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#### PROPOSALS FOR NEW WARDING ARRANGEMENTS – STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

Introduction: I offer proposals for new ward boundaries for selected wards in the Northern region of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, based on altruistic considerations which recognise the need to narrow the current significant variation in the ratios of councillors to number of electors. These are detailed in the attached MS Word document. The Word document shows proposed 2026 electorates, sub ward polling district details where transfers are proposed, and details of output area populations that I suggest are moved between wards. The wards covered are: Billingham Central Estimated 2026 electorate of 5366 served by 2 Councillors. Billingham East Estimated 2026 electorate of 5335, served by 2 Councillors. Billingham North Estimated 2026 electorate of 7414, served by 3 Councillors - renamed to Billingham North & Wolviston Ward Billingham South Estimated 2026 electorate of 2772 served by 1 Councillor Billingham West Estimated 2026 electorate 5581 served by 2 Councillors. Northern Parishes New Wynyard & Estimated 2026 Electorate 5222, Western Parishes Western Parishes ward served by 2 councillors The key changes are: shown below and are to facilitate better matching of the 2026 target ration of one councillor per 2639 electors than in is currently the case: 1) A merger of parts of Northern Parishes & Western Parishes ward 2) An enlargement of Billingham North Ward 3) A reduction in the area of Billingham South Ward Data sources Office for National Statistics – Geography linked data for output area 2019 electors <http://statistics.data.gov.uk/home> 2026 Electorate number estimates <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/North%20East/Stockton-On-Tees/SoT%20Electoral%20Forecasting%20Proforma.xlsx>

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## Introduction:

This document contains proposals for new ward boundaries for selected wards in the Northern region of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council in response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation running up to 11/01/21. The proposals are based on altruistic considerations which recognise the current significant variation in the ratios of councillors to number of electors.

## Executive Summary

I have endeavoured to meet the criteria of a target ratio of one councillor per 2639 electors. That ratio is derived from the 2026 predicted population data. This is implemented by moving output areas, or entire sub ward polling district areas into an existing adjacent ward. Tables are provided showing proposed new ward electorates, sub ward polling district details where transfers are proposed, and details of output area populations that I suggest are moved between wards.

I have also suggested a ward name change to more accurately reflect the local geographic situation. I have also proposed some changes to the sub ward polling district boundaries and the wards they are part of, where there is a current significant deviation from the suggested target ratio of one councillor per 2639 electors, based on 2026 population estimates.

Currently, the variance from the proposed 1 councillor per 2639 elector ratio ranges from -13% (Billingham West ward) to 39% (Northern Parishes). I propose changes that will narrow the variance to -8% to +8%

## Data sources

Office for National Statistics – Geography linked data for output area 2019 electors

<http://statistics.data.gov.uk/home>

2026 Electorate number estimates

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## Proposals for new ward boundaries across selected northern region wards in Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

### 1. Billingham Central Ward

To be slightly enlarged with a boundary expansion in the BC3 sub ward polling district by incorporation of the post codes shown below from the BW1 sub ward polling district, output area E00061908, adding an estimated 207 electors.

TS23 2ES      TS23 2SE      TS23 2SF      TS23 2SG

Estimated 2026 electorate of 5366 served by 2 Councillors.

### 2. Billingham East Ward

To be extended to include the current Billingham South BS2 sub ward polling district. This action removes the anomaly of parts of Billingham South ward extending further east than Billingham East Ward itself.

Estimated 2026 electorate of 5335, served by 2 Councillors.

### 3. Billingham North & Wynyard Ward

To be comprised of the current **Billingham North Ward** and the current **Northern Parishes** NP3 sub ward polling district.

Estimated 2026 electorate of 7414, served by 3 Councillors.

#### 4. Billingham South Ward

To be reduced in area, with its current BS2 & BS4 sub ward polling districts being reassigned to other wards as detailed above and below.

Estimated 2026 electorate of 2772 served by 1 Councillor.

#### 5. Billingham West Ward

To be reconfigured with the addition of the current BS4 sub ward polling district, and transfer of 207 Electors from the post codes below in the BW1 sub ward polling district output area E00061908 to the BC3 sub ward polling district:

TS23 2SG      TS23 2SF      TS23 2SE      TS23 2ES

Estimated 2026 electorate 5581 served by 2 Councillors.

#### 6. Wynyard & Western Parishes ward

A new ward named Wynyard & Western Parishes to be created, comprised of parts of the current Northern Parishes and Western Parishes sub ward polling districts, as listed below.

NP1	Northern Parishes	Rename to Wynyard & Western Parishes	WWP1
NP2	Northern Parishes	Rename to Wynyard & Western Parishes	WWP2
WP1	Western Parishes	Rename to Wynyard & Western Parishes	WWP3
WP2	Western Parishes	Rename to Wynyard & Western Parishes	WWP4
WP3	Western Parishes	Rename to Wynyard & Western Parishes	WWP5

Current Sub ward polling districts NP3, NP4, NP5, WP4 and WP5 could be reassigned to other wards where the ratio is less than of one councillor per 2639 electors, for example Eaglescliffe and some Norton Wards.

Estimated 2026 Electorate 5222, served by 2 councillors.

#### Appendix 1 Proposed New Ward Electorates & sub ward polling districts

Ward name	Current Poll district area code	New code	Electorate 2026 estimated	Total estimated Electorate 2026	No of Cllrs
Billingham Central	BC1	BC1	1496	5366	2
	BC2	BC2	1164		
	BC3	BC3	1674		
	BC4	BC4	1032		
Billingham East	BE1	BE1	2141	5335	2
	BE2	BE2	1079		
	BE3	BE3	1618		
	BE4	BE4	86		
	BS2	BE5	411		
Billingham North & Wolviston (Currently Billingham North)	BN1	BNW1	2281	7414	3
	BN2	BNW2	1329		
	BN3	BNW3	1512		
	BN4	BNW4	1616		
	NP3	BNW5	676		
Billingham South	BS1	BS1	1338	2722	1
	BS3	BS2	1384		
Billingham West	BW1	BW1	1468	5581	2
	BW2	BW2	2694		
	BS4	BW3	1419		
Wynyard & Western Parishes (Currently Northern Parishes & Western Parishes)	NP1	WWP1	3176	5222	2
	NP2	WWP2	136		
	WP1	WWP3	659		
	WP2	WWP4	974		
	WP3	WWP5	277		