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Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1635341109_Proposed+local+wards.pdf

Proposed Wards - Glenfields

I earlier submitted ideas for the new warding but now with the benefit of more evidence by way of actual predicted voter numbers I wish to update my submission.

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A fairly simple process achieving at least the same but I think a better numeric result could properly reflect the communities. By putting the Gynsill Lane area together with Glenfield Frith, the Calverley Estate and the easterly old estate south of Dominion Road the number for this ward would come out broadly correct.

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