

Electoral Review of Liverpool

LGBCCE Draft Recommendations - Labour Group Counter-Proposal

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Executive summary

This submission is made on behalf of the Liverpool Labour Group consisting of the Mayor of Liverpool and the 61 Labour councillors currently serving on Liverpool City Council. The Liverpool Labour Group forms the political administration of Liverpool City Council.

The Labour Group on the Council has participated fully in the first and second stages on the review, which were agreed with the Commissioners currently appointed to oversee the Council, as required in the Government's direction. The Group voted in favour of those proposals forming the Council's own cross-party submission at both stages of the electoral review. The Group made its own submission at the second stage on warding arrangement, building on the Council's submission.

The warding arrangements proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in the Draft Recommendations were for 1 three-member ward, 12 two-member wards and 58 single-member wards.

We are making this submission as a counter-proposal to the LGBCE's Draft Recommendations published on 31 March 2022. Our counter-proposal is summarised as follows:

- We accept in full the Draft Recommendation for 48 of the proposed wards.
- We are proposing merging City Centre South and Ropewalks into a new three-member ward, City Centre South.
- We are proposing merging Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West into a new two-member ward, Clubmoor.
- We are proposing transferring some electors from Norris Green East into Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead and merging the remainder of Norris Green East with Norris Green North and Norris Green West into a new three-member ward, Norris Green.
- We are proposing merging Dingle North and Dingle South into a new two-member ward, Dingle.

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- We are proposing merging Dovecot North and Dovecot South into a new two-member ward, Dovecot. We are recommending consideration of alternative names for these wards. We also propose renaming Knotty Ash ward Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park.
- We are proposing merging Everton North and Everton South into a new two-member ward, Everton
- We are proposing transferring some electors from St Michaels into Festival Gardens.
- We are proposing to rename Greenbank ward Greenbank Park.
- We are proposing merging Walton Hall and Walton Vale into a new two-member ward, Walton.
- We are proposing merging Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village into a new two-member ward, Wavertree.

The warding arrangements proposed in our counter-proposal are for 3 three-member wards, 17 two-member wards and 42 single-member wards. We believe that the warding arrangements in our counter-proposal provide for more equal representation, ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and provide for more effective and convenient local government than the Draft Recommendations.

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We accept in full the Draft Recommendations for the following wards using the numbering used in Appendix A of the Draft Recommendations report:

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| 1 | Aigburth | 30 | Gateacre | 52 | Sefton Park |
| 2 | Aintree | 31 | Grassendale | 53 | Smithdown |
| 3 | Anfield | 33 | Kensington and Fairfield | 54 | Speke |
| 4 | Arundel | 34 | Kirkdale | 55 | Springwood |
| 5 | Belle Vale | 36 | Melrose | 57 | Stoneycroft |
| 6 | Broadgreen | 37 | Menlove | 58 | Toxteth |
| 7 | Brownlow Hill | 38 | Mossley Hill | 59 | Tuebrook Edinburgh Park |
| 8 | Calderstones | 39 | Much Woolton and Hunts Cross | 60 | Tuebrook Larkhill |
| 9 | Childwall | 43 | Old Swan East | 61 | Vauxhall |
| 10 | Church | 44 | Old Swan West | 64 | Waterfront North |
| 11 | City Centre North | 45 | Orrell Park | 65 | Waterfront South |
| 15 | County | 46 | Paddington | 68 | West Derby Deysbrook |
| 17 | Croxteth Country Park | 47 | Penny Lane | 69 | West Derby Leyfield |
| 22 | Edge Hill | 48 | Princes Park | 71 | Woolton Park |
| 25 | Fazakerley East | 50 | Sandfield Park | | |
| 26 | Fazakerley West | 51 | Scotland Road | | |
| 28 | Garston North | | | | |
| 29 | Garston South and Cressington | | | | |

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We are making the following counter-proposals for the following wards set out in the appendices using the same ward numbering as in Appendix A of the Draft Recommendations report.

