

New electoral arrangements for Cornwall Council

Final recommendations

December 2018

Translations and other formats

For information on obtaining this publication in another language or in a large-print or Braille version, please contact the Local Government Boundary Commission for England:

Tel: 0330 500 1525

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

© The Local Government Boundary Commission for England 2018

The mapping in this report is based upon Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Keeper of Public Records © Crown copyright and database right. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and database right.

Licence Number: GD 100049926 2018

Contents

Introduction	1
Who we are and what we do	1
What is an electoral review?	1
Why Cornwall?	2
Our proposals for Cornwall	2
How will the recommendations affect you?	2
Review timetable	3
Analysis and final recommendations	5
Submissions received	5
Electorate figures	5
Number of councillors	6
Division boundaries consultation	7
Draft recommendations consultation	8
Final recommendations	9
Land's End and Penzance	10
St Ives	15
Gwinear-Gwithian and Hayle	17
Marazion, Porthleven and Crowan	21
Helston and the Lizard Peninsula	24
Falmouth and the Helford estuary	27
Lanner, Mylor and Penryn	30
Camborne and Redruth	32
Truro and surrounding area	36
Perranporth, St Agnes and St Newlyn	39
Newquay and surrounding area	41
The Roseland Peninsula	43
China Clay	45
St Austell and Mevagissey	47
Padstow and St Columb Major	50
Wadebridge and surrounding area	52

Bodmin and surrounding area	54
Fowey, Liskeard, Looe and Lostwithiel	57
The Rame Peninsula, Saltash and Torpoint	60
Callington, Calstock and Lynher	63
Altarnun, Camelford and Launceston	64
Bude and Poundstock	66
Conclusions	69
Summary of electoral arrangements	69
Parish electoral arrangements	69
What happens next?	79
Equalities	79
Appendices	81
Appendix A	81
Final recommendations for Cornwall	81
Appendix B	88
Submissions received	88
Appendix C	91
Glossary and abbreviations	91

Introduction

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹ We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

2 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors OBE (Chair)
- Susan Johnson OBE
- Peter Maddison QPM
- Amanda Nobbs OBE
- Steve Robinson
- Andrew Scallan CBE
- Jolyon Jackson CBE (Chief Executive)

What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as the further guidance and information about electoral reviews and review process in general, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Why Cornwall?

7 We are conducting a review of Cornwall Council ('the Council') as the value of each vote in county council elections varies depending on where you live in Cornwall. Some councillors currently represent many more or fewer voters than others. This is 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where votes are as equal as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The divisions in Cornwall are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the county.

Our proposals for Cornwall

9 Cornwall should be represented by 87 councillors, 36 fewer than there are now.

10 Cornwall should have 87 divisions, 35 fewer than there are now.

11 The boundaries of all divisions should change; none will stay the same.

12 We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cornwall.

How will the recommendations affect you?

13 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which division you vote in, which other communities are in that division, and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your division name may also change.

14 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the county or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

Review timetable

15 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Cornwall. After considering the initial submissions on council size, the Commission took a decision to consult on whether 87 was the most appropriate number of councillors for Cornwall. We then held two periods of consultation with the public on division patterns for the county. The submissions received during consultation have informed our final recommendations.

16 The review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
13 June 2017	Start of consultation on council size
19 September 2017	Number of councillors decided
26 September 2017	Start of consultation seeking views on new divisions
19 February 2018	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
5 June 2018	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
17 September 2018	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
4 December 2018	Publication of final recommendations

Analysis and final recommendations

17 Legislation² states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors³ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our divisions.

18 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create divisions with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

19 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2016	2023
Electorate of Cornwall	425,514	449,182
Number of councillors	87	87
Average number of electors per councillor	4,891	5,163

20 When the number of electors per councillor in a division is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the division as having 'good electoral equality'. Of our proposed 87 divisions for Cornwall, 84 are forecast to have good electoral equality by 2023.

Submissions received

21 See Appendix B for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed at our offices by appointment, or on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

22 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2023, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2018. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 5.5% by 2023.

23 We considered the information provided by the Council and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time. We have used these figures to produce our final recommendations. During the construction of their

² Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

³ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

scheme of divisions for Cornwall, the Council identified areas where there could be potential future growth that was not included in the electoral forecasts. However, we have not included these figures in the proposals as the Commission consider that the published forecasts for 2023, which have been made available to all of those responding to the consultation, should continue to be used. These figures were agreed at the beginning of the review process, and have been used not only by the Commission but by other interested parties taking part in the review. We consider that altering the forecast figures part way through the review would limit the ability of those responding to the review to do so in a fair way, and we have therefore worked with the same set of figures throughout the review.

Number of councillors

24 Cornwall Council currently has 123 councillors. During the preliminary stages of the review of Cornwall, we received four submissions on council size, supporting numbers ranging from 85 to 113. In April 2017, the Commission took the decision to consult on whether 87 was an appropriate council size. In response to this public consultation period, we received 274 responses, from the Council, county councillors, MPs, political groups, parish and town councils, local organisations, public bodies and local residents.

25 At its meeting in September 2017, the Commission decided, on the basis of all the evidence received, that Cornwall Council should be represented by 87 members. We considered the evidence provided by all respondents to the consultation and concluded that a council size of 87 would maintain an effective representational role for members, whilst allowing consideration to be given to the geography, infrastructure and electorate distribution of Cornwall.

26 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of divisions that would be represented by 87 councillors – for example, 87 one-councillor divisions, or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor divisions.

27 During the first stage of consultation on division patterns, we received 32 submissions about the number of councillors. The submissions largely disagreed with the reduction in the size of the council, and some of the submissions requested that the existing number of councillors be maintained. At this first stage, a councillor submitted a partial scheme for Cornwall based on a council size of 88 members, to facilitate an alternative division pattern in the south-east of the county. However, we did not consider that any compelling evidence was received at that stage to justify moving away from the decision to reduce the number of councillors from 123 to 87, and we therefore based our draft recommendations on an 87-member council.

28 During the consultation on our draft recommendations, we received 15 submissions about the number of councillors. Four of the submissions received

supported the reduction in council size from 123 to 87, and four submissions stated that the number of councillors should be reduced further. The remainder of the submissions opposed the reduction in council size; however, we did not consider that any compelling evidence was received during the consultation to justify any alteration to the decision to reduce the number of councillors from 123 to 87. We have therefore based our final recommendations on an 87-member council.

Division boundaries consultation

29 We received 195 submissions during our consultation on division boundaries, including the 32 submissions that talked exclusively about the number of councillors. The submissions received on division arrangements included two detailed county-wide proposals, from Cornwall Council and from the Conservatives in Cornwall, both of which provided for a pattern of 87 single-councillor divisions covering the whole of Cornwall.

30 Cornwall Council conducted its own consultation before submitting a set of division proposals, and as a result a number of the submissions received focused on earlier versions of the Council's division pattern. It is notable that many of issues raised by respondents regarding previous iterations of the Council's scheme were addressed by the proposals put forward by the authority.

31 In addition to the Council's submission, we received submissions from county councillors, political groups, MPs, local organisations, parish and town councils and local residents. The majority of the submissions received focused on specific areas of Cornwall. We received a number of submissions requesting that the existing boundaries in Cornwall be retained, or that existing boundaries be 'tweaked' to improve the level of electoral equality. However, although 'tweaking' an existing division can sometimes improve electoral equality in one area, it may worsen it in surrounding divisions. We also received a submission requesting that divisions follow constituency boundaries in Cornwall; however, we do not take constituency boundaries into account when conducting a review and as such are unable to do so here.

32 A full scheme was received from the Conservatives in Cornwall at this stage, which was largely based on the submission made by Cornwall Council with a number of alterations. Both the authority-wide submissions received provided for a uniform-pattern of single-councillor divisions across Cornwall. We considered that the proposed divisions would provide for good levels of electoral equality and follow clearly identifiable boundaries. However, the evidence provided by the Conservatives in Cornwall to support the boundaries was limited, and the submission focused heavily on a description of the proposed boundaries. We considered that Cornwall Council's submission was supported by stronger evidence of community identity and we noted that it was prepared by a cross-party working group.

33 The proposals from Cornwall Council provided detailed evidence on each of the proposed 87 divisions and provided for a county-wide pattern of single-councillor divisions with good electoral variances and strong boundaries. Our draft recommendations were largely based on the submission made by Cornwall Council, with a number of alterations to take into account local evidence that we received, which provided evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas, we considered that the Council's proposals did not provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and we therefore identified alternative boundaries as part of the draft recommendations. We also visited the area to look at the various different proposals on the ground; this tour of Cornwall helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

34 Our draft recommendations were for 87 single-councillor divisions. Whilst the Council did not formally request a single-councillor ward review, it was clearly felt by all respondents to the consultation that a pattern of single-councillor wards was preferred across Cornwall. We considered that our draft recommendations provided for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

Draft recommendations consultation

35 We received 452 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations, including the aforementioned 15 submissions that focused on the number of councillors. The submissions received regarding the draft recommendations included a detailed submission from Cornwall Council. Submissions were received from county councillors, parish and town councils, political groups, an MP, local organisations and local residents.

36 Ninety-six of the submissions received during the consultation were in support of the draft recommendations. Twenty-five of the submissions received expressed general opposition to the review and the draft recommendations, but did not provide any specific alternative boundaries. The majority of the submissions focused on specific areas, particularly our proposals in Hayle, Falmouth, and the rural area around Liskeard.

37 In its submission, Cornwall Council largely supported the draft recommendations, but requested a number of alterations on the basis of providing for stronger and more identifiable boundaries. As at the previous stage, we commend the Council for the work undertaken to produce such a robust submission. As part of our final recommendations, we are making a number of alterations as recommended by the Council. In Bude, in particular, we consider that the alternative proposals provided at this stage by Cornwall Council reflect the Commission's statutory criteria better than the draft recommendations.

38 We also received submissions from political groups, and from George Eustice MP, who wrote on behalf of Budock Parish Council in opposition to the draft recommendations for Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock. The Conservative Party in Cornwall made a submission largely in support of the draft recommendations, but proposed alternatives in a number of areas.

39 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations with modifications to reflect evidence received during the consultation. We are including the parish of Zennor in the Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division. We are including the parish of Gweek in the Helston South & Meneage division, as a result of evidence received during the consultation. We are proposing a minor alteration to the boundary between Feock & Kea and Truro Boscawen & Redannick divisions, as a result of evidence received and to provide for a stronger and more identifiable boundary. We are also making an alteration to include the entirety of St Dennis parish in the same division. In Bodmin, we are amending the boundaries where we received evidence that justified alterations to the proposed divisions to better reflect the statutory criteria.

40 In Wadebridge, we have made a minor alteration to the draft recommendations to provide for a better reflection of community identity; for this reason, we have also moved the parish of St Pinnock into the Liskeard South & Dobwalls division. The Commission are proposing minor amendments in Torpoint and Saltash in response to evidence received during the consultation. In Bude, the Commission are moving away from the draft recommendations to recommend a pattern of divisions that are more reflective of the communities in the area. We are also proposing name changes as part of the final recommendations.

Final recommendations

41 Our final recommendations are for 87 single-councillor divisions. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

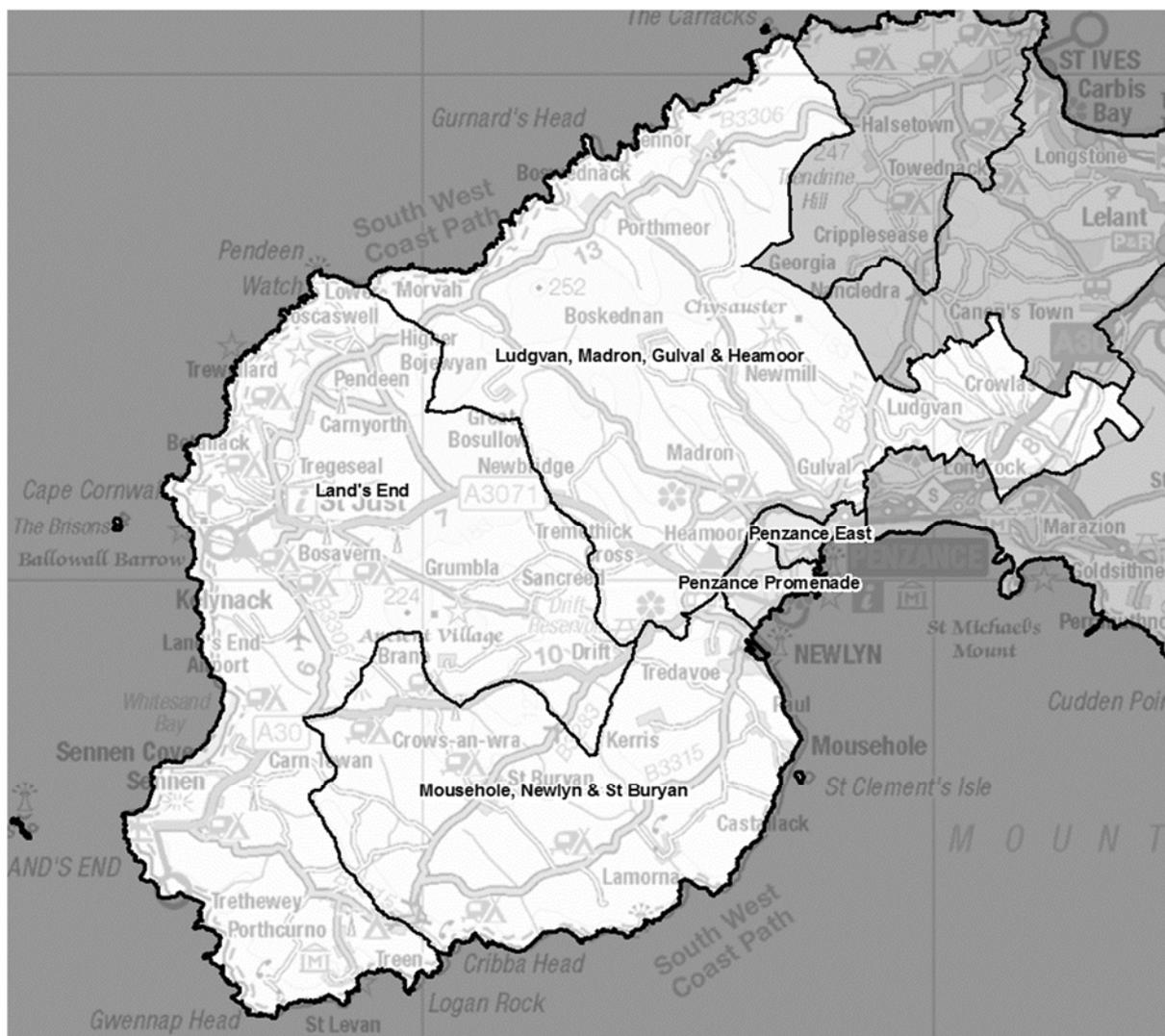
42 The tables and maps on pages 10–68 detail our final recommendations for each area of Cornwall. They detail how the proposed division arrangements reflect the three statutory⁴ criteria of:

- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

⁴ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

43 A summary of our proposed new divisions is set out in the table starting on page 79 and on the large map accompanying this report.

Land's End and Penzance



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Land's End	1	6%
Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor	1	10%
Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan	1	1%
Penzance East	1	-1%
Penzance Promenade	1	-6%

Land's End

44 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received comments from the Council in support of the proposed division here. However, the Council proposed an alteration to the name of the ward; following a debate, the Council proposed that the ward be named Land's End, including the apostrophe. Given the historical linguistic evidence for this alteration provided by Cornwall Council, we are proposing to alter the division name to Land's End as part of the final recommendations. We are not proposing any alterations to the proposed division

boundary as part of the final recommendations. The Land's End division will have a variance of 6% by 2023.

Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor

45 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions regarding the proposed Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division. Many of these focused on the Commission's proposal to include areas of Penzance parish in rural divisions. Respondents stated that the entirety of Penzance parish should be included in three entirely Penzance-based divisions, and that the Heamoor area should not be included in the proposed Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division.

46 However, we also received a submission from SHED, a Heamoor-based local organisation, supporting the inclusion of Heamoor in the proposed Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division. This submission, supported by groups in Gulval and Heamoor, states that Heamoor is rural rather than suburban, and as such should be included in a division with rural communities. Gulval Village Community Association supported our draft recommendations, and requested a minor alteration in the south of the division to use Posses Lane and Jelbert Way as the boundary. As this alteration does not affect any electors, and provides for a stronger and more identifiable boundary, we are including this alteration as part of the final recommendations. We also received a submission from a councillor, who expressed support for the proposed Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division, stating that the proposals respect the distinctive characters and identities of the areas that consider themselves to be rural rather than part of Penzance.

47 The Conservative Party in Cornwall opposed the proposals here, as they state that splitting the parish of Ludgvan between divisions is not appropriate, and that the proposals link urban parts of Penzance with rural areas. However, to avoid splitting the parish between divisions would require a new pattern of divisions for the western part of Cornwall, and we do not consider that an appropriate scheme has been received to justify moving away from the draft recommendations with regard to Ludgvan.

48 A submission from Zennor Parish Council objected to the parish's inclusion in the draft St Ives division, stating that the parish has little in common with St Ives and has significantly stronger links with the communities to the west. We agree that this change would improve the reflection of community identity and are therefore proposing to include Zennor in the proposed Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division. Whilst we acknowledge that this will result in a variance of 10%, we consider that the evidence received regarding community links was compelling.

49 We received a submission from a local resident objecting to the decision not to include Ludgvan in the name for the division. Cornwall Council supported the division boundaries here but also suggested that Ludgvan be included in the name of the

division. We are therefore renaming this division as Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor as part of the final recommendations. Subject to the minor amendment in the Posses Lane area as outlined above, and the inclusion of Zennor parish, we are confirming this division as part of the final recommendations.

Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan

50 We received one submission regarding this division during the consultation on the draft recommendations, along with comments from the Council in support of the draft proposals. A local resident objected to the inclusion of the Mousehole and Newlyn areas of Penzance parish in a predominantly rural ward, and requested that the entirety of Penzance parish be included in three Penzance divisions. However, including Newlyn and Mousehole in a Penzance division would have a significant knock-on effect on the remaining areas of the draft division here, and as no alternative division pattern was provided we are not proposing to make any alterations to the boundaries here as part of the final recommendations.

51 Penzance Town Council requested that the name of this division be altered to better reflect the communities it contains, and suggested that the village of Mousehole be represented in the name of the division. We consider that this would be a stronger reflection of the communities in the area, and are therefore proposing that this division be named Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan.

52 The single-councillor Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan division is projected to have an electoral variance of 1% by 2023.

Penzance East and Penzance Promenade

53 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received 17 submissions relating to the proposed divisions in Penzance, along with comments from the Council in support of the draft recommendations. We received two submissions that objected to any proposal to split the parish of Penzance between divisions; however, no alternative was proposed and to provide for good electoral equality, it is necessary to divide the parish between divisions. The parish of Penzance is currently split between five divisions, and due to the reduction in the number of councillors it is necessary to reduce this number and change the allocation of councillors across Cornwall. A number of the submissions received focused on a concern over loss of representation.

54 The submissions received from local residents and a local councillor all requested that the parish of Penzance should be contained entirely within three divisions. However, to make this alteration to Penzance would require significant alterations to a number of surrounding divisions, and we do not consider that sufficient evidence has been received to justify the impact of these changes on the surrounding area. A number of the submissions stated that the fringes of Penzance

parish have little in common with the surrounding rural parishes, and focused on achieving a rural/urban split.

55 The Conservative Party in Cornwall proposed a new pattern of divisions for this area which would include the parish of Penzance in three divisions. The proposals would necessitate moving significantly away from the draft recommendations across the western area of Cornwall. The proposal also splits the Heamoor area between two Penzance divisions, and does not follow strong boundaries through Penzance itself. Whilst the submission does keep Penzance in three whole divisions, we do not consider that we have received enough evidence to justify altering all the surrounding divisions to accommodate this proposal.

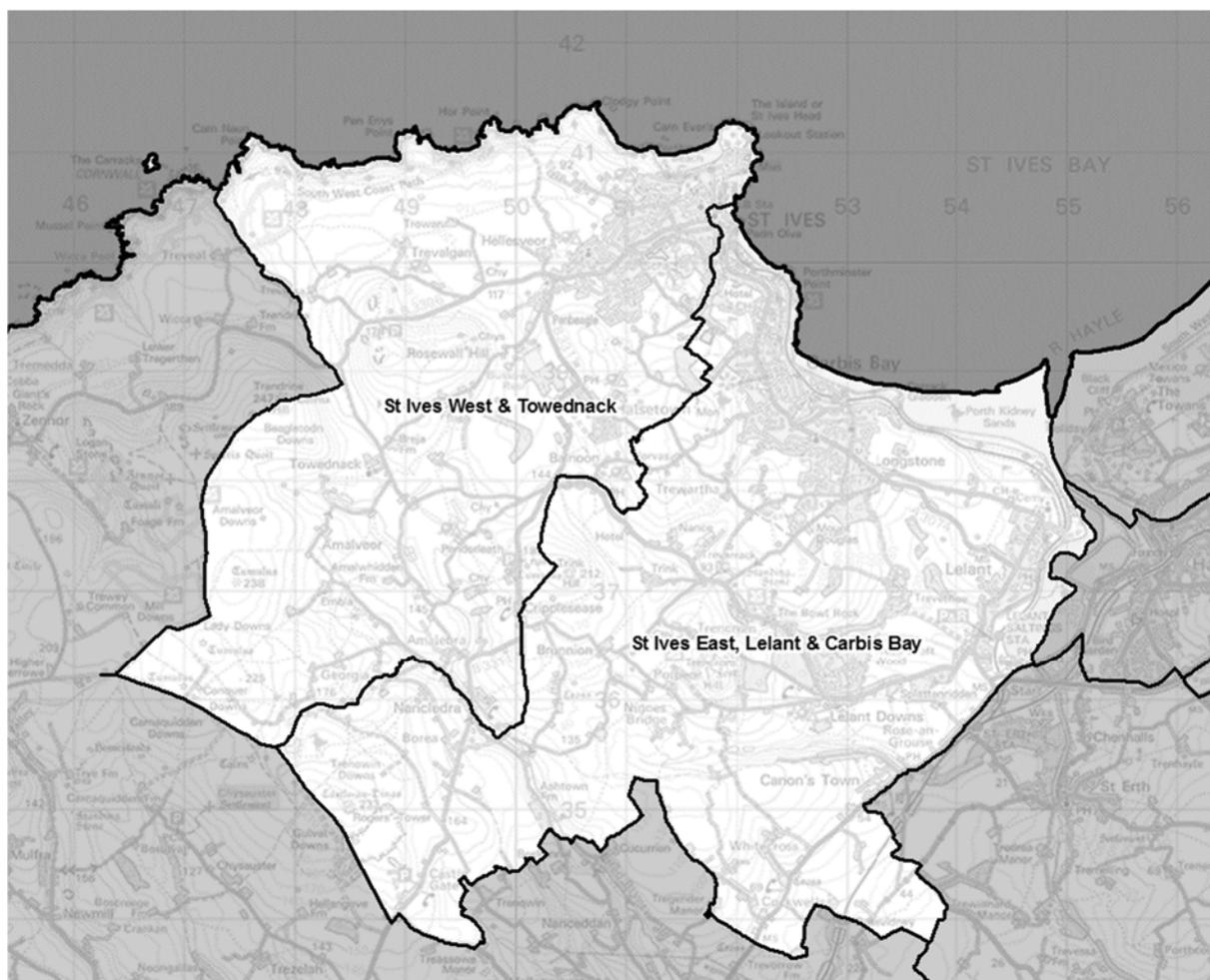
56 A resident expressed concern that the proposals would 'sideline' the Newlyn and Heamoor areas; however, we received support from local organisations for the inclusion of Heamoor in a predominantly rural ward. A local councillor, supported by a number of residents, stated that the social and economic issues faced by Penzance should justify including the whole parish in three entirely Penzance-focused divisions.

57 However, as stated in the report on the draft recommendations, including the entirety of Penzance parish in three divisions would have significant knock-on effects on the surrounding area. We acknowledge the strength of feeling behind the submissions received in this area. However, we do not consider that the information provided justifies significant electoral inequality in the surrounding divisions, nor do we consider that any proposals have been received to support providing for a new pattern of divisions in the entire surrounding area. We are therefore not proposing any alterations to the Penzance East or Penzance Promenade divisions, and are confirming the draft recommendations as part of our final recommendations.

58 A submission from Penzance Town Council did not provide comments on the proposed division boundaries, but requested alterations to the proposed names for the parish wards in Penzance. We consider that these names would be more representative of the areas in question and are amending the names of the parish wards in accordance with those suggested by the Town Council. A list of these can be found at the back of this report.

59 We are therefore confirming our draft Penzance East and Penzance Promenade divisions as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor Penzance East division will have a variance of -1% by 2023, and the single-councillor Penzance Promenade division will have a variance of -6% by 2023.

St Ives



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
St Ives East, Lelant & Carbis Bay	1	2%
St Ives West & Towednack	1	5%

St Ives East, Lelant & Carbis Bay and St Ives West & Towednack

60 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received three submissions regarding the proposals for St Ives, in addition to support from the Council. As outlined above, we received a submission from Zennor Parish Council objecting to the parish's inclusion in the draft St Ives division. The submission stated that the parish has little in common with St Ives and has significantly stronger links with the communities to the west. We agree and are proposing to include Zennor in the proposed Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor division.

61 A submission from Towednack Parish Council requested that the village of Nanclédra be included entirely within the same division – the village is split between the parishes of Ludgvan and Towednack. The Parish Council also requested an amendment to the parish boundary to include the village entirely within the same

parish. However, the Commission is not able to make amendments to the external boundaries of parishes as part of this review, and the area is too small to provide for a parish ward here as it would be unviable. We consider that any parish ward with under around 100–120 electors would not be large enough to provide for effective and convenient local government. We are therefore unable to make an amendment around Nancledra as part of this review.

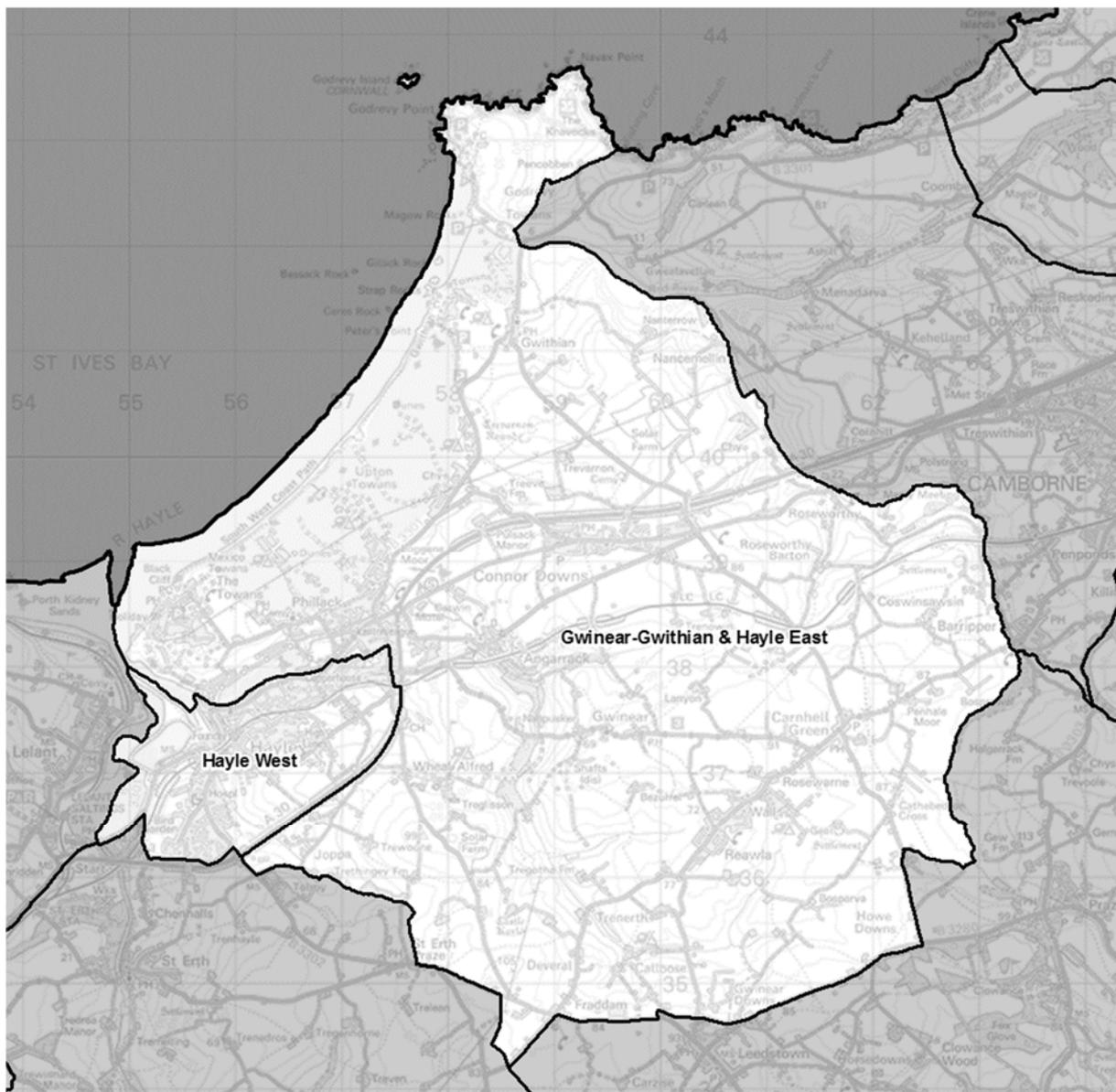
62 A submission from St Ives Town Council supported the proposed division boundaries but requested alterations to the proposed parish ward boundaries within St Ives parish. However, the Commission is required to provide for a new pattern of parish wards where a parish is divided between divisions. As the proposed St Ives divisions do not follow the existing division boundaries in the parish, it is necessary to provide for new parish wards here.

63 The Conservative Party in Cornwall proposed an alternative set of divisions in St Ives, but no evidence was provided here to justify moving away from the draft recommendations. The St Ives Constituency Conservative Association supported this proposal.

64 Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations in this area, but suggested alternative division names of St Ives East, Lelant & Carbis Bay and St Ives West, Towednack & Zennor. We consider that these proposed names are more representative of the geographical extent of the divisions; however, we are not including Zennor in the division name as this parish will be included in the neighbouring division as part of the final recommendations.

65 Our final recommendations are for a single-councillor St Ives East, Lelant & Carbis Bay division with a variance of 2% and a single-councillor St Ives West & Towednack division with a variance of 5%.

Gwinear-Gwithian and Hayle



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Gwinear-Gwithian & Hayle East	1	5%
Hayle West	1	4%

Gwinear-Gwithian & Hayle East and Hayle West

66 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received over 140 submissions regarding the two divisions in this area. The submissions received either supported the draft recommendations, or supported an arrangement put forward by Hayle Town Council, which proposed a different configuration of two divisions in this area. Cornwall Council acknowledged the robust discussions surrounding this division pattern, and stated that they supported the draft recommendations.

67 Hayle Town Council opposed the draft recommendations, which included the eastern and northern parts of Hayle parish in a division with the parish of Gwinear-Gwithian. They instead proposed a Hayle North & Gwithian division and a Hayle South & Gwinear division, which would split both Hayle and Gwinear-Gwithian parishes between divisions. The Town Council stated that they believed their proposals to be preferable as they split the town of Hayle on a similar basis as the existing divisions, and stated that the parish of Gwinear-Gwithian is already divided into two distinct and 'functionally separate' wards.

68 The proposals put forward by the Town Council were supported by a number of local residents, 40 of whom submitted a form letter which reinforced the view of the Town Council. The form letter stated that the way in which the draft recommendations split the town of Hayle would affect the 'cohesion' of the community, and that the Town Council's proposals were preferred as they created two divisions that would be 'equal in size with similar geography' that would preserve existing communities.

69 Other submissions, from residents, and town and county councillors, were also made in opposition to the draft recommendations. A number of respondents felt that the Connor Downs area should be split between two divisions, with the split of Hayle town aligned closely to the existing division boundary in the town. Some respondents considered that splitting the Ventonleague area of Hayle would be detrimental to the communities in the area, and that the entire Hayle area should be included in one division. However, the parish of Hayle is too large to be represented by one councillor, and too small to be represented by two councillors. It is therefore necessary to split it between divisions.

70 One local resident disagreed with the proposal to reduce the number of councillors representing the area; however, due to the overall reduction in council size across Cornwall, it is necessary to make alterations to the allocation of members to different areas. Given the size of many of the parishes in Cornwall, and the spread of the electorate, it is sometimes necessary to have geographically large divisions – the size of the draft Gwinear-Gwithian & Hayle East division was queried by a number of respondents, including a town councillor. The Commission must have regard to achieving electoral equality, judging the size of a division more on the number of electors within it than its geographical size. The Mayor of Hayle expressed concern over the impact of the division proposals on the World Heritage Site in the area; however, while we do understand the unique nature of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape in being designated as a World Heritage Site, there is no evidence to suggest that the division proposals would negatively impact on this.

71 We received a submission from a county councillor supporting Hayle Town Council's proposal, in which he stated that the draft recommendations would mean

that one area of Hayle would have greater influence than the other, due to the allocation of town councillors.

72 Alongside the above comments opposing the draft recommendations, we also received over 60 submissions in support of the two draft divisions here, from local residents, a county councillor, and local organisations. A number of these submissions explicitly opposed each of the iterations of Hayle Town Council's proposed division pattern, and some of the submissions were made in support of the village of Connor Downs being included entirely in one division. Residents of the area supported the inclusion of Gwinear-Gwithian parish in the same division stating that it would maintain the integrity of the area, as well as keeping areas with similar issues together. Respondents stated that the Town Council's proposals would provide for two divisions that mixed rural and urban areas, and that this arrangement would not reflect the values and priorities of the more rural settlements. The Conservative Party in Cornwall expressed support for the Commission's draft recommendations.

