boundary.

This is because the area to the very south in the proposed Queens Park Ward really has no association at all to Queens Park and is a great distance away and therefore should instead be located within the proposed Great Lever Ward. This area is presently within the present Great Lever Ward. Around 153 properties from the proposed Queens Park Ward from this area would in my suggestion move to the proposed Great Lever Ward. Please see the maps as below.



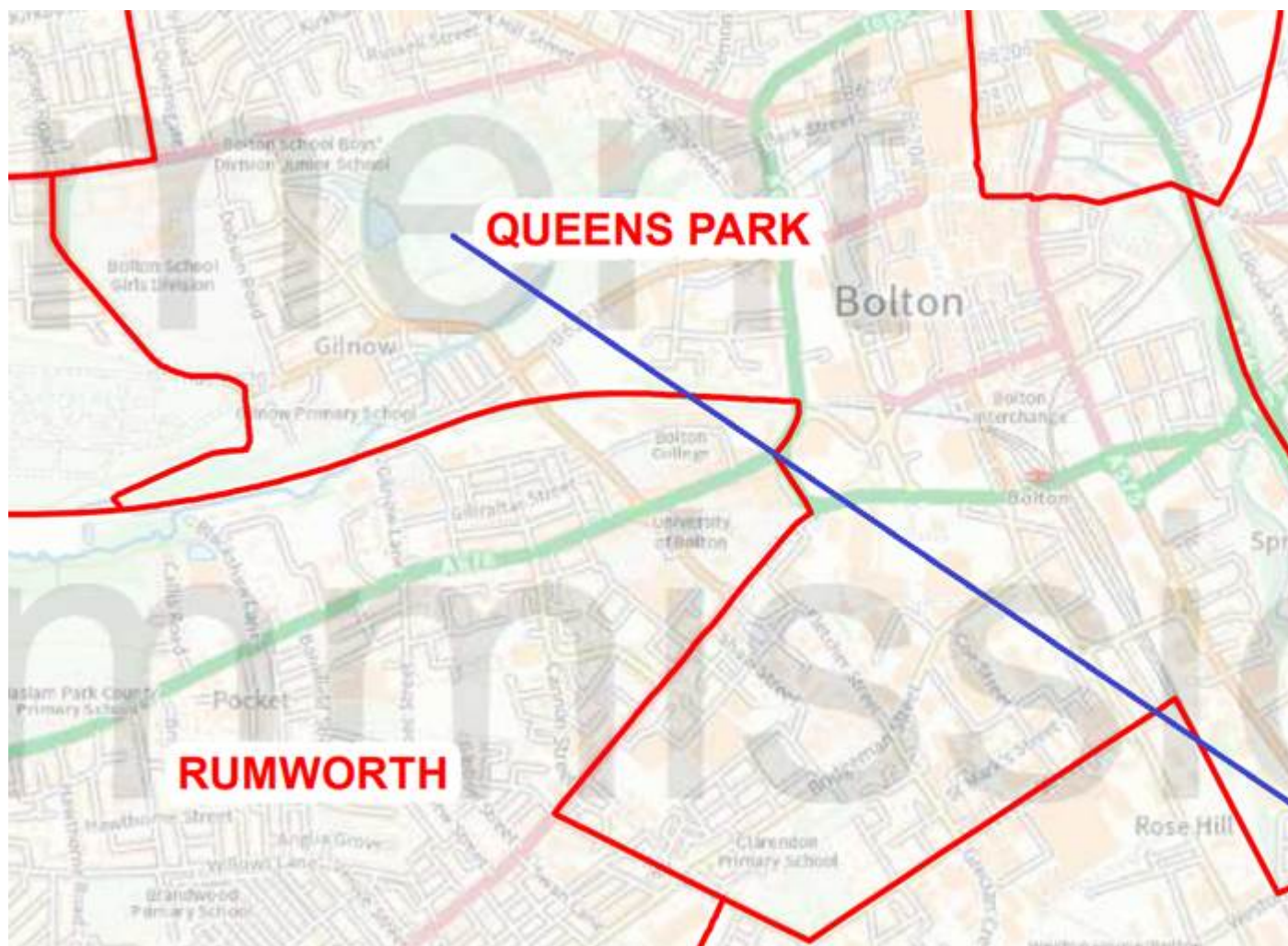
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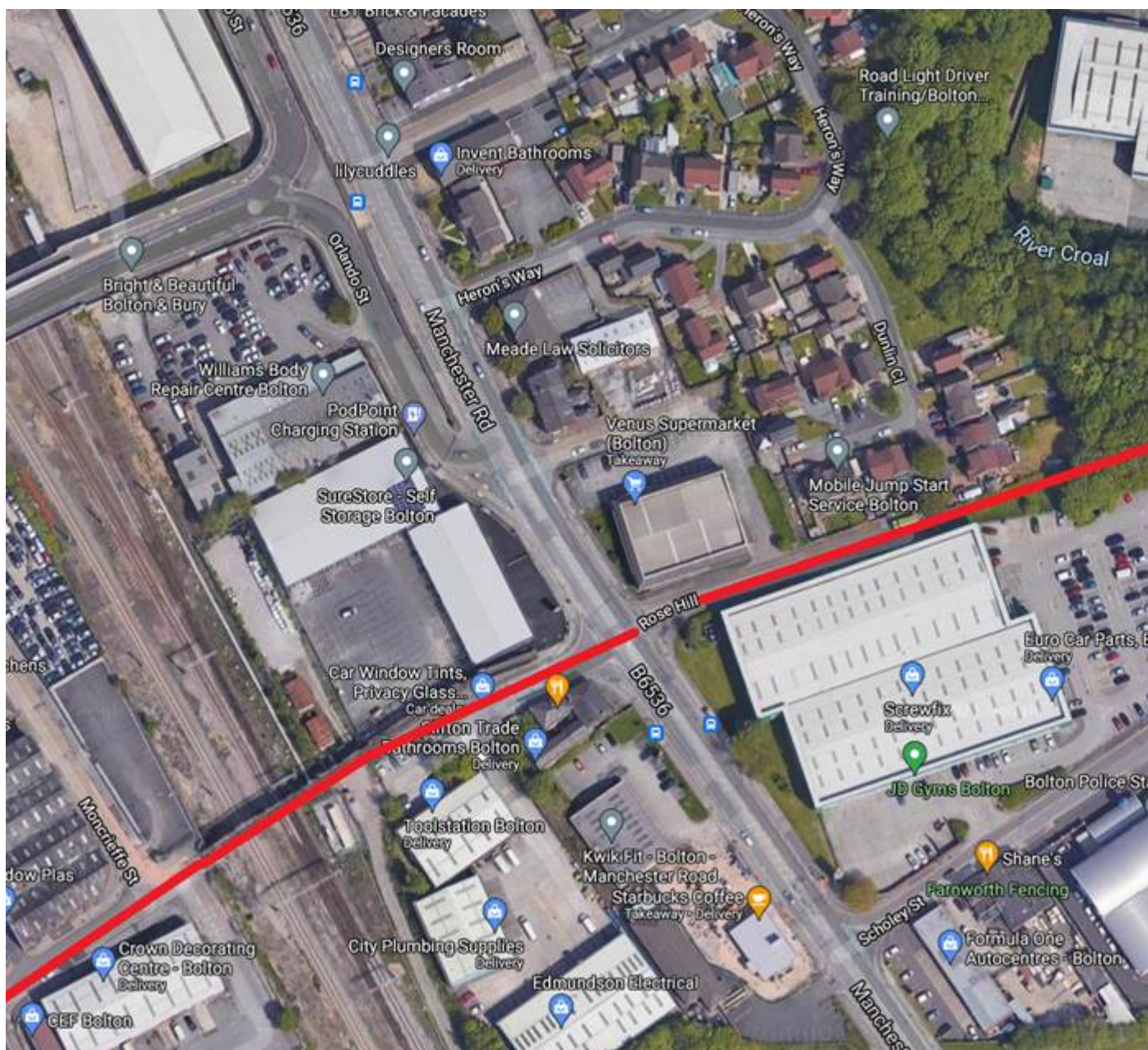
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2) Farnworth North Ward.