Appendix 1. City Centre South (12) and Ropewalks (49). We are proposing merging City Centre South and Ropewalks into a new three-member ward, City Centre South, to provide for more equal representation, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 2. Clubmoor East (13) and Clubmoor West (14). We are proposing merging Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West into a new two-member ward, Clubmoor, to provide for more equal representation, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities, and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 3. Croxteth (16), Norris Green East (40), Norris Green North (41), Norris Green West (42) and West Derby Muirhead (70). We are proposing transferring some electors from Norris Green East into Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead and merging the remainder of Norris Green East with Norris Green North and Norris Green West into a new three-member ward, Norris Green, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 4. Dingle North (18) and Dingle South (19). We are proposing merging Dingle North and Dingle South into a new two-member ward, Dingle, to provide for more equal representation, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 5. Dovecot North (20), Dovecot South (21) and Knotty Ash (35). We are proposing merging Dovecot North and Dovecot South into a new two-member ward, Dovecot, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government. We are recommending consideration of alternative names for these wards. We also propose renaming Knotty Ash ward Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park to better reflect the identities of the communities in this ward.

Appendix 6. Everton North (23) and Everton South (24). We are proposing merging Everton North and Everton South into a new two-member ward, Everton, to provide for more equal representation, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 7. Festival Gardens (27) and St Michaels (56). We are proposing transferring some electors from St Michaels into Festival Gardens to provide for more equal representation and to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities.

Appendix 8. Greenbank (32). We are proposing to rename this ward Greenbank Park to better reflect the community identity of this ward.

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Appendix 9. Walton Hall (62) and Walton Vale (63). We are proposing merging Walton Hall and Walton Vale into a new two-member ward, Walton, to provide for more equal representation, to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities and to provide for more effective and convenient local government.

Appendix 10. Wavertree Garden Suburb (66) and Wavertree Village (67). We are proposing merging Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village into a new two-member ward, Wavertree, to provide for more equal representation and to ensure a better reflection of community interests and identities.

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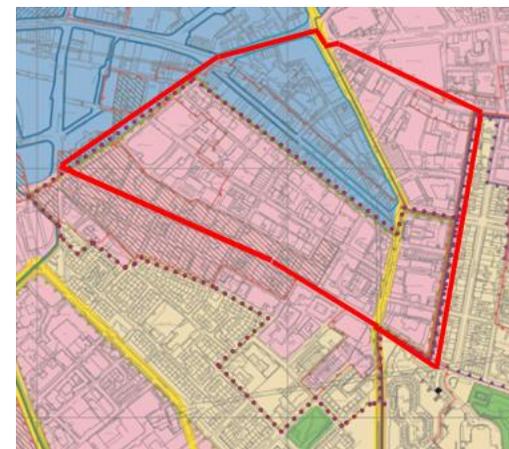
Appendix 1 – City Centre South (12) and Ropewalks (49)

We are proposing merging City Centre South and Ropewalks into a new three-member ward, City Centre South. Our objections to a single-member Ropewalks ward are that it would not accurately reflect community identities and not provide effective and convenient local government.

Ropewalks is a community within the south end of the City Centre. It is recognised in the Liverpool Local Plan as a distinct character areas and is covered by its own planning policy (CC15). It includes residential areas like south of Duke Street, Campbell Square, Argyle Street, Henry Street, York Street, Madison Square and Tradewind Square and residential areas in Chinatown like Cornwallis Street, Bailey Street, Grenville Street South, Nelson Street and Hardy Street. None of these areas, though integral parts of Ropewalks, are included within the proposed Ropewalks ward in the Draft Recommendations. Conversely, areas north of Wood Street with significant numbers of residents, like Bold Street, Oldham Street, Benson Street and Mount Pleasant are included within the proposed Ropewalks ward. This does not reflect natural communities. This is illustrated on the map opposite.

We believe that the community of interest of those living in the proposed Ropewalks ward would be better reflected as part of an expanded three-member City Centre South ward. This would include existing community ties like local schools (such as LIPA Primary School and St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School), shops, including supermarkets, open spaces and other local amenities.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
City Centre South	2	3,542	1,771	-54%	8,457	4,229	-2%
Ropewalks	1	1,484	1,484	-61%	4,707	4,707	9%
Counter proposal							
City Centre South	3	5,026	1,675	-56%	13,164	4,388	2%



Key
— Ropewalks ward – draft recommendations
⋯ Area covered by Ropewalks Policy CC15 Liverpool Local Plan

Figure 1 – Ropewalks as defined in the Liverpool Local Plan compared with the proposed Ropewalks ward

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Appendix 1 – City Centre South (12) and Ropewalks (49)

Our second objection is based on our belief that a single-member Ropewalks ward would provide less effective and convenient local government than including this area in an expanded three-member City Centre South ward.