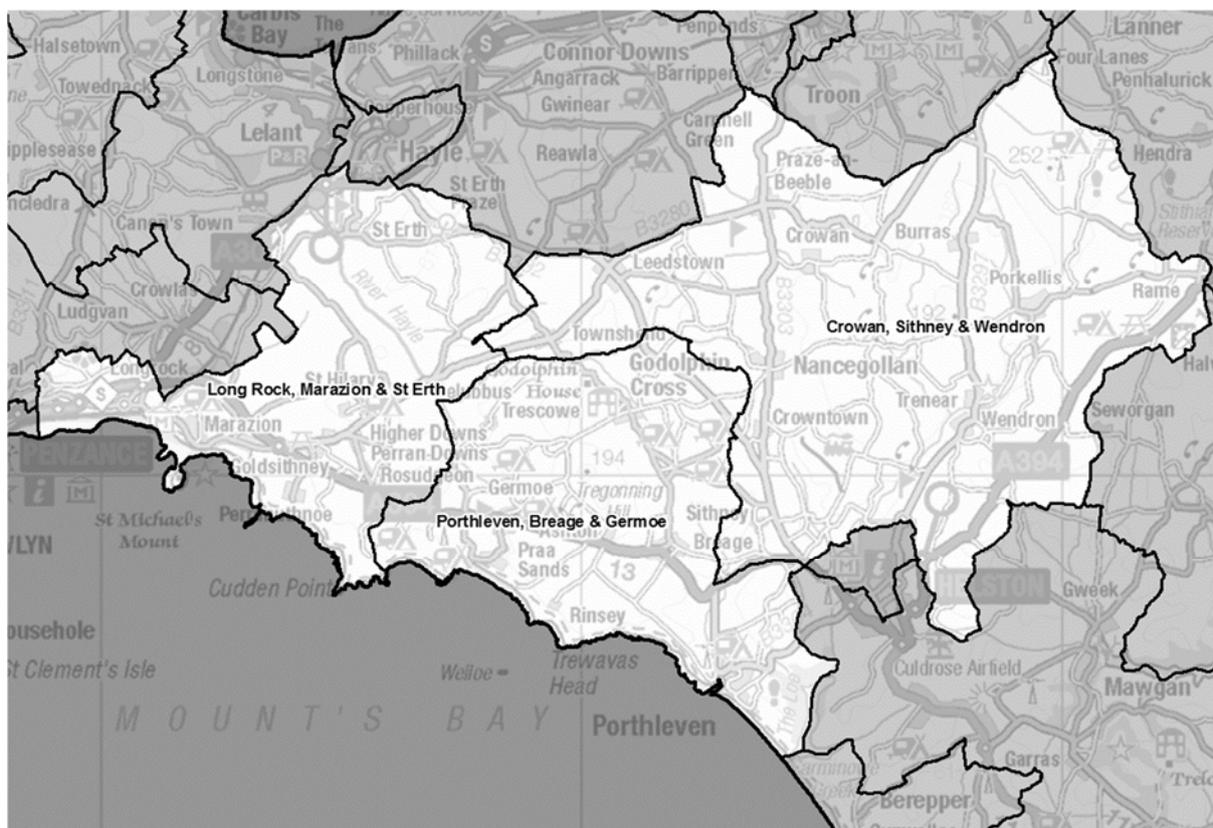
73 We also received a number of submissions from Angarrack residents in support of the draft recommendations, along with submissions supporting the inclusion of Phillack and the Towans. We received a submission from the Connor Downs Residents' Association supporting the draft recommendations, and reiterating their previous comments regarding the way that the road through Connor Downs acts as a unifier rather than as a boundary.

74 A submission from Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council provided detailed information on the range of groups and organisations in the parish that work together in local areas – for example, the Parish Council referenced the Streetscape project, which involved groups from across the Gwinear-Gwithian parish to create traffic-calming schemes.

75 On consideration of the evidence received regarding this area during the consultation, we consider that the draft recommendations provide for the best adherence to our statutory criteria. Whilst we acknowledge the strength of feeling behind the submissions made in support of Hayle Town Council's proposal, we do not consider that sufficient evidence of community links has been provided to move away from the draft recommendations. We note that the Council carefully considered this area and recognised the difficulties in identifying two divisions that would reflect the statutory criteria, and that after having considered all of the issues in the area, the Council noted that the draft recommendations should be confirmed as final. We considered that the information provided in particular by Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council regarding the links within their parish was compelling, and that it would be most appropriate to retain the two divisions here that were proposed as part of the draft recommendations.

76 We are therefore confirming our two draft divisions here as final. The single-councillor Gwinear-Gwithian & Hayle East division is forecast to have an electoral variance of 5% by 2023, and the single-councillor Hayle West division is forecast to have a variance of 4% by 2023.

Marazion, Porthleven and Crowan



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Crowan, Sithney & Wendron	1	5%
Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth	1	9%
Porthleven, Breage & Germoe	1	8%

Crowan, Sithney & Wendron

77 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received one submission regarding the proposed Crowan, Sithney & Wendron division, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council.

78 Wendron Parish Council supported the draft recommendations here, including the division name, as the parish of Wendron was retained entirely within one division. Cornwall Council also expressed support for the draft recommendations.

79 We are therefore confirming the Crowan, Sithney & Wendron division as part of our final recommendations. This single-councillor division will have a projected variance of 5% by 2023.

Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth

80 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions commenting on the proposed division in this area, including comments from Cornwall Council.

81 St Hilary Parish Council requested that the entire parish be included in one division; as part of the draft recommendations, the Commission made an alteration to Cornwall Council's proposals to ensure that St Hilary parish was entirely contained within one division. The Parish Council also objected to the proposal to include Long Rock in the division, as it is a more urban area than the surrounding parishes. A local resident also raised the same concern. However, we do not consider that sufficient evidence has been received to justify moving Long Rock into a different division, and we are therefore not proposing to make an alteration here.

82 We received a submission from a local resident requesting that Tregilliowe Farm be entirely included within one division; currently, this small area is split between two divisions. However, as the boundary here follows the parish boundary, we are unable to make an alteration as it would create an unviable parish ward in this area.

83 We received a number of identical submissions supporting a proposal from St Erth Parish Council for an alternative division pattern that would include the parish of St Erth in a division with the southern part of Gwinear-Gwithian parish, part of Hayle parish, and part of Ludgvan parish. The Parish Council stated that this arrangement was preferred as the parish shares no interests or links with the parish of Marazion, and is more strongly connected to the areas to the north. However, this proposal would have a significant impact on the divisions to the south, as the submission focuses only on the central and northern areas. It is necessary for us to consider the entirety of Cornwall when putting together a pattern of divisions. We acknowledge that St Erth and Marazion are different communities. However, we consider that it is preferable to include the two different communities in the same division rather than to adopt a totally different division proposal for St Erth that would necessitate significant changes elsewhere in the area. We are therefore not proposing to adopt St Erth Parish Council's proposed pattern of divisions.

84 Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations here, including the alteration to include the entirety of St Hilary parish in one division. The Council proposed an alteration to the division name to include Long Rock, and we consider that its inclusion would better reflect the communities in the division. We are therefore proposing the name Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth for this division.

85 Subject to this name change, we are confirming our draft recommendations here as final. The single-councillor Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth division is projected to have a variance of 9% by 2023.

Porthleven, Breage & Germoe

86 Aside from supportive comments from Cornwall Council, we did not receive any submissions relating to the draft division here. We consider that the division provides for good electoral equality and follows strong and identifiable boundaries, and we are therefore confirming the Porthleven, Breage & Germoe division as part of our final recommendations. This single-councillor division is projected to have an electoral variance of 8% by 2023.

Helston and the Lizard Peninsula



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Helston North	1	2%
Helston South & Meneage	1	7%
Mullion & St Keverne	1	10%

Helston North and Helston South & Meneage

87 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a submission from Helston Town Council in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. Helston Town Council stated that, while joining an urban and rural area together was not ideal, the proposed divisions were a better arrangement than the existing divisions in the area.

88 We also received a submission from a local councillor requesting that the parish of Gweek be included in the proposed Helston South & Meneage division, rather than in the Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division. The submission stated that the parish of Gweek is strongly connected to the parishes of the Lizard peninsula, and looks toward Helston for its services. This alteration was also supported by Cornwall Council, which stated that Gweek's community links lie very much with the parishes to the west and south, rather than with Constantine in the east. The Council also state that Gweek Parish Council is an active member of the Helston & Lizard Community Network Area.

89 We consider that the information provided regarding the inclusion of Gweek parish in the Helston South & Meneage division is compelling, and that it would provide for strong and identifiable boundaries. We are therefore proposing to make this alteration as part of our final recommendations.

90 The single-councillor Helston South & Meneage division, comprising the southern part of Helston parish, and the parishes of Gweek, Mawgan-in-Meneage, St Martin-in-Meneage, Manaccan and St Anthony-in-Meneage, is projected to have an electoral variance of 7% by 2023.

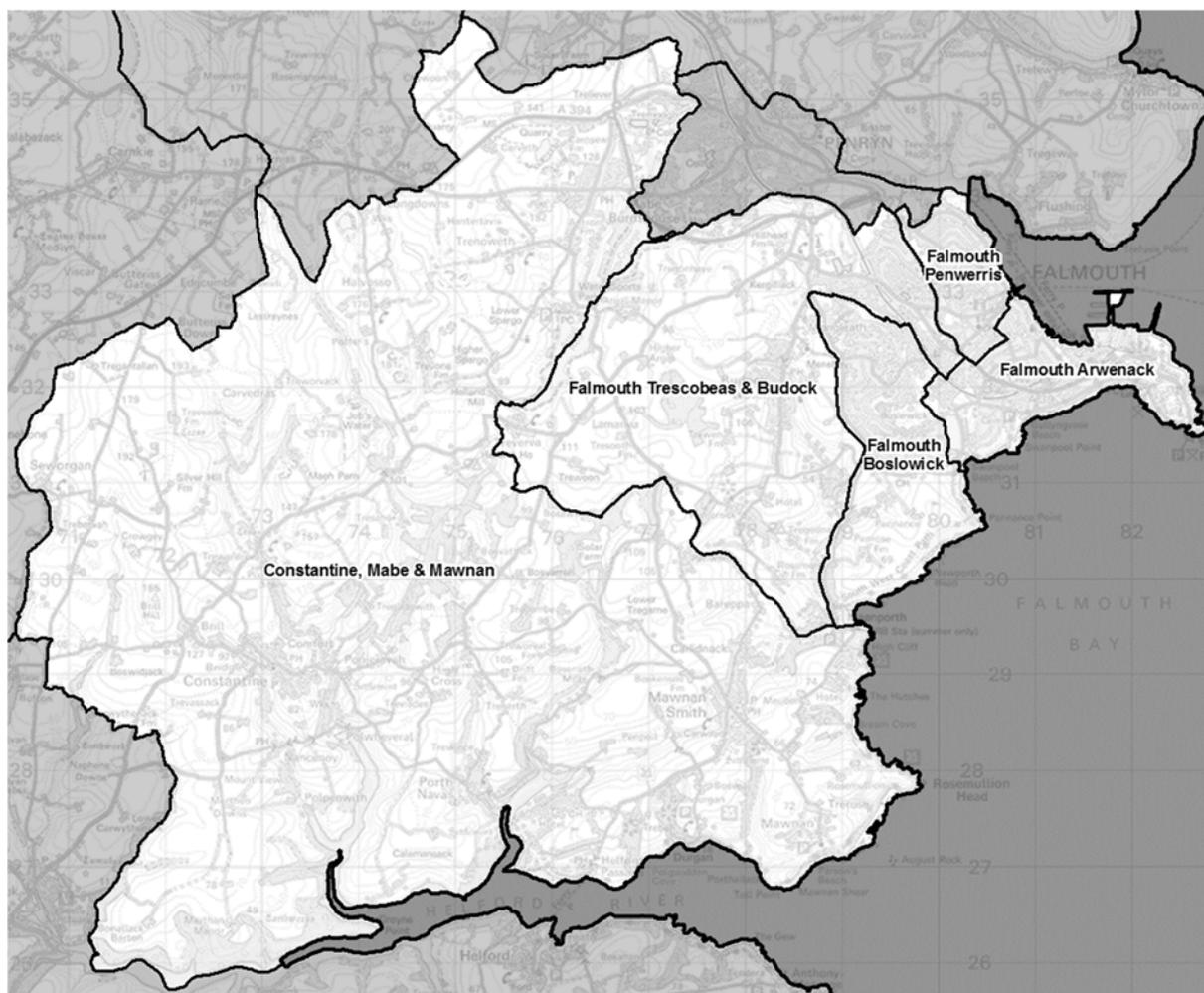
Mullion & St Keverne

91 In addition to supportive comments from Cornwall Council, we received six submissions regarding the proposed Mullion & St Keverne division during the consultation on the draft recommendations. One submission, from a local resident, requested that Mullion and Gunwalloe be linked with Porthleven; however, this would have significant knock-on effects, as it would result in a Porthleven, Breage & Germoe division with a variance of 47%. There is also no access between the parish of Gunwalloe and the parish of Porthleven. We are therefore not proposing to alter this division.

92 Landewednack Parish Council supported the draft recommendations. Mullion Parish Council also supported the draft recommendations for this area, including the proposed name of Mullion & St Keverne. Grade Ruan Parish Council supported the proposed boundaries of the division, but proposed that it should be named Lizard Peninsula as this would reflect the coastal nature of the constituent communities. Cury Parish Council also supported the division boundaries here, but requested that the division be named South Lizard Peninsula so as not to specifically reference just two parishes. Gunwalloe Parish Meeting supported the proposed division, but also put forward an alternative division name of Southern Lizard. As noted by Cornwall Council, the division does not cover the entirety of the Lizard peninsula, and as such to name the division Lizard Peninsula would be inaccurate. As a consensus was not reached among respondents as to an alternative name for the division, we are not proposing to make a change here.

93 We are confirming our draft Mullion & St Keverne division as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor division will have a projected electoral variance of 10% by 2023.

Falmouth and the Helford estuary



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan	1	-10%
Falmouth Arwenack	1	0%
Falmouth Boslowick	1	-9%
Falmouth Penwerris	1	1%
Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock	1	-5%

Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan

94 In addition to comments from Cornwall Council, we received two submissions relating to the proposed Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division during the consultation on the draft recommendations. One submission, from a resident, requested that the village of Treverva be included in the Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division as opposed to the neighbouring Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock division. However, the division boundary here follows the parish boundary, and to move the small Treverva area would necessitate the creation of a parish ward that would be too small to be viable, as it would have too few electors to provide for

effective and convenient local government at the parish level. We are therefore not proposing to make this alteration.

95 As outlined above in paragraph 88, we received a submission from a councillor requesting that the parish of Gweek be included in the proposed Helston South & Meneage division, rather than in the Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division. The submission stated that the parish of Gweek is strongly connected to the parishes of the Lizard peninsula, and looks toward Helston for its services. This alteration was also supported by Cornwall Council, which stated that Gweek's community links lie very much with the parishes to the west and south, rather than with Constantine in the east. We consider that the evidence supporting this alteration was compelling and we are therefore including this change as part of the final recommendations.

96 Our final recommendation is for a single-councillor Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division comprising the three parishes of the same names. This division is projected to have an electoral variance of -10% by 2023.

Falmouth Arwenack, Falmouth Boslowick, Falmouth Penwerris and Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock

97 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions relating to the proposed divisions covering Falmouth and the parish of Budock, including new division proposals from the Conservatives in Cornwall, George Eustice MP, a local councillor, and from a group of local residents who each submitted the same proposals.

98 These respondents opposed the draft Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock division, stating that the Trescobeas area of Falmouth should not be linked with the parish of Budock. Local residents stated that the Trescobeas area should instead be linked with other areas of Falmouth, and that the area is very different to the Budock area. Budock Parish Council opposed the draft recommendations on the basis that the parish would be overshadowed by the electorate of the urban area, but did not propose an alternative division pattern. A local resident expressed concern that the draft recommendations would make it easier for development to take place within Budock parish; however, there is no evidence to suggest that this will be an outcome of the review. The MP for the area expressed concern that the inclusion of Budock in the Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock division would undermine Budock's village status, and that an area of Mabe parish should be included in a Falmouth division instead to allow for Budock to be included in Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan. However, we do not consider that evidence has been received to make this alteration, in particular as no boundaries were specified.

99 A number of residents expressed concern about over- or under-representation of different areas due to the proposed division boundaries, and some local residents requested that the parish of Budock be included in the neighbouring Constantine,

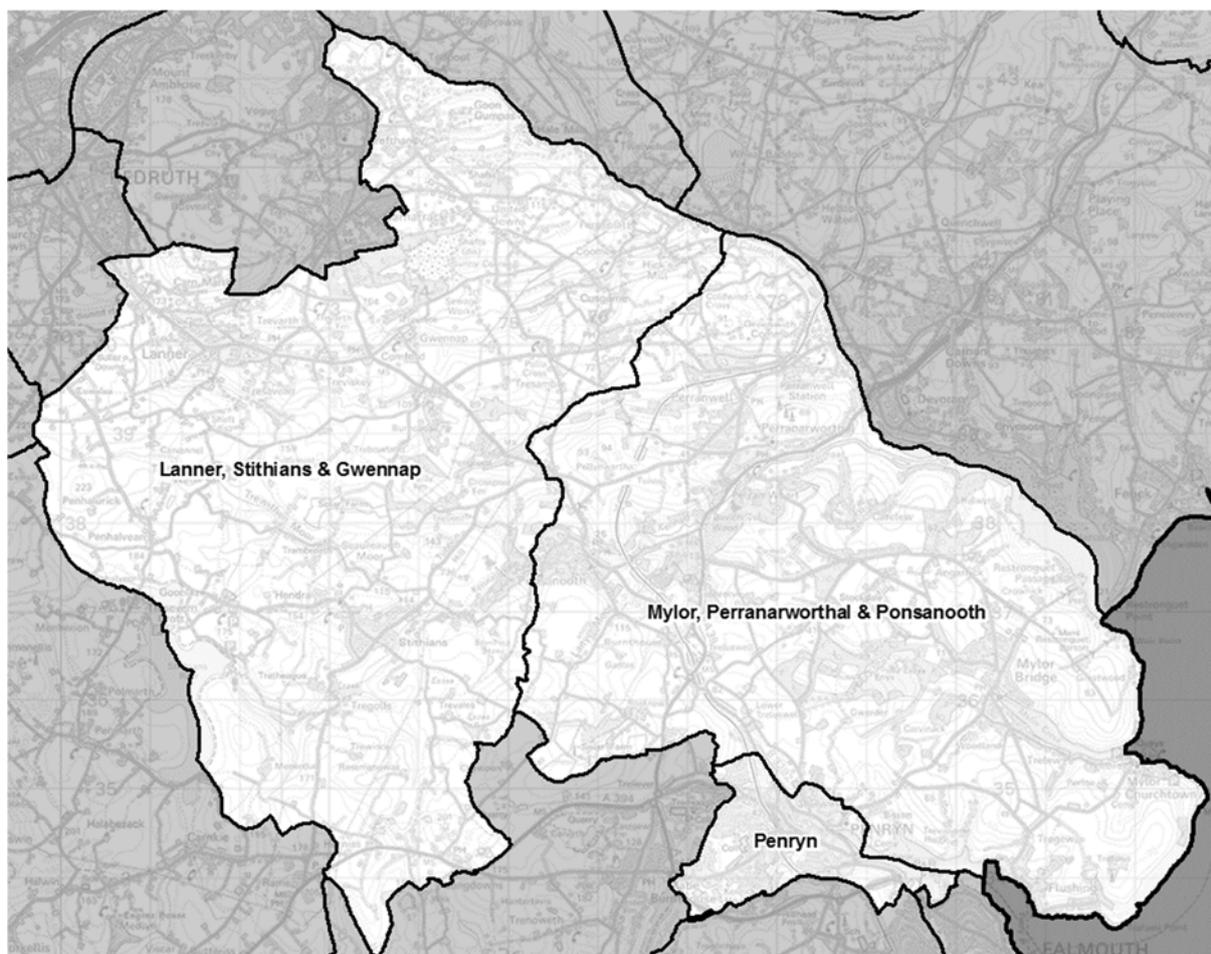
Mabe & Mawnan division. However, to include the parish of Budock in the neighbouring Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan division would result in that division having an electoral variance of 22%, and we do not consider that any evidence has been received that justifies such a high level of electoral inequality.