From the proposal above, with around 153 properties moving from the proposed Queens Park Ward to the proposed Great Lever Ward, then Great Lever Ward which is already proposed to have an 8% variance in 2027 could lose some properties in compensation to Farnworth North Ward which is proposed to have a -10% variance in 2027.

I would also ask that the Ward boundary of Farnworth North Ward which is proposed is changed at the junction of Doe Hey Road with Harper Green Road to run northwards along the centre line of Harper Green Road to the junction of Harper Green Road with Green Lane and then runs in an easterly direction along the centre line of Green Lane to meet up with the current proposed boundary. This would transfer around 131 properties from Farnworth North Ward to Great Lever Ward. Please see the maps as below.





3) Smithills & North Heaton Ward.

I represented Smithills Ward for six years as a Bolton Borough Councillor from 2004-2010. I would propose an alteration to the proposed new Ward name. I would propose instead **Heaton North & Smithills** as a Ward name. The area up to Chorley Old Road is generally known as Heaton which would be the Heaton North part of the Ward name and the Smithills area of the Ward is beyond that. If an amendment to the Ward name was made then it would complement the proposed Ward name in relation to my following proposal as below in 4).

4) Lostock, South Heaton & Chew Moor Ward.

I was a resident of Lostock for around 25 years. I would propose an alteration to the proposed new Ward name. The proposed new Ward name in my view is too long and rambling and can be shortened. I would propose instead **Heaton South & Lostock** as a Ward name. At the moment the Chew Moor area comes within the present Westhoughton North & Chew Moor Ward. The

present Ward was named so that Chew Moor residents would not be confused as to which Ward they are located in because generally Chew Moor is considered as a sub part of Lostock. Therefore the present Westhoughton North & Chew Moor Ward was named so that residents in Chew Moor would not be confused into thinking that they are located in Heaton & Lostock Ward. I do not believe there is any need under the proposals to include Chew Moor in the proposed Ward name. The Ward name could be shortened to **Heaton South & Lostock** because residents of Chew Moor being a sub part of Lostock would be within the Lostock element of the name. Residents of the Ladybridge estate in comparison which is considered as a sub part of Heaton for Ward purposes, do not have their estate of Ladybridge which is a much bigger area than Chew Moor named at all in the proposed Ward name and the Ladybridge estate is not named in the present Heaton & Lostock Ward name. Therefore a much shorter and simpler **Heaton South & Lostock Ward** name could be used instead and immediately to the north of this Ward a **Heaton North & Smithills Ward** name could be used and both Ward names would complement each other such as the proposed **Horwich North Ward** and the proposed **Horwich South and Blackrod Ward** names complement each other.

I hope that you will consider all of my suggestions and comments as above for amendments.

Yours Sincerely,

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