The proposed Ropewalks ward is significantly geographically smaller than any other proposed ward in the city. Its housing is almost entirely made up of privately-rented apartments with a very high turnover of largely younger residents aged 25 and under on six month tenancies. There is a large night-time economy focus in the ward with clusters around Bold Street, Concert Square, Slater Street, Duke Street and Renshaw Street. There is a growing number of short-term lets and party flats in this area. This would inevitably mean a councillor's casework would be heavily dominated by particular issues, like planning, licensing and environmental health, requiring multi-agency interventions over a sustained period of time. We would strongly argue that the type of casework that is likely to dominate a councillor's workload in the area covered by the proposed Ropewalks ward would be much more effectively handled by a team of councillors in a multi-member ward. Merging the proposed Ropewalks ward into an expanded City Centre South ward would allow councillors to provide better representation to residents, focusing on place-making and problem solving.

A three-member City Centre South ward would also improve electoral equality. The two-member City Centre South and single-member Ropewalks ward have a -2% and 9% variance from the 2027 quota. A three-member City Centre South ward only has a 2% variance.

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations, local councillors and from Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside, we believe that there is more local support for a three-member City Centre South ward than a two-member City Centre South and a single-member Ropewalks ward.

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Appendix 2 – Clubmoor East (13) and Clubmoor West (14)

We are proposing merging Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West into a new two-member ward, Clubmoor.

The boundary between Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West mainly runs along Richard Kelly Drive. In our previous submission we stated that Clubmoor is a collection of four estates, Florence Melly, Daneville, Scarisbrick and Ferguson/Sandyville, with similar inter-war cottage-style social housing and a strong shared collective identity. Using Richard Kelly Drive as a boundary artificially splits the Daneville estate and the wider Clubmoor community. The Asda Superstore on Utting Avenue is a focal point for the whole of Clubmoor. Local schools like Leamington Community Primary, St Mathew’s Catholic Primary and Florence Melly Community Primary all have catchment areas that cross Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West.

Clubmoor has significant multiple deprivation. The lower-level super output areas (LSOAs) that make up Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West are all in the bottom 5% of LSOAs nationally. Clubmoor has high levels of unemployment and worklessness and residents claiming benefits and is quite isolated from the rest of the city with low car ownership levels and poor public transport links. We believe that this has created a particularly strong community identity with shared concerns which would be needlessly compromised by dividing its representation on the local authority. Having two councillors would also mean that they to be able to share the workload, covering for holidays and sicknesses, which will significantly benefit residents living there and provide for more effective and convenient local government than councillors in single-member wards.

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Draft recommendations							
Clubmoor East	1	4,549	4,549	18%	4,156	4,156	-3%
Clubmoor West	1	4,471	4,471	16%	4,007	4,007	-7%
Counter proposal							
Clubmoor	2	9,020	4,510	17%	8,163	4,082	-5%

A two-member Clubmoor ward would also improve electoral equality. The proposed Clubmoor East has a -3% variance from the 2027 quota and the proposed Clubmoor West -7%. Two-member Clubmoor is projected to have a -5% variance in 2027.

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations and local councillors, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Clubmoor ward than a two single-member Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West wards.

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Appendix 3 – Croxteth (16), Norris Green East (40), Norris Green North (41), Norris Green West (42) and West Derby Muirhead (70)

We are proposing two changes to the Draft Recommendations for these wards.

The first change is to transfer the area north-east of Lower House Lane out of Norris Green East.

The boundary between Norris Green and Croxteth, which are two very distinct communities, is Dwerryhouse Lane/Lower House Lane. Although both communities are peripheral former local authority housing estates, Norris Green was developed in the late-1920s and 1930s. Most homes in Norris Green are a particular cottage-style with three bedrooms, with an uniform layout of streets, reflecting garden city ideals of circles, crescents and cul-de-sacs. This is shown in Figure 1 on the right.