100 A number of local residents put forward a revised pattern of divisions for Falmouth based on polling districts. This proposal was also put forward by the Conservative Party in Cornwall. While this proposal did allow for acceptable levels of electoral equality in Falmouth, limited evidence was provided to support moving away from the draft recommendations to adopt this alternative division pattern. We note that this proposal was put forward on the basis that it did not split polling districts; however, the Commission does not have a policy on retaining polling districts, and the Council will be required to conduct a polling district review upon the completion of the electoral review. We are not adopting this alternative proposal as part of our final recommendations due to the lack of evidence received; we also do not consider that polling districts here provide for strong or identifiable boundaries.

101 We received an alternative proposal for a pattern of wards from a county councillor. This proposal was supported by a number of local residents, along with Smithwick Residents' Association, Truro & Falmouth Constituency Labour Party and Cornwall Labour Party. These proposals also provided for four divisions covering Falmouth and the parish of Budock, but join the Boslowick area of Falmouth with Budock instead of the Trescobeas area. This proposal also provides for acceptable levels of electoral equality. However, as mentioned in our draft recommendations report, on our visit to the area we noted that road connections between Trescobeas and Budock are significantly better than those between Budock and Boslowick. We also note that the proposed southern division, named Falmouth South in the proposals, would have limited internal access, and that the areas included within this division are clearly separate. We recognise that it is not ideal to include the Trescobeas area with Budock. However, Falmouth on its own is too large to be split between three divisions, but too small to be contained entirely within four divisions, so it is necessary to include different communities together in the same division. We do not consider that sufficient evidence has been received to justify moving away from the draft recommendations to include the Boslowick area of Falmouth in a division with Budock.

102 We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for this area as final. The single-councillor Falmouth Arwenack division will have a variance of 0% by 2023. The single-councillor Falmouth Boslowick division will have a variance of -9% by 2023. The single-councillor Falmouth Penwerris division will have a variance of 1% by 2023. The single-councillor Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock division will have a variance of -5% by 2023.

Lanner, Mylor and Penryn



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Lanner, Stithians & Gwennap	1	1%
Mylor, Perranarworthal & Ponsanooth	1	0%
Penryn	1	7%

Lanner, Stithians & Gwennap

103 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received one submission regarding this division, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. The submission, from a local resident, objected to the draft recommendations for this area, but did not provide any alternative division arrangements. The draft recommendations were supported by Cornwall Council. We are therefore confirming our draft Lanner, Stithians & Gwennap division as part of the final recommendations. This single-councillor division has a projected variance of 1% by 2023.

Mylor, Perranarworthal & Ponsanooth and Penryn

104 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received three submissions relating to this area, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. A local resident requested that an area of the neighbouring Mabe parish containing the

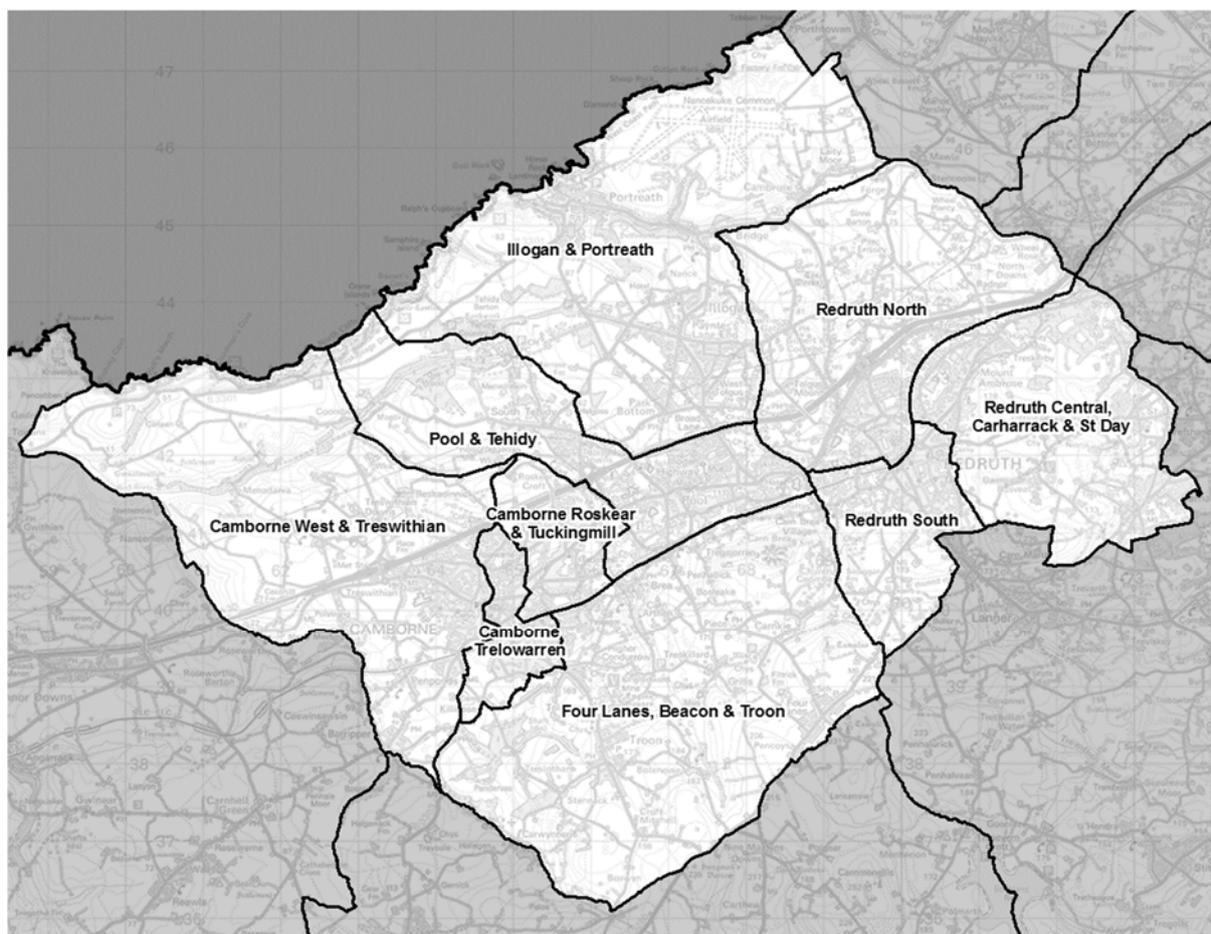
university campus be included in a Penryn division. However, due to the very small number of electors in this area, including it in Penryn would necessitate the creation of an unviable parish ward, and we are therefore not able to recommend this alteration.

105 A submission from Penryn Town Council objected to the draft recommendations, as they split the parish of Penryn between two divisions, creating two parish wards. However, as stated in the draft recommendations, to include the entirety of Penryn parish in a Penryn division would create a variance of 13%, and an appropriate alternative was able to be identified that would not create any unviable parish wards – that is, a parish ward with too few electors to provide for effective and convenient local government at the parish level. No alternative division pattern was provided by Penryn Town Council. The Town Council also objected to the creation and naming of the parish wards in Penryn; however, when a division boundary divides a parish between divisions, the Commission must create parish wards. We are altering the name of the smaller parish ward in Penryn; at the draft stage, we had named this parish ward St Gluvias, but Penryn Town Council requested that this be altered to avoid confusion with St Gluvias parish. We are therefore renaming the parish ward as Bissom.

106 We received a submission from St Gluvias Parish Council requesting an alteration to the parish boundaries. However, the Commission are not able to make any alterations to the external boundaries of parishes as part of this review. The Parish Council noted that the identity of their parish is tied strongly to the village of Ponsanooth. Cornwall Council also noted in their submission that, while they agree with the proposed boundaries of the draft Mylor, Perranarworthal & St Gluvias division, it would be more reflective of the constituent communities within the division to name it Mylor, Perranarworthal & Ponsanooth. We consider that this name change would more accurately reflect the area that the division covers.

107 We are therefore proposing a single-councillor Penryn division and a single-councillor Mylor, Perranarworthal & Ponsanooth division as part of our final recommendations, with projected electoral variances of 7% and 0% respectively by 2023.

Camborne and Redruth



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill	1	-5%
Camborne Trelowarren	1	-5%
Camborne West & Treswithian	1	-3%
Four Lanes, Beacon & Troon	1	1%
Illogan & Portreath	1	-1%
Pool & Tehidy	1	1%
Redruth Central, Carharrack & St Day	1	-8%
Redruth North	1	-6%
Redruth South	1	-5%

Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill, Camborne Trelowarren, Camborne West & Treswithian, Four Lanes, Beacon & Troon, Illogan & Portreath and Pool & Tehidy

108 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions regarding the proposals for Camborne, including comments from the Council. A submission from Camborne Town Council opposed the draft divisions, stating that the Beacon and Troon areas looked towards Camborne whereas Four Lanes residents and those in the parish of Carn Brea looked towards Redruth for

services. The Town Council also stated that residents of the Tehidy and Tolvaddon areas were more closely associated with Camborne than with the rest of the Pool & Tehidy division. The Town Council also noted that the draft divisions divide parishes between divisions. However, no alternative division patterns were provided as part of Camborne Town Council's submission.

109 The Conservative Party in Cornwall made a submission putting forward new divisions for this area. Whilst this proposal would achieve acceptable levels of electoral equality, limited evidence was provided in support of the proposals and we did not consider that the proposal was sufficiently persuasive to move away from the draft recommendations.

110 We received a submission from the Cornwall Liberal Party regarding a small number of properties on Tolvaddon Road, near to the A30 slip road, that were included in the draft Pool & Tehidy division. The Cornwall Liberal Party argued that these properties should be included in the Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill division, as they would be closer to the local polling station. However, Cornwall Council will conduct a review of polling districts and polling stations after the completion of this review. We also note that the properties in question look towards the Pool & Tehidy division, rather than towards Camborne, and that they are separated from Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill by the A3047. We are therefore not proposing to make the alteration here.

111 Carn Brea Parish Council made a submission objecting to the Commission's draft recommendations, which split the parish between four divisions. In particular, the Parish Council objected to the draft recommendation to include the East Hill area in the Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill division as opposed to the neighbouring Pool & Tehidy division, as well as objecting to the proposed Tolgus parish ward. The Parish Council argued that this area is not part of Camborne and is more part of Pool. However, on visiting the area we identified that the A3047 junction forms a clear barrier between communities, and that the East Hill area faces towards Camborne rather than past the industrial estate into Pool. While we note that Carn Brea Parish Council state that the entirety of the whole parish forms the community, we are not persuaded that the East Hill area does look towards the Pool area of Carn Brea parish and we are therefore not proposing to make an alteration to the boundary here.

112 Carn Brea Parish Council also queried the allocation of parish councillors to each of the parish wards created as a result of the proposed division boundaries. In Carn Brea, we have created a number of parish wards as a direct result of the proposed divisions. However, as part of our final recommendations, we are retaining the existing Barncoose parish ward. We are also putting in place new parish wards in Carn Brea parish as the parish is affected directly by the new division boundaries in some areas.

113 We received a submission from a local resident querying the north-eastern boundary of the proposed Illogan & Portreath division, as it runs partially along Chapel Hill. However, this division boundary follows the parish boundary and we are unable to make an alteration to the external boundary of the parish as part of this review. The area in question is also too small to include in a parish ward, and as such we are not proposing any alterations here.

114 Illogan Parish Council requested that the internal parish warding be amended to retain the existing arrangements. We note that the division boundaries that subdivide Illogan parish do not differ from the existing boundaries in this area, and we are therefore proposing to retain the existing parish wards in Illogan parish.

115 Cornwall Council proposed that the draft Camborne Treswithian division should be renamed as Camborne West; we consider that this proposal would be more representative of the area in question, and are therefore including a name change to Camborne West & Treswithian as part of our final recommendations.

116 Our final recommendations for Camborne are therefore identical to the draft recommendations and are for single-councillor divisions of Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill, Camborne Trelowarren, and Camborne West & Treswithian, with projected variances of -5%, -5% and -3% respectively.

117 We are also confirming our draft recommendations for Four Lanes, Beacon & Troon, Illogan & Portreath and Pool & Tehidy as final. These single-councillor divisions will have variances of 1%, -1% and 1% respectively by 2023.

Redruth Central, Carharrack & St Day, Redruth North and Redruth South

118 During the consultation on the draft recommendations for Redruth, a number of submissions were received, along with comments from Cornwall Council. In their submission, Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations and stated that, whilst a number of different options had been considered, all of them created knock-on impacts elsewhere in the town which could not be justified. A submission from a Cornwall county councillor put forward an alternative pattern of divisions for Redruth, which was supported by Gwennap Parish Council and a local resident. However, whilst the proposals would provide for acceptable levels of electoral equality, we do not consider that sufficient evidence has been provided to justify the knock-on effects of moving away from the draft recommendations here. St Day Parish Council also requested the same division arrangement as part of their proposals.

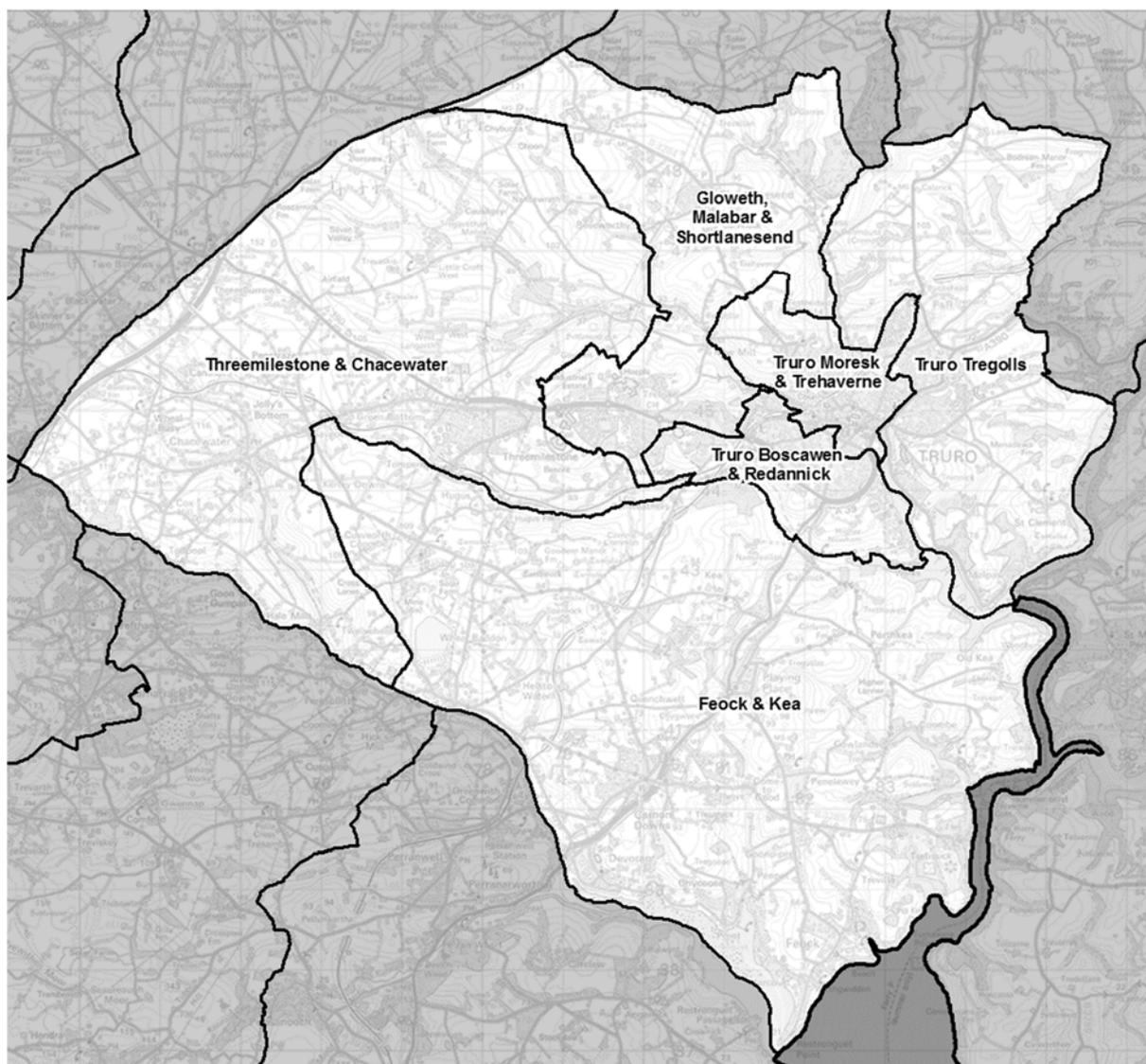
119 Carharrack Parish Council also requested that it be included in a division with the parishes of Gwennap and St Day, as well as the Treskerby area, due to the shared issues encountered by these areas. Under the draft recommendations, Carharrack is included in a division with St Day and Treskerby; to include Gwennap in this division would necessitate alterations to the neighbouring division containing

Lanner and Stithians, as well as to the other divisions in Redruth. No evidence has been provided to support making any alteration to this division, particularly the knock-on effects on the urban areas of Redruth, which would need a new pattern of divisions to accommodate the alterations. We understand the strength of feeling behind the submissions requesting an alteration to the division patterns here but we do not consider that we have received enough compelling evidence to justify moving away from the draft recommendations.