Croxteth was built mainly from the 1950s onwards. Unlike Norris Green, Croxteth was not developed as a dormitory suburb, but to house workers working at factories on the A580 East Lancashire Road. Croxteth was developed as a collection of communities, the Gems Estate, Stonebridge Estate, Old Croxteth and the Dog and Gun. These distinctions are still reflected in current community identities and affinities.

We believe that the community interests of this area to the north-east of Lower House Lane would be better served if it was transferred out of Norris Green East and into Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Croxteth	1	4,109	4,109	7%	4,172	4,172	-3%
Norris Green East	1	4,371	4,371	14%	4,714	4,714	10%
Norris Green North	1	5,050	5,050	31%	4,245	4,335	1%
Norris Green West	1	4,713	2,491	-35%	4,009	4,714	10%
West Derby Muirhead	1	4,194	4,194	9%	4,083	4,245	-1%
Counter proposal							
Croxteth	1	4,490	4,490	17%	4,553	4,553	6%
Norris Green	3	13,201	4,400	15%	12,035	4,012	-7%
West Derby Muirhead	1	4,746	4,746	24%	4,635	4,635	8%

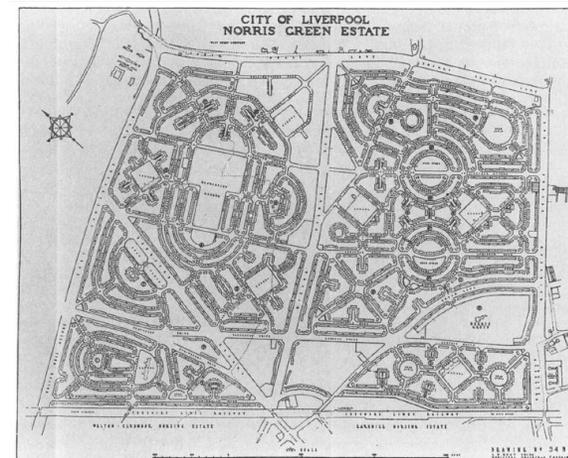


Figure 2 – Original Plans of Norris Green Estate

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Appendix 3 – Croxteth (16), Norris Green East (40), Norris Green North (41), Norris Green West (42) and West Derby Muirhead (70)

This area, bounded by Lower House Lane, Storrington Avenue, Croxteth Hall Lane and Carr Lane East is known as the Dog and Gun, after a now demolished historic hostelry likely associated with the hunt from Croxteth Hall. We calculate that there are currently 933 electors in this area and, with no new housing planned here, we would estimate that the number of electors would not change materially by 2027.

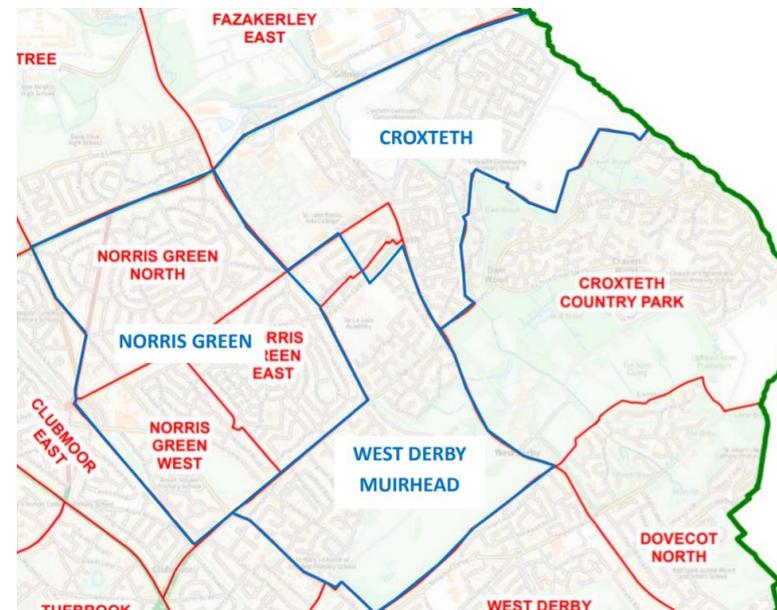
There are still examples of original rural cottages in the Dog and Gun, but most of this area was developed separately from the other areas of Croxteth, such as the Gems Estate, Stonebridge Estate and Old Croxteth. Unlike these areas, most of the housing in the Dog and Gun was developed as private housing.