120 A local resident requested that the Redruth Central, Carharrack & St Day division be renamed. However, we do not consider that any suitable alternative names were provided.

121 We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations here as final. The single-councillor Redruth Central, Carharrack & St Day division is projected to have a variance of -8% by 2023. The single-councillor Redruth North division is projected to have a variance of -6% by 2023. The single-councillor Redruth South division is projected to have a variance of -5% by 2023.

Truro and surrounding area



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Feock & Kea	1	-13%
Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend	1	-3%
Threemilestone & Chacewater	1	-5%
Truro Boscawen & Redannick	1	5%
Truro Moresk & Trehaverne	1	1%
Truro Tregolls	1	-5%

Feock & Kea, Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend, Threemilestone & Chacewater, Truro Boscawen & Redannick, Truro Moresk & Trehaverne and Truro Tregolls

122 We received three submissions relating to this area during the consultation, along with comments from Cornwall Council. In their submission, Cornwall Council stated that the Higher Newham area, which is included in Feock & Kea under the

draft recommendations, should be included in the Truro Boscawen & Redannick division, and that the Copperfields development should be included in Feock & Kea. The reasoning that the Council put forward for this alteration is that a delay in development in the area would lead to this area being an unviable parish ward – there will not be enough electors in the parish ward by the time of the next election, so the parish ward would have too few electors to provide for effective and convenient local government at the parish level. The solution put forward by the Council to avoid this potential scenario was to include the area in the Truro Boscawen & Redannick division, eliminating the need for a parish ward here, and instead creating a Copperfields parish ward by including the Copperfields development in Feock & Kea.

123 However, this proposal was opposed by a local resident, Truro City Council, and the Truro & Falmouth Constituency Labour Party, all of whom argued that both Higher Newham and Copperfields should be included entirely within a Truro ward. The local resident stated that the parish boundary should be followed here. Truro City Council noted that the proposed Higher Newham area would have fewer than 50 electors in it and should therefore be included in a Truro ward to negate any possibility of an unviable parish ward. This was supported by the Truro & Falmouth Constituency Labour Party.

124 Including the Higher Newham area in a Truro division and the Copperfields development in Feock & Kea would provide for good levels of electoral equality; however, we understand that the Copperfields development will be part of the Truro community and that to include it in the proposed Feock & Kea division would not reflect the community identity of the area. On careful consideration of the evidence received, we are therefore recommending that the division boundary here be aligned to the parish boundary, with a Feock & Kea division comprising the parishes of the same name only. We note that this division will have a forecast variance of -13%. However, on consideration of the evidence received, we consider that this division is the most appropriate arrangement for the area.

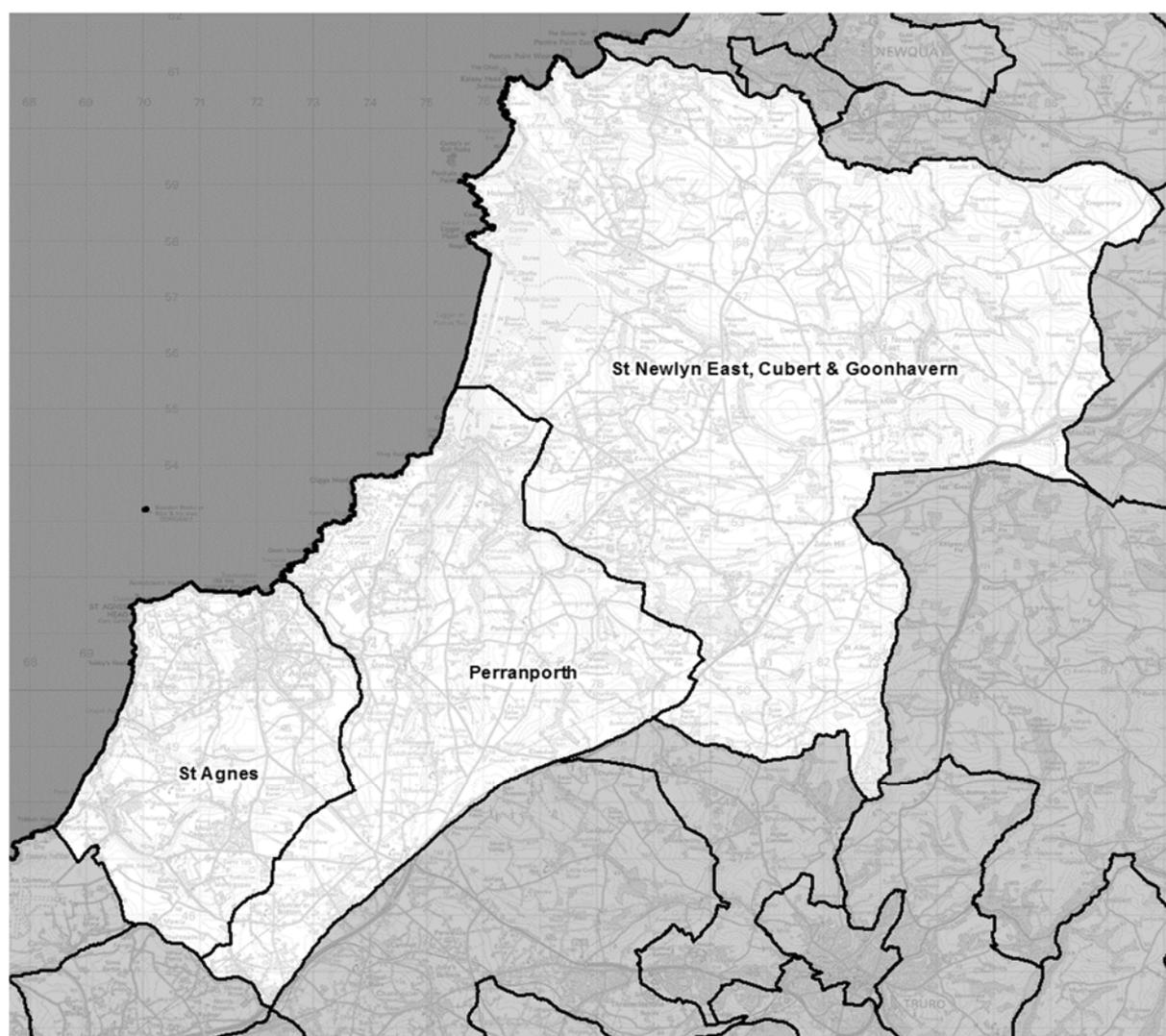
125 Cornwall Council also suggested two name changes to divisions in Truro, which were supported by all the respondents named above. The Council proposed that the draft Truro Moresk division be renamed as Truro Moresk & Trehaverne, as Trehaverne is an historic name well known in Truro. The Council also proposed that the draft Truro Redannick division be renamed as Truro Boscawen & Redannick. We are adopting these amended division names as part of the final recommendations.

126 We are also proposing to make a minor alteration at the request of the Council to include two properties on Tre-el-Verne Close in the proposed Truro Boscawen & Redannick division, as they do not have access into the neighbouring Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend division.

127 The above respondents also requested that the draft Gloweth, Treliske & Shortlanesend division be renamed as Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend, to be more reflective of the communities in the area. We consider that this name change is appropriate and are recommending this name change as part of the final recommendations.

128 Subject to the aforementioned amendments, we are confirming our draft recommendations for Truro as final. The single-councillor Feock & Kea division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -13% by 2023. The single-councillor Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -3% by 2023. The single-councillor Threemilestone & Chacewater division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -5% by 2023. The single-councillor Truro Moresk & Trehaverne division is forecast to have an electoral variance of 1% by 2023. The single-councillor Truro Boscawen & Redannick division is forecast to have an electoral variance of 5% by 2023. The single-councillor Truro Tregolls division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -5% by 2023.

Perranporth, St Agnes and St Newlyn



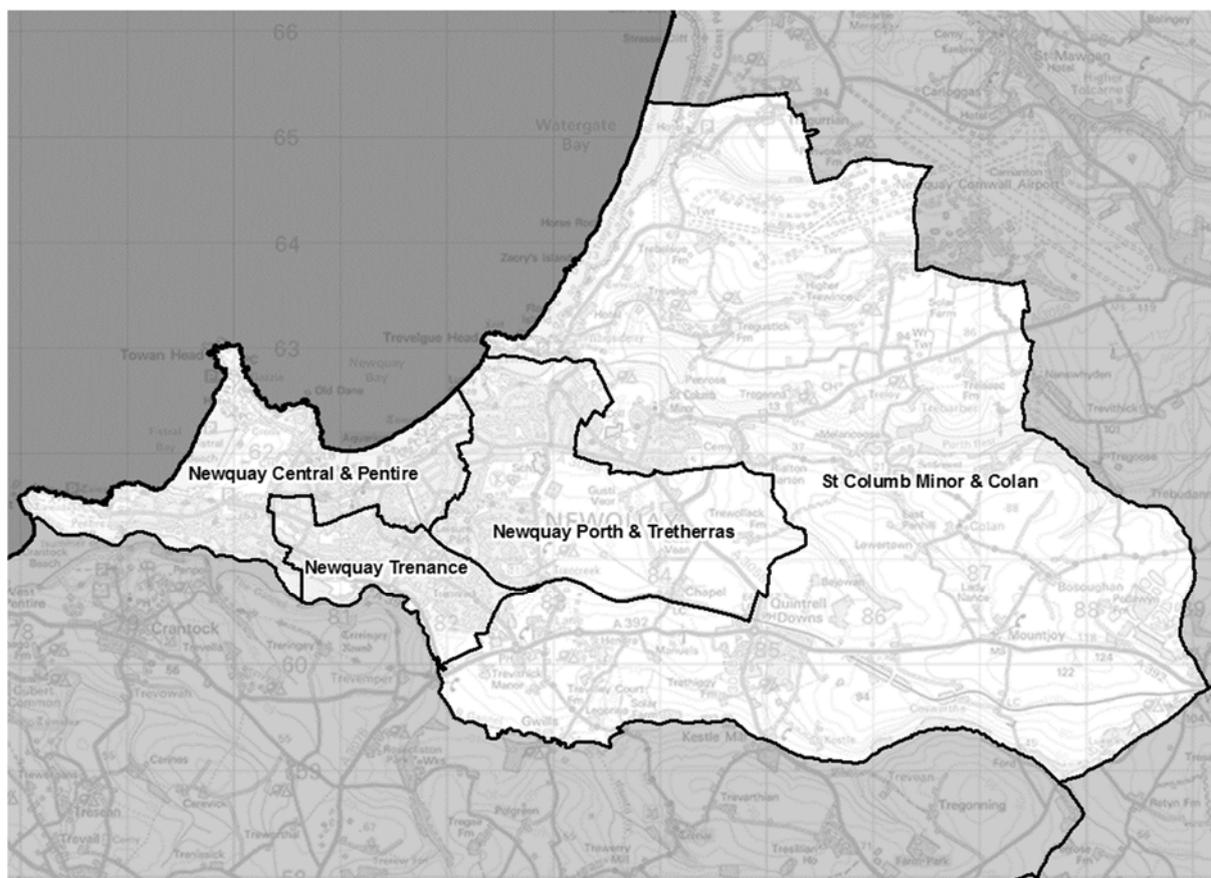
Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Perranporth	1	-5%
St Agnes	1	-2%
St Newlyn East, Cubert & Goonhavern	1	-4%

Perranporth, St Agnes, and St Newlyn East Cubert & Goonhavern

129 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received one submission regarding this area, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. A submission from St Agnes Parish Council supported the proposed division boundaries in the area, but objected to the pattern of parish wards put in place as part of the recommendations. On consideration of the information received, we have reviewed the parish warding arrangements in St Agnes and are recommending an alteration to the parish wards as part of the final recommendations. Further information on these can be found at the back of the report.

130 Cornwall Council supported each of the proposed divisions in this area. We consider that the divisions provide for good adherence to the statutory criteria, and are therefore confirming them as part of our final recommendations. The single-councillor Perranporth, St Agnes and St Newlyn East, Cubert & Goonhavern divisions are projected to have electoral variances of -5%, -2% and -4% respectively by 2023.

Newquay and surrounding area



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Newquay Central & Pentire	1	4%
Newquay Porth & Tretherras	1	3%
Newquay Trenance	1	7%
St Columb Minor & Colan	1	-7%

Newquay Central & Pentire, Newquay Porth & Tretherras, Newquay Trenance and St Columb Minor & Colan

131 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions regarding the proposed Newquay divisions, and St Columb Minor & Colan division.

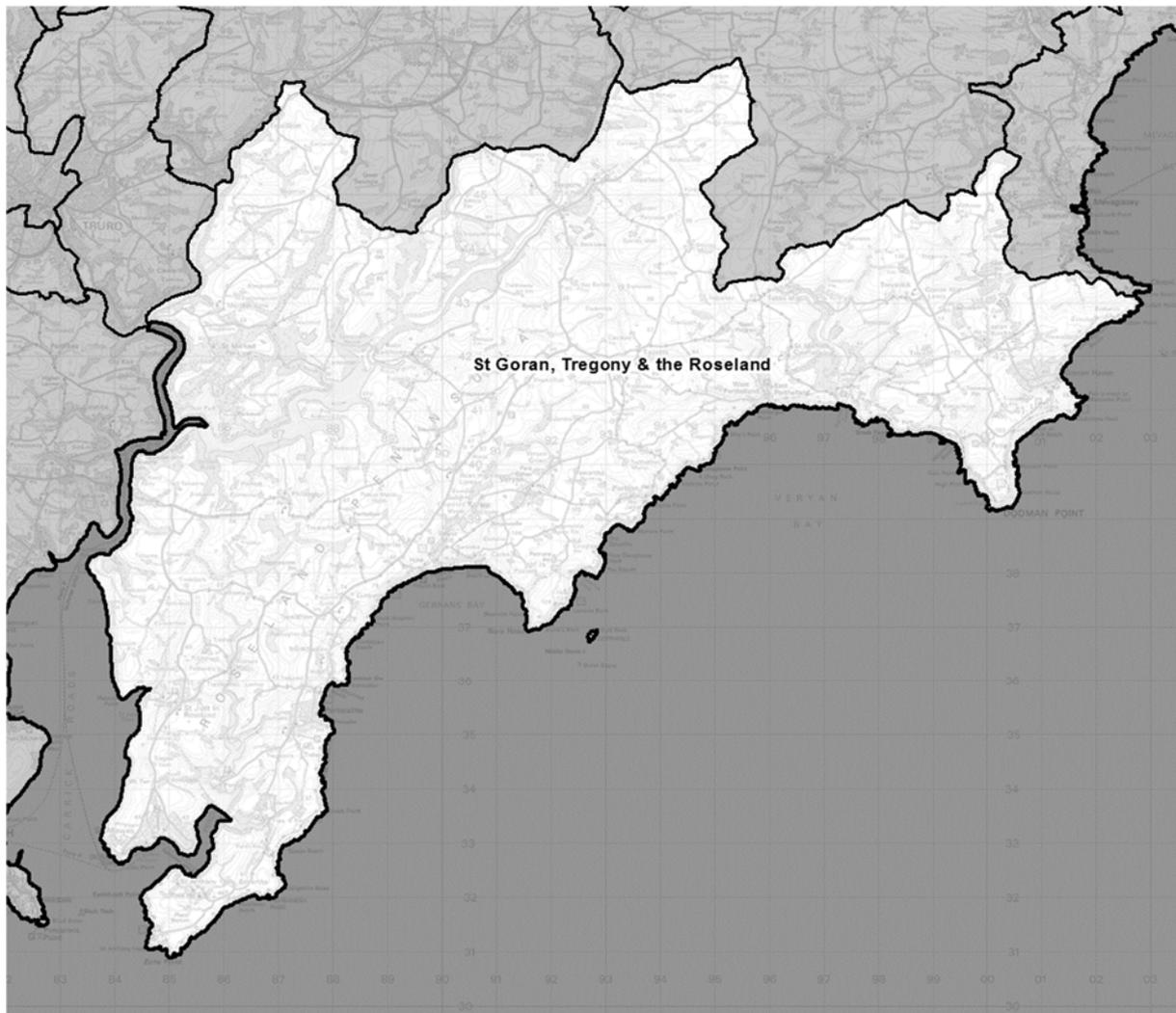
132 We received a proposal for a new set of divisions for the area from a councillor, which was supported by the St Austell & Newquay Liberal Democrats. We note the detailed nature of this submission, and the inclusion of information about Neighbourhood Plans. However, on consideration of the evidence, we do not consider that the alternative proposals, in particular the Colan, Newquay South & Whipsiderry division, would be an acceptable solution, especially given the comments of Colan Parish Council which supported the draft recommendations to include the parish in a division with St Columb Minor. The alternative proposals

would create a division which would not provide for effective and convenient local government, and we do not consider that enough evidence has been received about the proposed Colan, Newquay South & Whipsiderry division to justify a division that links very different areas. We are therefore not adopting the alternative proposal for Newquay divisions submitted to us.