We would propose splitting this area between the single-member Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead wards along Worrow Road, with 381 voters from the east going into Croxteth and the remaining 552 voters going into West Derby Muirhead. This better recognises the identity and integrity of Norris Green. This outweighs, in our opinion, the disadvantages of splitting the Dog and Gun between Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead.

These changes reduces electoral equality marginally, although all the proposed new wards will remain well within a 10% variance either way by 2027. We believe that this is outweighed by the improved reflection of community interests in the proposed new boundaries.

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Key

- Ward boundaries – counter-proposal
- Ward boundaries – draft recommendations
- Local authority boundary

Map 1 – Croxteth, Norris Green and West Derby Muirhead wards

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Appendix 3 – Croxteth (16), Norris Green East (40), Norris Green North (41), Norris Green West (42) and West Derby Muirhead (70)

The second change we are proposing is to merge the remainder of Norris Green East with Norris Green North and Norris Green West into a new three-member ward, Norris Green.

Norris Green is a recognisable local community with very clear and identifiable boundaries, the A580 East Lancashire Road in the north, Lower House Lane and Dwerryhouse Lane in the east, Muirhead Avenue East in the south and the Loop Line, Townsend Avenue, Parthenon Drive and Strawberry Road in the west. The boundaries proposed between Norris Green East, North and West are not as clear and identifiable and split an otherwise cohesive area artificially, dividing residents from local amenities.

Norris Green has significant multiple deprivation. The lower-level super output areas (LSOAs) that make up Norris Green East, Norris Green North and Norris Green West are all in the bottom 10% of LSOAs nationally, with some in the bottom 5% and bottom 1% nationally. Norris Green has high levels of unemployment and worklessness and residents claiming benefits and is quite isolated from the rest of the city with low car ownership levels and poor public transport links. As with Clubmoor, we believe this has created a strong community identity which ought to be recognised in the representation of the area. We would again argue that having three councillors, all clearly representing the whole of the Norris Green community and able to share the workload, covering for holidays and sicknesses, will significantly benefit residents living there and provide for more effective and convenient local government than councillors in single-member wards.

A three-member Norris Green ward, as proposed above, would also improve electoral equality.

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations and local councillors, we believe that there is more local support for a three-member Norris Green ward than three single-member wards, Norris Green East, Norris Green North and Norris Green West.

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Appendix 4 – Dingle North (18) and Dingle South (19)

We are proposing merging Dingle North and Dingle South into a new two-member ward, Dingle

Park Street is the boundary proposed between Dingle North and Dingle South. This is an arbitrary boundary that is neither clear nor identifiable. This boundary takes little account of the community identity of Dingle. Dingle has long been identified as a single community, being a catchment area for local schools, sharing community organisations along the length of Mill Street and having a single GP surgery, Dingle Park Practice.

Dingle-based organisations like the Florrie, Riverview Development Trust, South Liverpool Community Transport, Wheel Meet Again and churches such as St Gabriels and St Cleopas work collaboratively across the whole of Dingle, on both sides of the proposed new ward divide.

Dingle is a very deprived community and residents living there in need of consistent and continued access to councillor support. Having two councillors to be able to share the workload, covering for holidays and sicknesses, will significantly benefit residents living there and provide for more effective and convenient local government than two councillors in single-member wards.

A two-member Dingle ward would also improve electoral equality. The proposed Dingle North ward has a projected variance of 8% in 2027 and the proposed Dingle South -8%. A two-member Dingle ward would have a 0% variance.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Dingle North	1	2,875	2,875	-25%	4,642	4,642	8%
Dingle South	1	4,713	4,713	23%	3,975	3,975	-8%
Counter proposal							
Dingle	2	7,588	3,794	-1%	8,617	4,309	0%

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations, local councillors and from Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Dingle ward than two single-member wards, Dingle North and Dingle South.