133 As stated above, we received comments from Colan Parish Council in support of the draft recommendations, as the Parish Council objected to being linked with Newquay. We also received submissions from local residents, the Conservative Party in Cornwall and a group of local councillors in support of the draft recommendations, both for Newquay and for St Columb Minor & Colan. Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations, stating that not only will the draft divisions contain the forthcoming developments in Newquay effectively, but that they are representative of the communities in the town. For example, the Council state that the Newquay Central & Pentire division covers the areas in and around the town centre, where much of the tourism industry in the area is based, whereas the proposed Newquay Trenance division focuses on the Trenance Valley and has shared local transport and leisure links, along with two local schools. The Council also discuss the draft Newquay Porth & Tretherras division, stating that the Nansledan development site in the area will become its own community in time.

134 We do not consider that any viable alternatives have been proposed and we are therefore confirming our draft recommendations here as final. The single-councillor Newquay Central & Pentire, Newquay Porth & Tretherras, Newquay Trenance and St Columb Minor & Colan divisions have projected variances of 4%, 3%, 7% and -7% respectively.

The Roseland Peninsula



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
St Goran, Tregony & the Roseland	1	-6%

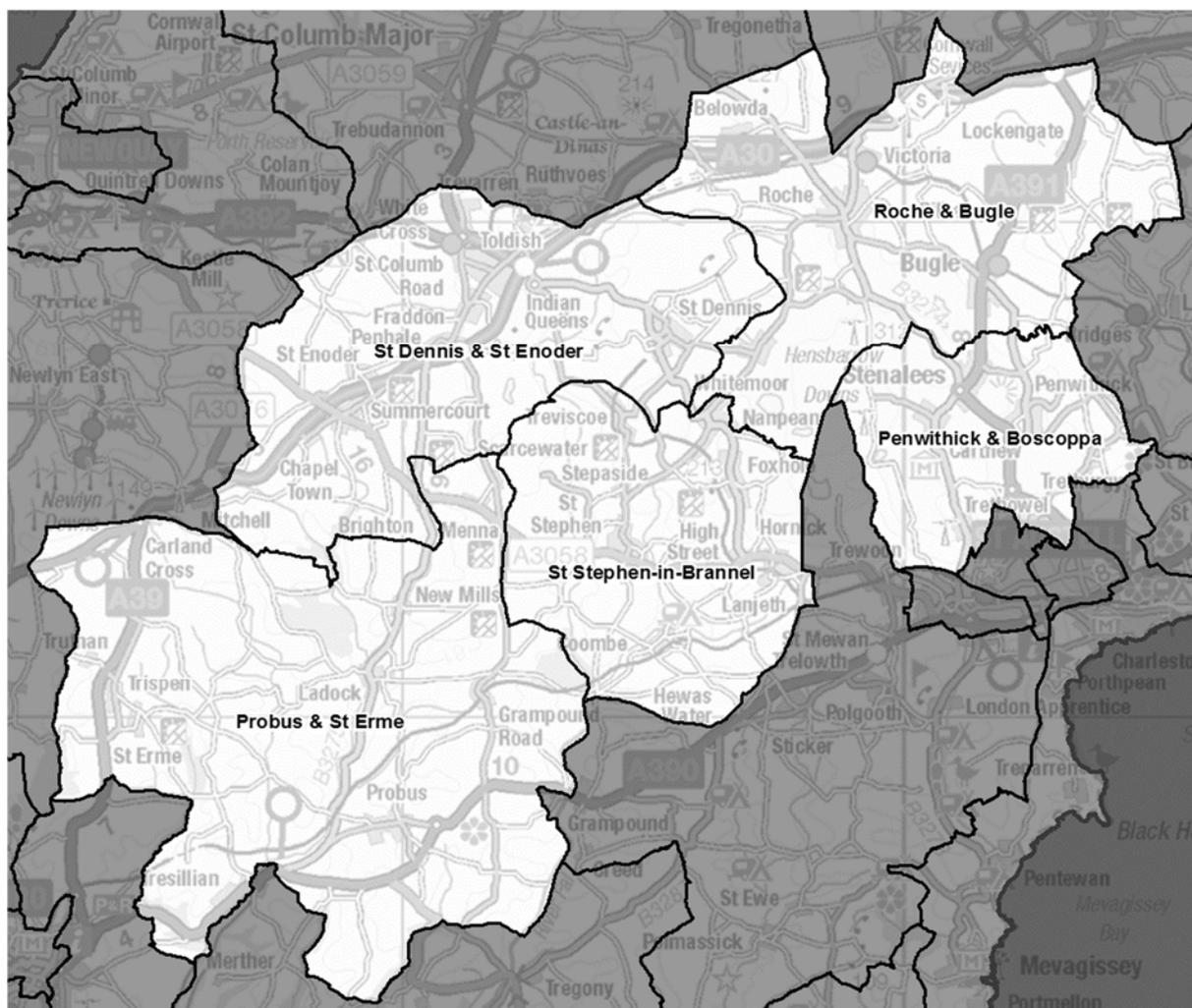
St Goran, Tregony & the Roseland

135 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received two submissions relating to this division, in addition to support from Cornwall Council.

136 We received a submission from St Goran Parish Council in support of the proposed division here. We also received a submission from a local resident opposing the division, who stated that the draft recommendations would create a division that was too large and that the existing division should be retained. However, due to the reduction in the overall number of councillors for Cornwall, we are not able to retain the existing Roseland division, as it would have a projected variance of -43%.

137 We are therefore confirming our draft St Goran, Tregony & the Roseland division as part of the final recommendations. This single-councillor division is projected to have a variance of -6% by 2023.

China Clay



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Penwithick & Boscoppa	1	-10%
Probus & St Erme	1	-2%
Roche & Bugle	1	-1%
St Dennis & St Enoder	1	11%
St Stephen-in-Brannel	1	-1%

Penwithick & Boscoppa, Roche & Bugle and St Dennis & St Enoder

138 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions relating to the divisions in this area, along with comments from the Council. Cornwall Council generally supported the draft recommendations here, but suggested that the draft Goonbarrow division be renamed Roche & Bugle to be more representative of its constituent communities. We consider that this name change would allow for a division that is reflective of the area it covers, and we are therefore accepting this name change as part of the final recommendations.

139 As part of the draft recommendations, we proposed to include the Bowling Green area in the Penwithick & Boscoppa division; however, in its submission, Cornwall Council considered that this small area should be included in the Roche & Bugle division, as it was more closely connected with the areas to the west than to the south. We consider that the information provided was compelling, and we are therefore including the Bowling Green area in the Roche & Bugle division. As this area is very small, it does not have an impact on the electoral equality in the area.

140 We received four submissions commenting on the draft recommendation to include the eastern part of the St Dennis parish in the Roche & Bugle division. These submissions, from St Dennis Parish Council, St Enoder Parish Council, Mebyon Kernow and a councillor, all opposed this arrangement and requested that the entirety of St Dennis parish be included in the proposed St Dennis & St Enoder division. This was also put forward by Cornwall Council, who stated that including the entire parish in this division would be in the interests of local community identity in the area. Whilst we note that including the entirety of St Dennis parish in one division would result in a projected variance of 11%, we consider that it would provide for a better reflection of community identity, as well as providing for strong and identifiable boundaries and that the variance while higher than we would normally recommend is acceptable. We are therefore proposing to include the entirety of St Dennis parish in the proposed St Dennis & St Enoder division as part of the final recommendations.

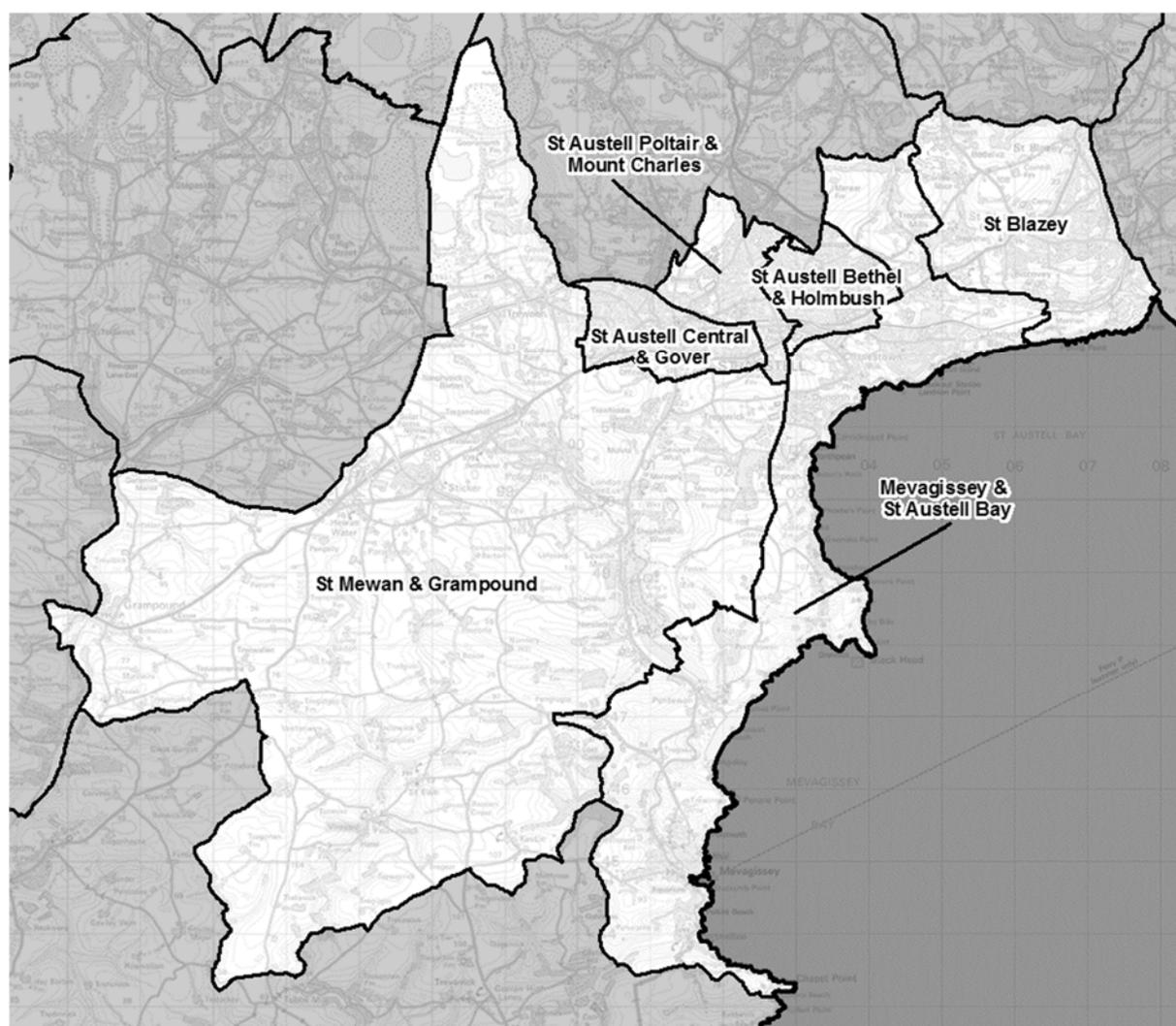
141 The single-councillor Penwithick & Boscoppa division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -10% by 2023. The single-councillor Roche & Bugle division is forecast to have an electoral variance of -1% by 2023. The single-councillor St Dennis & St Enoder division is forecast to have an electoral variance of 11% by 2023.

Probus & St Erme and St Stephen-in-Brannel

142 We received one comment on the proposed divisions here, in addition to support from Cornwall Council. St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council supported the proposed division of the same name.

143 We consider that the draft recommendations here reflect the statutory criteria and we are confirming them as final. The single-councillor Probus & St Erme and St Stephen-in-Brannel divisions have projected variances of -2% and -1% respectively.

St Austell and Mevagissey



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Mevagissey & St Austell Bay	1	-5%
St Austell Bethel & Holmbush	1	5%
St Austell Central & Gover	1	2%
St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles	1	-2%
St Blazey	1	2%
St Mewan & Grampound	1	-12%

Mevagissey & St Austell Bay and St Mewan & Grampound

144 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions relating to the proposed Mevagissey & St Austell Bay division, including from Cornwall Council. Mevagissey Parish Council opposed the draft recommendations because the proposals split parishes and combined a number of different communities. However, no alternative division pattern was put forward.

Pentewan Valley Parish Council also expressed general disapproval of the proposed division but did not provide for any alternative division pattern.

145 We also received a submission from a Cornwall councillor who opposed the draft recommendations, stating that the divisions should keep urban and rural areas separate and should not split parishes. This submission argued that the draft recommendations include a number of different communities in one division. The councillor also stated that members of the public with whom he had consulted were not in favour of the proposals. However, the councillor did not identify an alternative proposal.

146 Cornwall Council expressed support for both the proposed Mevagissey & St Austell Bay and St Mewan & Grampound divisions. The Council stated that while each constituent community within the Mevagissey & St Austell Bay division has its own identity, the proposed division reflects common interests of the bay area and its coastline. The Council also stated that the proposed St Mewan & Grampound division has strong and identifiable boundaries.

147 As no alternative proposals have been received, we are confirming our draft divisions here as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor Mevagissey & St Austell Bay and St Mewan & Grampound divisions have projected variances of -5% and -12% respectively.

St Austell Bethel & Holmbush, St Austell Central & Gover and St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles

148 We received three submissions regarding St Austell during the consultation on the draft recommendations, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations in St Austell.

149 St Austell Town Council expressed concern over the reduction in the allocation of county councillors for their area; however, the allocation of councillors is calculated based on projected electorate. There was also concern over the need to provide for a new pattern of town council wards. When we recommend a new pattern of divisions, we are required to put in place a pattern of parish or town council wards where we have divided a parish or town council between divisions. The Town Council also expressed disappointment that the area of housing in Boscoppa to the north of St Austell was not included in a St Austell division; however, this would result in a variance of -49% in Penwithick & Boscoppa, and we do not consider that any evidence has been received to justify this.

150 St Austell Town Council also requested that the St Austell Gover division be renamed as Gover & Central St Austell. We consider that this name change would be appropriate but have altered it slightly to retain the same naming structure as

elsewhere in St Austell. We are therefore changing the name to St Austell Central & Gover as part of the final recommendations.

151 We received submissions from local residents who expressed some concern over the boundaries in St Austell but did not provide any alternatives. The submissions queried whether the changes would impact on a number of factors, including property value. However, there is no evidence to support this and no specific alternative boundaries were put forward, so we are not recommending any changes here.

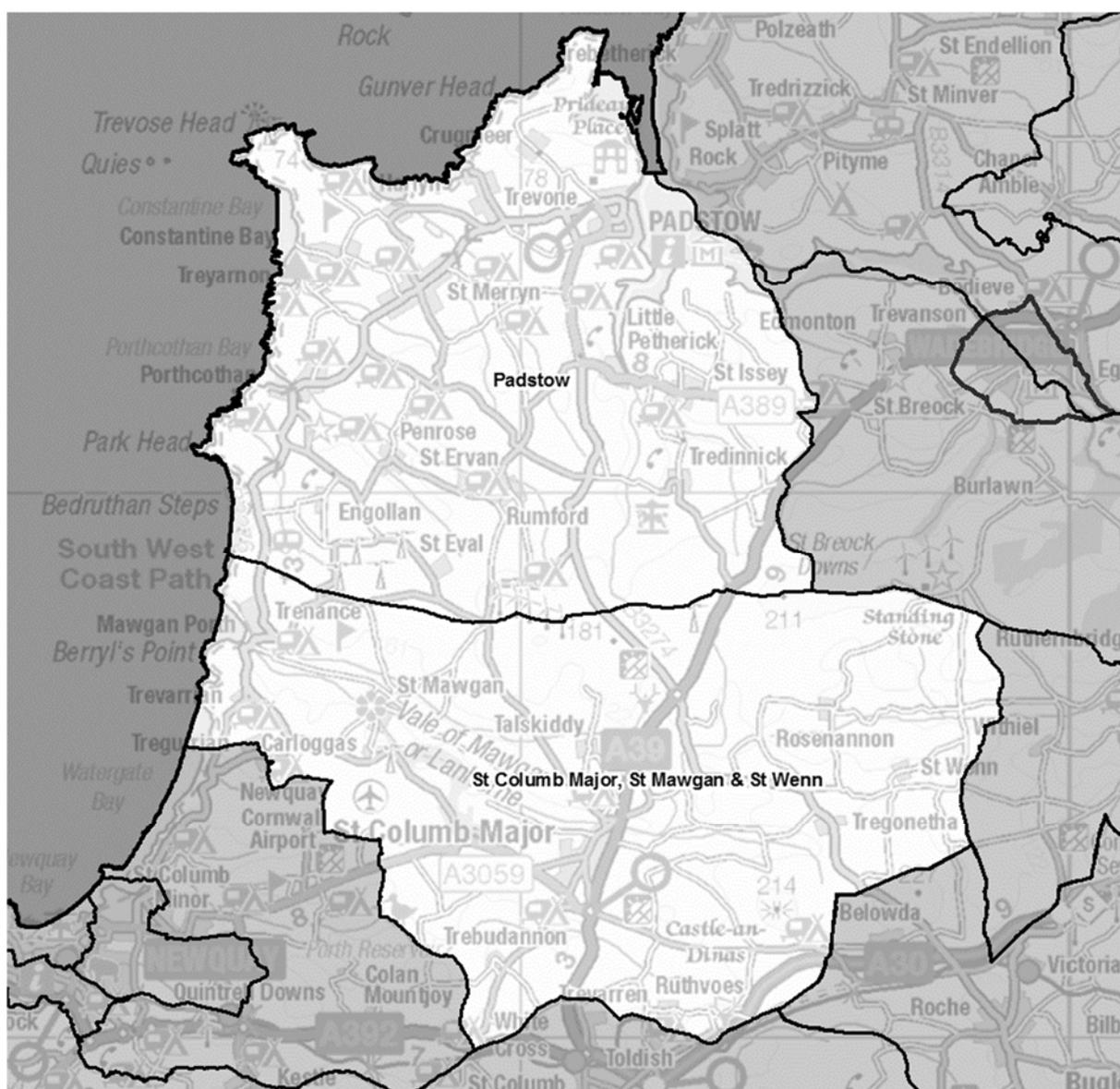
152 Subject to the name change outlined above, we are confirming our draft St Austell divisions as final. The single-councillor St Austell Bethel & Holmbush, St Austell Central & Gover and St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles divisions are forecast to have variances of 5%, 2% and -2% respectively by 2023.