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Appendix 5 – Dovecot North (20), Dovecot South (21) and Knotty Ash (35)

We are proposing three changes to these wards.

The first is to merge Dovecot North and Dovecot South into a new two-member ward, Dovecot.

The proposed boundary between Dovecot North and Dovecot South runs along Finch Lane, Finch Road and Fincham Road to the boundary with Knowsley. This is an arbitrary boundary that is neither clear nor identifiable and splits Dovecot, a natural community with a strong identity

Dovecot and Princess Drive Community Association is located on the north side of Finch Lane. It serves residents living on both sides of the proposed boundary. Shared local amenities, such as the shops on the south side of Finch Lane, including Yew Tree Chemist, Yew Tree Children’s Centre, Yew Tree Nursery, Yew Tree Health Centre and Princess Drive shops, would be split between the two proposed wards, whereas they are in fact focal points that bring residents from both sides of this boundary together.

Both Dovecot North and Dovecot South contain areas of significant multiple deprivation. The lower-level super output areas (LSOAs) in Dovecot North are predominantly in the bottom 5% nationally according to the 2019 Indices of Multiple Deprivation. The LSOAs that make up Dovecot South are predominantly in the bottom 1% nationally. Both areas have high levels of unemployment and worklessness and residents claiming benefits. Having two councillors to be able to share the workload, covering for holidays and sicknesses, will significantly benefit residents living there and provide for more effective and convenient local government than two councillors in single-member wards.

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Draft recommendations							
Dovecot North	1	4,681	4,681	22%	4,368	4,368	2%
Dovecot South	1	4,112	4,112	7%	4,382	4,382	2%
Knotty Ash	1	4,383	4,383	14%	4,344	4,344	1%
Counter proposal							
Dovecot	2	8,793	4,397	14%	8,750	4,375	2%
Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park	1	4,383	4,383	14%	4,344	4,344	1%

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations, local councillors and from Ian Byrne MP for Liverpool West Derby, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Dovecot ward than two single-member wards, Dovecot North and Dovecot South.

The second change we are proposing is for the following alternative names to be considered for the proposed single-member Dovecot North and Dovecot South wards in the draft recommendations and the Dovecot ward in our counter-proposal.

Based on feedback with local councillors for the current Yew Tree ward, local residents and local organisations in the ward, we put forward the following alternative names for these wards:

- The single-member Dovecot North in the Draft Recommendations to be renamed Woodlands.
- The single-member Dovecot South in the Draft Recommendations to be renamed Finch.
- The two-member Dovecot in our counter-proposal to be renamed Liverpool East.

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Appendix 5 – Dovecot North (20), Dovecot South (21) and Knotty Ash (35)

The third change we are proposing is to rename Knotty Ash ward to Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park.

We believe East Prescott Road, a dual carriageway that is part of the A57 would be a clear and identifiable boundary between the proposed Knotty Ash and Dovecot South wards (or a two-member Dovecot ward, if our first counter-proposal is accepted). However, the area south of East Prescott Road does encompass two separate, but linked communities either side of the roundabout at Pilch Lane/Brookside Avenue. The area west of this is Knotty Ash, the area east is the part of Dovecot centred around Dovecot Park, Dovecot shops and Dovecot Library. **We therefore propose that this ward should be renamed Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park to reflect the identities of both communities.**

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Appendix 6 – Everton North (23) and Everton South (24)

We are proposing merging Everton North and Everton South into a new two-member ward, Everton.

The proposed boundary between Everton North and Everton South is Breck Road, which is identified as a District Centre in Liverpool’s Local Plan, acting “as a focus for the local community and public transport services”. Breck Road brings residents together from both proposed wards for shopping and leisure activities. Children cross Breck Road in both directions to attend schools like Four Oaks Primary School, Whitefield Primary School and North Liverpool Academy.

Community anchor organisations like Kitty’s Laundrette, Breckfield and North Everton Neighbourhood Council and the L6 Community Association operate on both sides on Breck Road and serve the wider Everton community.