St Blazey

153 We received two submissions regarding the draft St Blazey division during the consultation on the draft recommendations, along with an expression of support from Cornwall Council. Both a local resident and St Blaise Town Council supported the proposed division.

154 We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations as final. The single-councillor St Blazey division is projected to have an electoral variance of 2% by 2023.

Padstow and St Columb Major



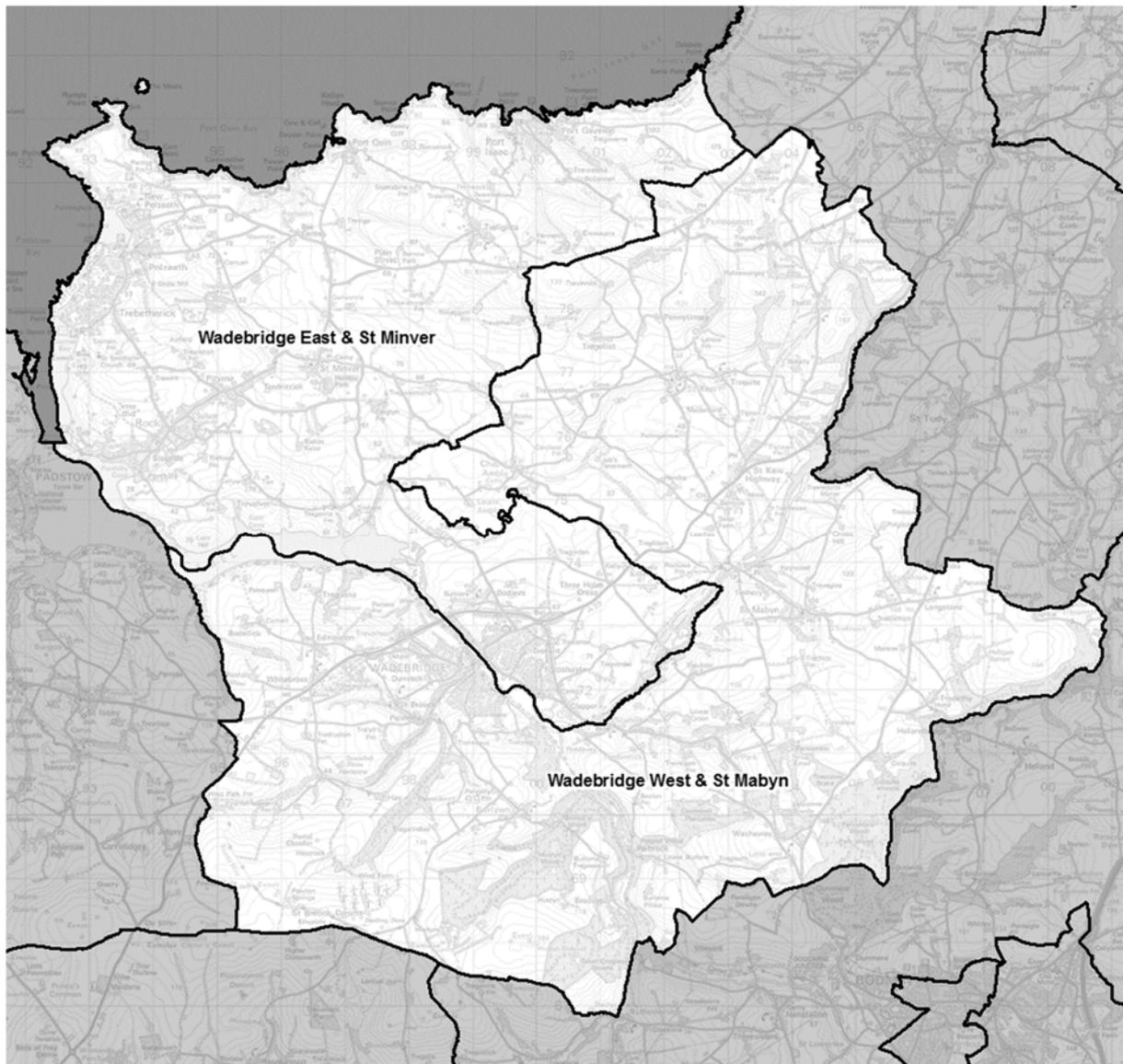
Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Padstow	1	3%
St Columb Major, St Mawgan & St Wenn	1	-7%

Padstow and St Columb Major, St Mawgan & St Wenn

155 We did not receive any submissions relating to these divisions during the consultation on the division patterns other than from Cornwall Council who supported both proposed divisions. It did, however, propose that the draft St Columb Major & St Mawgan division be renamed to include the parish of St Wenn. We consider that this alteration would ensure that the new division was reflective of all its constituent communities.

156 Subject to the aforementioned name change, we are confirming our draft divisions here as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor Padstow and St Columb Major, St Mawgan & St Wenn divisions are projected to have electoral variances of 3% and -7% respectively by 2023.

Wadebridge and surrounding area



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Wadebridge East & St Minver	1	-1%
Wadebridge West & St Mabyn	1	6%

Wadebridge East & St Minver and Wadebridge West & St Mabyn

157 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions on the proposed divisions for Wadebridge, along with a new proposal from Cornwall Council for two divisions. St Endellion Parish Council supported the draft recommendations, and a local resident and a councillor proposed that the Commission adopt a 'doughnut' division of rural parishes with a division containing all of Wadebridge town in the centre.

158 Cornwall Council proposed a Wadebridge division that would be coterminous with the parish of Wadebridge, surrounded by a 'doughnut' division comprising the parishes of St Breock, Egloshayle, St Mabyn, St Kew, St Endellion, St Minver Highlands and St Minver Lowlands.

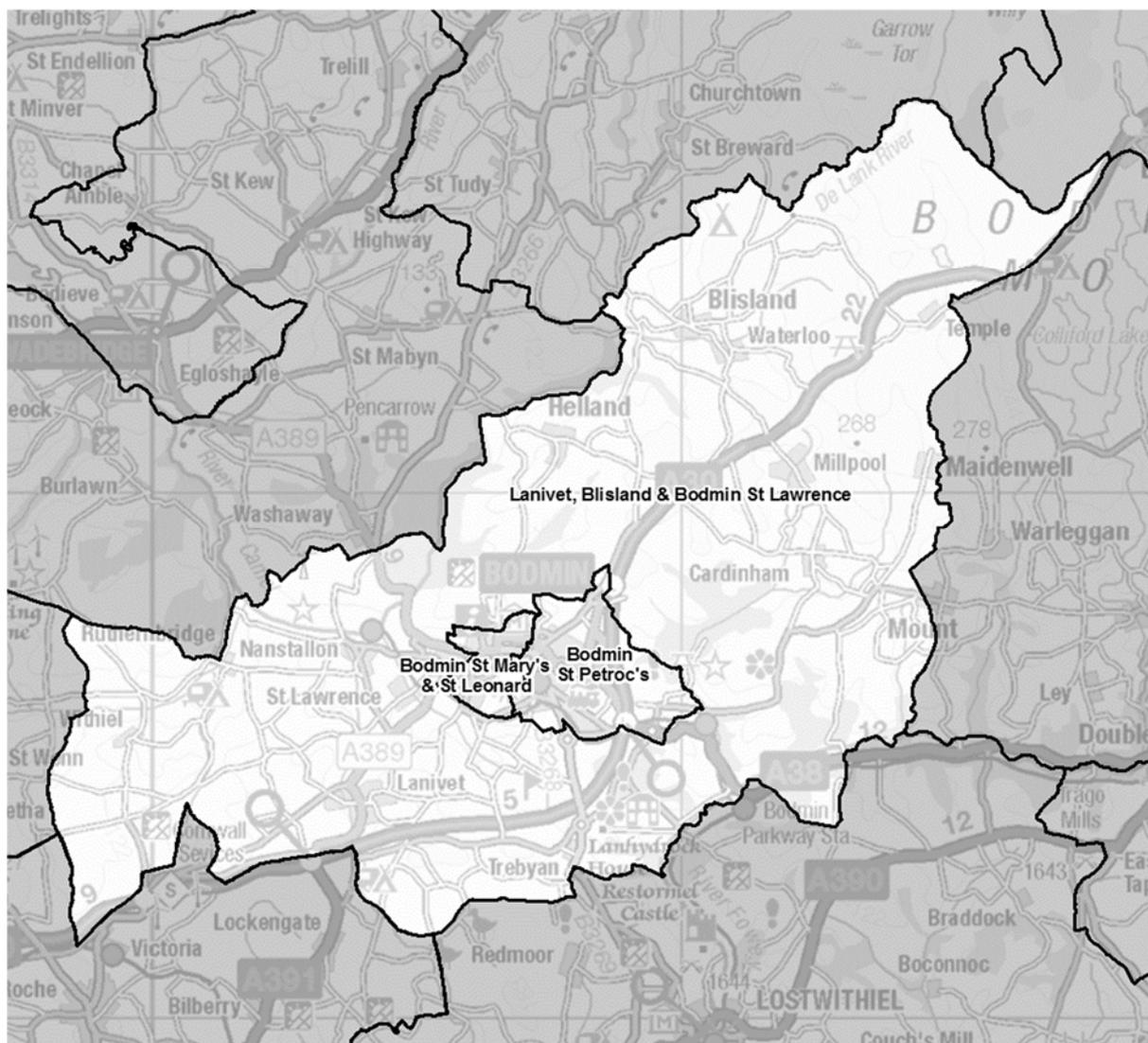
159 Under the draft recommendations, St Kew parish is split between divisions. Cornwall Council stated that its most recent proposal would unite the parish of St Kew in one division. The proposal would ensure that St Minver Lowlands, St Minver Highlands and St Endellion remained in the same division. The Council also stated that much of the future development of Wadebridge town would take place in Egloshayle parish.

160 We have carefully examined the divisions put forward by the Council, and consider that on balance a Wadebridge division with a variance of 10% by 2023 is acceptable but do not consider that the surrounding rural 'doughnut' division will reflect the statutory criteria here as the access routes would be limited. There is no road connection between the parish of St Breock, to the south of the River Camel, and St Minver Highlands and St Minver Lowlands, to the north of the river. We do not consider that the inclusion of these unconnected areas in the same division would facilitate effective and convenient local government. We also note the Council's assertion that the development of Wadebridge town would happen in Egloshayle parish; we consider that in this situation, it is appropriate to include part of Egloshayle parish in a division with part of Wadebridge. The local resident and councillor who responded to the consultation in support of Cornwall Council's proposal also noted that the rural and coastal communities in the area look to Wadebridge for services. For these reasons, we are not proposing to adopt Cornwall Council's alternative divisions here.

161 We are proposing to make an alteration to the draft recommendations, to include the entirety of St Kew parish in the proposed Wadebridge West & St Mabyn division. This proposal was put forward by the Conservative Party in Cornwall, which otherwise supported the proposed divisions here. This proposal was also mentioned as a second preference by Cornwall Council. The submission notes that including the entirety of St Kew parish in the same division would provide for better electoral equality and would avoid splitting St Kew between divisions.

162 Subject to the aforementioned amendment, we are confirming our draft Wadebridge East & St Minver and Wadebridge West & St Mabyn divisions as part of our final recommendations. Our proposed single-councillor divisions are projected to have variances of -1% and 6% respectively by 2023.

Bodmin and surrounding area



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard	1	3%
Bodmin St Petroc's	1	5%
Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence	1	-8%

Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard, Bodmin St Petroc's and Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence

163 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions relating to the proposed divisions in Bodmin and the surrounding area. A local resident opposed the proposed divisions on the basis that Bodmin should be equally split between three divisions; however, the divisions are put together based on the three statutory criteria, including achieving an acceptable level of electoral equality. Another local resident objected to the inclusion of parts of

Bodmin parish in non-Bodmin divisions. However, no alternative proposals were provided to mitigate the effect that this would have on the surrounding rural areas.

164 Cornwall Council were generally supportive of the draft recommendations in this area, including the Commission's decision to create a 'doughnut' division surrounding two central Bodmin divisions. The Council put forward a number of small amendments to the draft recommendations as part of its submission, including a proposal to include a small area of Beacon Hill around Market Street and Fore Street in the Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard division as opposed to Bodmin St Petroc's. The Council also proposed to include the entirety of the Cooksland industrial estate as well as the Boxwell area in the Bodmin St Petroc's division, and including the area south of Bodmin College in the Lanivet division. The Council argued that these changes would not only provide for good levels of electoral equality, but that they would also be representative of the communities in Bodmin and the surrounding area.

165 The proposals were supported by Bodmin Town Council, which also supported Cornwall Council's proposed alteration to the name of the Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin West division to Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence. The Town Council noted that whilst some areas of Bodmin would be included in the more rural division, this would provide for the most appropriate pattern of divisions overall.

166 A detailed submission from a local resident largely also supported the proposal put forward by Cornwall Council, including the inclusion of the majority of Pool Street in Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard, and the inclusion of the Beacon Hill area in the same division. This submission also proposed that Flaxmoor Terrace should be included in the same division as Bodmin Gaol; we consider that this would provide for a stronger boundary, and we are including these properties in the proposed Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence division.

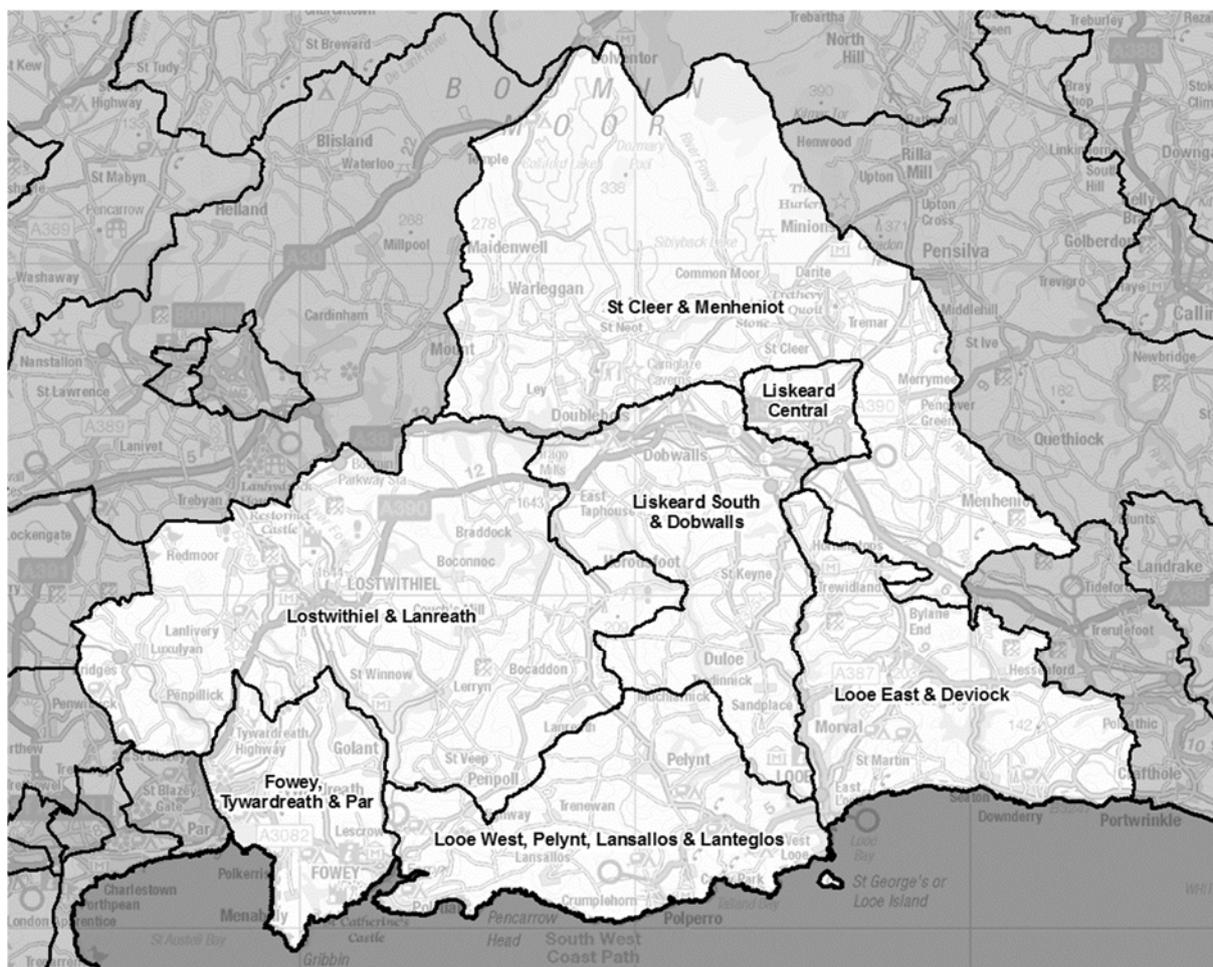
167 On consideration of all of the evidence received, we consider that the amended divisions that were put forward by Cornwall Council do provide for a more appropriate division pattern for Bodmin, and we are minded to adopt them as part of the final recommendations with a number of amendments to provide for a better reflection of our statutory criteria. We propose to include Bodmin College in the Bodmin St Petroc's division, the boundary of which will follow the Bodmin & Wenford Railway from Respryn Road to the Bodmin parish boundary. We are also amending the Council's proposals to include the area of Bodmin parish to the east of the A30 in the Bodmin St Petroc's division; this alteration will avoid the creation of unviable parish wards. We are including the area south of Penbugle Lane in the Bodmin St Petroc's division, as this provides for a stronger and more identifiable boundary – the boundary here will now follow Helland Road and the Bodmin parish boundary. We note that the Council did not suggest including this area in Bodmin St Petroc's, but

we consider that, as the neighbouring urban area is being included in that division, it is appropriate for the Roselands Road area to be included.