The LSOAs that make up the proposed Everton North and Everton South ward are predominantly in the bottom 1% nationally according to the 2019 Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Both areas have high levels of unemployment and worklessness and residents claiming benefits. Having two councillors to be able to share the workload, covering for holidays and sicknesses, will significantly benefit residents living there and provide for more effective and convenient local government than two councillors in single-member wards.

A two-member Everton ward would also improve electoral equality overall. The proposed Everton North is only -1% under the 2027 quota, but the proposed Everton South is 8% over. A two-member Everton ward would only be 4% over the 2027 quota.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Everton North	1	4,093	4,093	7%	4,265	4,265	-1%
Everton South	1	4,147	4,147	8%	4,641	4,641	8%
Counter proposal							
Everton	2	8,240	4,120	7%	8,906	4,453	4%

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations and local councillors, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Everton ward than two single-member wards, Everton North and Everton South.

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Appendix 7 – Festival Gardens (27) and St Michaels (56)

We are proposing to transfer the Dingle Vale area from the proposed St Michaels ward into the Festival Gardens ward. This would consist of the south-west side of Dingle Lane, including Turner Home, Turner Close, Kinnaird Street, Longford Street, Monkswell Street and Dingle Vale. We calculate that there are currently 298 electors in this area and, with no new housing planned in this area, would estimate that the electorate in 2027 would not deviate from this materially.

This area is detached from the rest of the St Michaels ward with no vehicular access other than via Aigburth Road and Dingle Lane. Indeed Dingle Recreational Ground separates this area from the rest of St Michaels. While the Draft Recommendations look neater on a map, the counter proposals better reflect neighbourhoods.

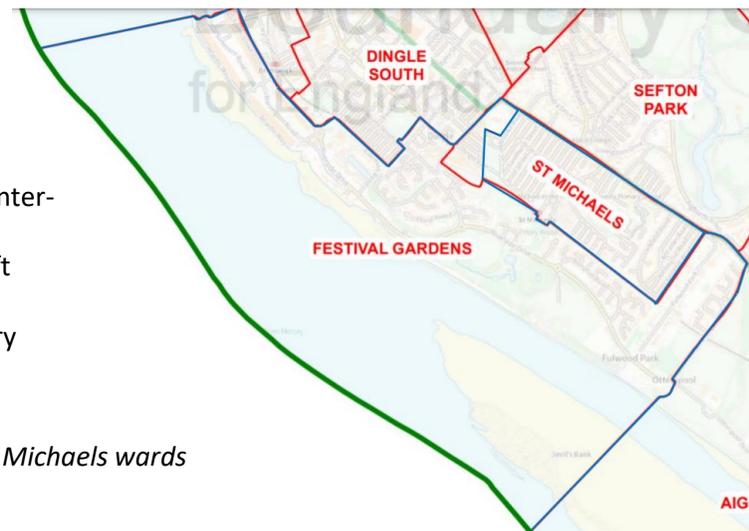
This area has closer links with the area south of Dingle Mount and Dingle Road, as well as the area around Promenade Gardens. Matthew Arnold Primary School, which is also the location of Dingle Children’s Centre, and King’s Leadership Academy serve these areas, but do not serve St Michaels to the same extent.

These changes would also improve electoral equality in both wards. Under the draft proposals Festival Gardens is projected to be 10% under the quota by 2027 and the proposed St Michaels 6% over. Under the boundaries in our counter-proposal Festival Gardens would only have a -3% variance by 2027 and St Michaels -1%.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Festival Gardens	1	2,569	2,569	-33%	3,879	3,879	-10%
St Michaels	1	4,564	4,564	19%	4,548	4,548	6%
Counter proposal							
Festival Gardens	1	2,867	1,434	-63%	4,177	4,177	-3%
St Michaels	1	4,266	2,133	-44%	4,250	4,250	-1%

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Map 2 Festival Gardens and St Michaels wards

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Appendix 8 – Greenbank (32)

We are proposing renaming the proposed Greenbank ward to Greenbank Park, following feedback from the councillors from the existing Greenbank ward and local residents. Greenbank is named after Greenbank House, a Grade II*-listed building, formerly the home of social reformer, politician and philanthropist William Rathbone. The house is currently situated within the University of Liverpool's Greenbank Halls of Residence. The house has given its name to numerous local amenities, the most prominent of which is Greenbank Park. We believe that naming the new ward after Greenbank Park, which is this ward's principal focal point, would be more understood by local residents, better reflect community identities and would also differentiate the new single-member ward from the current three-member ward that covers a much wider area.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Greenbank	1	3,851	3,851	0%	4,037	4,037	-6%
Counter proposal							
Greenbank Park	1	3,851	3,851	0%	4,037	4,037	-6%

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Appendix 9 – Walton Hall (62) and Walton Vale (63)

We are proposing merging Walton Hall and Walton Vale into a new two-member ward, Walton. The proposed boundary between Walton Hall and Walton Vale is the Kirkby to Liverpool railway line and then south of Rice Lane Station the A59, Rice Lane.

This separates residents living in the proposed Walton Hall ward from the Walton Vale shopping and leisure area, a District Centre identified in the Liverpool Local Plan. Rice Lane is separately identified as a Local Centre in the Local Plan and is a shopping and leisure destination for residents living on both sides of Rice Lane. Rice Lane Recreational Ground, located in the proposed Walton Hall ward, is a much-cherished amenity used by residents on both sides, as are the Walton Life Rooms on Evered Avenue, the former library, now a community hub.

Children from both the Walton Hall and Walton Vale wards go to Rice Lane Primary School and Northcote Primary School, crossing Rice Lane to do this.

Charities and community organisations support families from across both proposed wards including, Opening Doors Project, Rice Lane City Farm, Walton Vale Community Shop, Citron Close Foodbank, Friends of Walton Hall Park and Friends of Rice Lane Recreation Ground. The number and range of organisations working across this area demonstrates the clear shared community identity of this area as Walton.

There are a large and increasing number of terraced former family homes being converted into other uses in the area, such as HMOs, short-term lets, party pads, bedsits and supported accommodation.

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Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Walton Hall	1	4,374	4,374	14%	4,372	4,372	2%
Walton Vale	1	4,628	4,628	20%	4,093	4,093	-5%
Counter proposal							
Walton	2	9,002	4,501	17%	8,465	4,233	-2%

This has resulted in an increasing transient population, requiring intensive multi agency work of police, social services, antisocial behaviour teams, housing associations, community organisations and councillors to support the residents living there. These changes have been acknowledged by Liverpool City Council including the whole of the current Warbreck ward in its Landlord Licensing Scheme.

This would be represent a significant and unsustainable amount of work and pressure on one councillor and so, to provide for more effective and convenient local government, we would propose that this area would be better represented in a two-member ward.

A two-member Walton ward would also improve electoral equality, as shown in the table above.

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations and local councillors, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Walton ward than two single-member wards, Walton Hall and Walton Vale.

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Appendix 10 – Wavertree Garden Suburb (66) and Wavertree Village (67)

We are proposing merging Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village into a new two-member ward, Wavertree.

The proposed boundary between the two wards Mill Lane splits Wavertree Garden Suburb from Wavertree High Street. Wavertree High Street is identified as a Local Centre in Liverpool's Local Plan consisting of small-scale shops and services appropriate to their role and function which is to serve the everyday needs of local communities. In this case, these are local communities on either side of Mill Lane.

Local primary schools in these two wards, particularly Heygreen Primary School, Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School, Wavertree Church of England School, Christ The King Catholic Primary School and Northway Primary & Nursery School have catchment areas that cross Mill Lane.

A two-member Wavertree ward would also improve electoral equality. The proposed single-member Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village wards are projected to have a -9% and 3% variance by 2027. A two-member Wavertree ward would only have a -3% variance by 2027.

Based on feedback from local residents, local organisations, local councillors and also from Paula Barker, MP for Liverpool Wavertree, we believe that there is more local support for a two-member Wavertree ward than two single-member wards, Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Draft recommendations							
Wavertree Garden Suburb	1	4,111	4,111	7%	3,929	3,929	-9%
Wavertree Village	1	4,287	4,287	12%	4,430	4,430	3%
Counter proposal							
Wavertree	2	8,398	4,199	9%	8,359	4,180	-3%