168 The area south of Bodmin College, Crabtree Lane and around Kirland Road will be included in the Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence division. We note that the final recommendations will create a crescent-shaped parish ward, along with the two central parish wards, in Bodmin parish. However, the Commission are required to put in place parish electoral arrangements when the division boundaries directly affect the parish.

169 We are therefore proposing three divisions in Bodmin that differ from our draft recommendations. The single-councillor Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence division will have a variance of -8% by 2023. The single-councillor Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard division will have a variance of 3% by 2023. The single-councillor Bodmin St Petroc's division will have a variance of 5% by 2023.

Fowey, Liskeard, Looe and Lostwithiel



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Fowey, Tywardreath & Par	1	-9%
Liskeard Central	1	6%
Liskeard South & Dobwalls	1	8%
Looe East & Deviock	1	-1%
Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos	1	3%
Lostwithiel & Lanreath	1	-6%
St Cleer & Menheniot	1	-1%

Fowey, Tywardreath & Par

171 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received two submissions regarding the proposed Fowey, Tywardreath & Par, in addition to support from Cornwall Council. A local resident made a submission opposing the proposed division, stating that Tywardreath & Par should not be in the same division as Fowey; however, no alternative proposals were provided, and we are not proposing to make any alterations here. We also received a submission from a local

resident in support of the proposed division. We are confirming our draft single-councillor Fowey, Tywardreath & Par division as part of our final recommendations. This division is projected to have a variance of -9% by 2023.

Liskeard Central, Liskeard South & Dobwalls and Lostwithiel & Lanreath

172 We received a large number of submissions regarding this area during the consultation on the draft recommendations. This included many form letters. We received submissions from local residents, St Pinnock Parish Council and Liskeard Town Council. These submissions opposed the draft recommendation to include the parish of St Pinnock in the Lostwithiel division, stating that its health, education and retail services were with Liskeard rather than with Lostwithiel. The form letters also proposed moving the parish of Lanreath from Liskeard South & Dobwalls into Lostwithiel. This was supported by St Pinnock Parish Council and Liskeard Town Council.

173 Cornwall Council also supported this change, as both the transport and community links are stronger between St Pinnock and Liskeard than between St Pinnock and Lostwithiel. Cornwall Council also stated in their submission that Lanreath parish is similar in nature to the divisions in the Lostwithiel division, in addition to having a large village hall which hosts clubs and social activities for local communities. Cornwall Council also suggested that Lanreath be included in the Lostwithiel division name to reflect the extent of the proposed division.

174 We consider that the case presented to include St Pinnock parish in Liskeard South & Dobwalls will provide a better reflection of community identity, and we are therefore proposing to make this change as part of the final recommendations. We are also proposing to include Lanreath in the Lostwithiel division, and to rename this division as Lostwithiel & Lanreath as proposed by Cornwall Council. We consider that these alterations will provide for a pattern of divisions that better reflects the local area, as well as providing for good levels of electoral equality and following strong and identifiable boundaries.

175 We note that the form letters and the submission from Liskeard Town Council requested that the parish of Duloe be included in a Looe East division and that Trewidland be included in Liskeard South & Dobwalls. However, whilst this would provide for acceptable levels of electoral equality, no evidence was provided to support this alteration, and we are not therefore including this change as part of the final recommendations.

176 Cornwall Council supported the draft Liskeard Central division. Liskeard Town Council requested an alteration to the division but provided limited information about the proposal. We are therefore confirming our Liskeard Central division as part of our final recommendations. This division will have a variance of 6% by 2023.

177 Our final recommendations are for a single-councillor Liskeard South & Dobwalls division and a single-councillor Lostwithiel & Lanreath division. These divisions will have electoral variances of 8% and -6% respectively by 2023.

Looe East & Deviock and Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos

178 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received submissions on this area from Polperro Community Council and from South East Cornwall Conservative Association, along with comments from Cornwall Council. Polperro Community Council supported the proposed division pattern in this area, but proposed that Pelynt be recognised in the Looe West division name to accurately reflect the communities in the division. This was also proposed by Cornwall Council, which supported the boundaries of these two divisions. We consider that including Pelynt in the division name would be more reflective of the constituent communities of the division.

179 We received a submission from the South East Cornwall Conservative Association that put forward an alternative pattern of divisions for the Looe area. The proposal included the parishes of Looe and St Martin-by-Looe, along with the village of Seaton, in a Looe division. The parishes of Lanteglos, Polperro, Pelynt and Morval would then be included in a South Cornwall Rural division, along with the parish of Duloe (currently in the Liskeard South & Dobwalls division) and the remainder of the Deviock division. Trewidland would be moved into a neighbouring division. The Association argued that this would avoid the need to split the parish of Looe between divisions. However, whilst the proposals would allow for acceptable levels of electoral equality, we do not consider that sufficient evidence has been received to justify the alterations being proposed and we are therefore not adopting this proposal here.

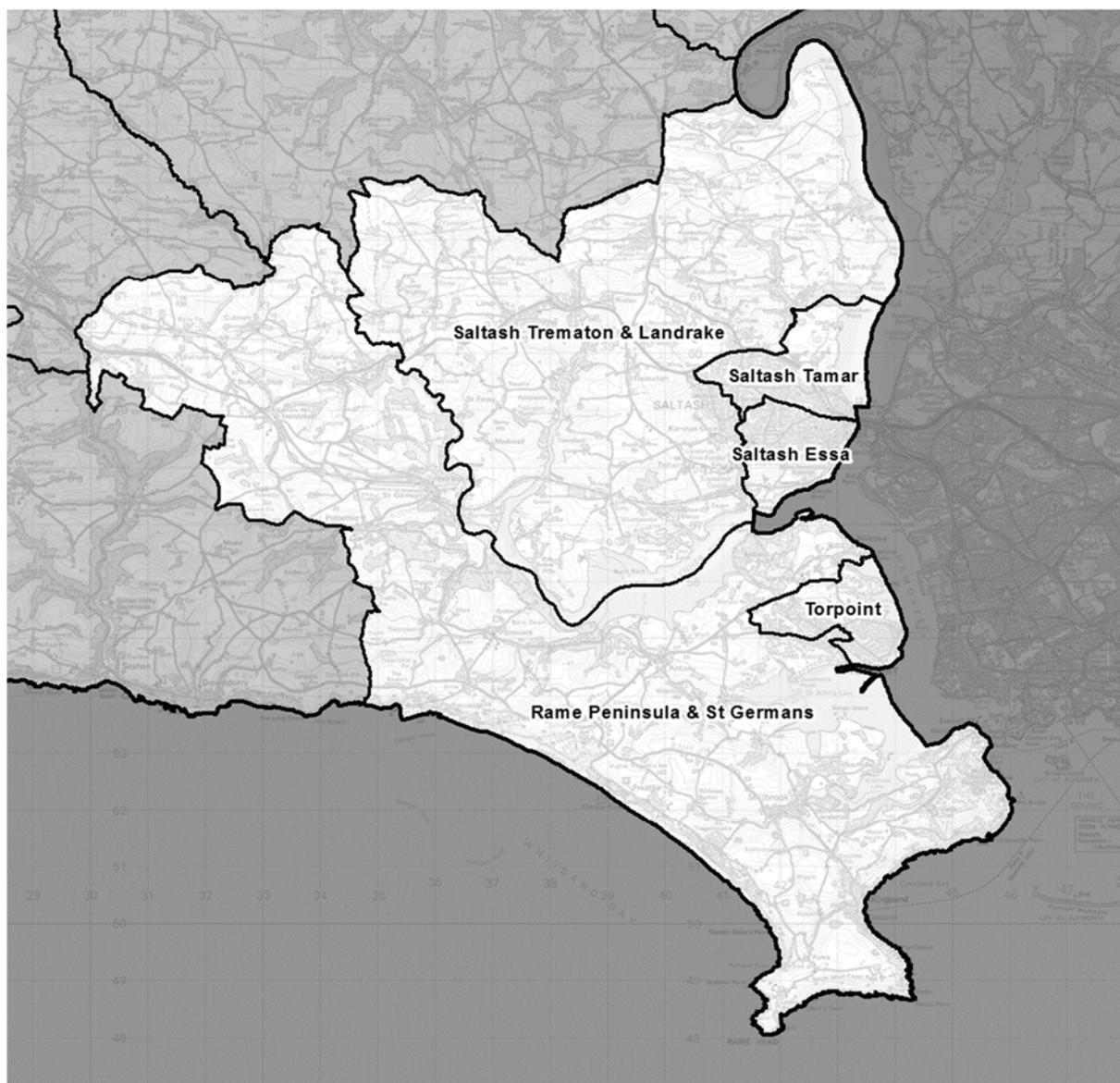
180 Subject to the aforementioned name change, we are confirming our draft Looe East & Deviock and Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos divisions as part of the final recommendations. These single-councillor divisions will have electoral variances of -1% and 3% respectively by 2023.

St Cleer & Menheniot

181 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received one submission relating to the St Cleer & Menheniot division, in addition to support for the division from Cornwall Council. A local resident expressed concern that the St Cleer & Menheniot division impinged too closely on Liskeard, in particular in the south-eastern part of Liskeard Central. However, the division boundary here follows the parish boundary, and we consider that this provides for a strong and identifiable boundary between the two areas. We are not minded to make an alteration here.

182 We are confirming our draft St Cleer & Menheniot division as final.

The Rame Peninsula, Saltash and Torpoint



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Rame Peninsula & St Germans	1	6%
Saltash Essa	1	-2%
Saltash Tamar	1	8%
Saltash Trematon & Landrake	1	-4%
Torpoint	1	10%

Rame Peninsula & St Germans and Torpoint

183 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a number of submissions relating to the proposed Rame Peninsula & St Germans division. A local resident wrote in support of the proposed division. Shevioc Parish Council objected to the draft recommendations, stating that the division will be too large to be

sufficiently well-represented. However, due to the reduction in the number of councillors in Cornwall, it is necessary to make alterations to the boundaries of existing divisions. Retaining the existing Rame Peninsula division would result in a variance of -25% and would require the redistribution of councillors across Cornwall. We are therefore not able to retain the existing arrangements here.

184 A local resident requested that the division boundary near to Bake Manor be amended to run along a road; however, this boundary between Rame Peninsula & St Germans and Looe East & Deviock runs along the parish boundary, and altering it would necessitate the creation of an unviable parish ward. We are therefore unable to alter the division boundary here.

185 We received a submission from St Germans Parish Council requesting that the division be named St Germans & Rame Peninsula. However, we do not propose to make this change as we do not consider that sufficient information has been received to move away from the draft recommendations.

186 We received one submission relating to the proposed Torpoint division during the consultation, in addition to comments from Cornwall Council. Torpoint Town Council made a submission that acknowledged that Torpoint parish has too high an electorate to include in one single-councillor division. The Town Council requested that an extra district councillor be allocated to the wider area around Torpoint; however, no compelling evidence was provided and we are not proposing to alter the number of councillors in Cornwall. However, the Town Council also proposed two amendments to the draft recommendations to provide for a Torpoint division that is more reflective of the communities in the area. Firstly, the Town Council propose to include the area north of Trevol Road and east of the cemetery in the Torpoint division rather than in Rame Peninsula & St Germans; this would ensure that Torpoint Health Centre and the business park are included in the Torpoint division. The Town Council also proposed an amendment to include the football ground and the Chapeldown Road area in the Torpoint division, as this area only accesses from the urban area of Torpoint to the east. Cornwall Council also put forward these alterations. We consider that these proposals would provide for a better reflection of the local community, and would also retain access routes locally, and we are therefore including them as part of our final recommendations.

187 The final recommendations are for a single-councillor Rame Peninsula & St Germans division with a projected variance of 6% and a single-councillor Torpoint division with a projected variance of 10%.

Saltash Essa, Saltash Tamar and Saltash Trematon & Landrake

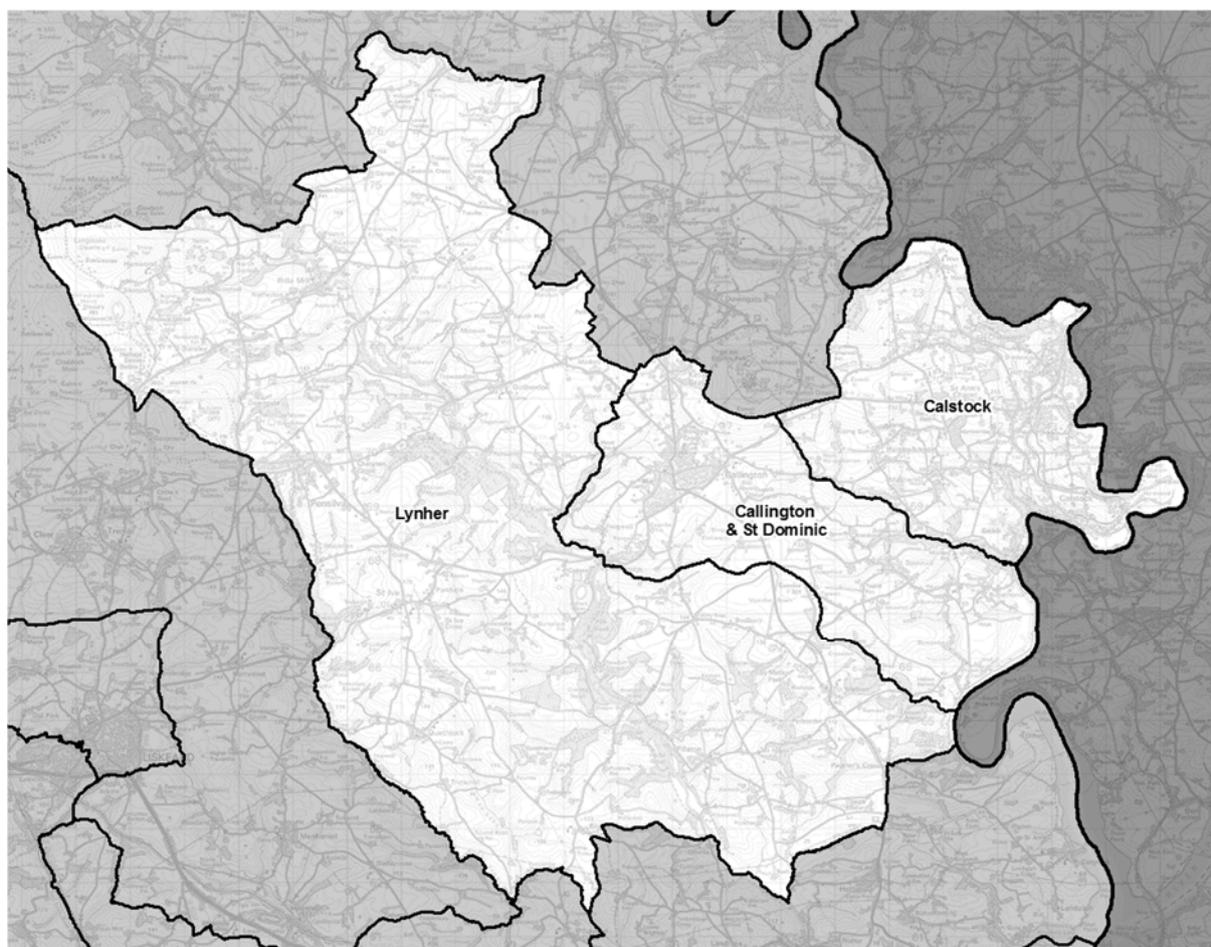
188 We received a number of submissions during the consultation on the draft recommendations regarding the proposed division pattern for Saltash, along with altered proposals from Cornwall Council. A local resident expressed general support

for the draft recommendations. Another resident expressed concern over the size of the proposed Saltash Trematon & Landrake division, as there is forecast to be development in this area. However, we have taken into account the development forecast to be in this area over the next five years as part of the review, and allocated councillors based on this. We are content with the electorate figures supplied to us by the Council here.

189 Cornwall Council proposed a number of small alterations to the proposed divisions in Saltash in response to the draft recommendations. The Council proposed to include the village of Carkeel in the Saltash Trematon & Landrake division, in keeping with the more rural communities in the area. The Council's proposals also include the Moorlands Trading Estate in the Saltash Tamar division, as following the A38 here provides for a strong and identifiable boundary. The area around Fairmead Road is also included in the Saltash Tamar division, as this provides for a strong boundary. On consideration of the information received, we consider that the proposals put forward by Cornwall Council provide for better boundaries and good electoral equality, and we are proposing to make the amendments suggested by Cornwall Council as part of the final recommendations.

190 We are therefore proposing three single-councillor divisions as part of the final recommendations. The Saltash Essa division will have a variance of -2%, the Saltash Tamar division will have a variance of 8% and the Saltash Trematon & Landrake division will have a variance of -4% by 2023.

Callington, Calstock and Lynher

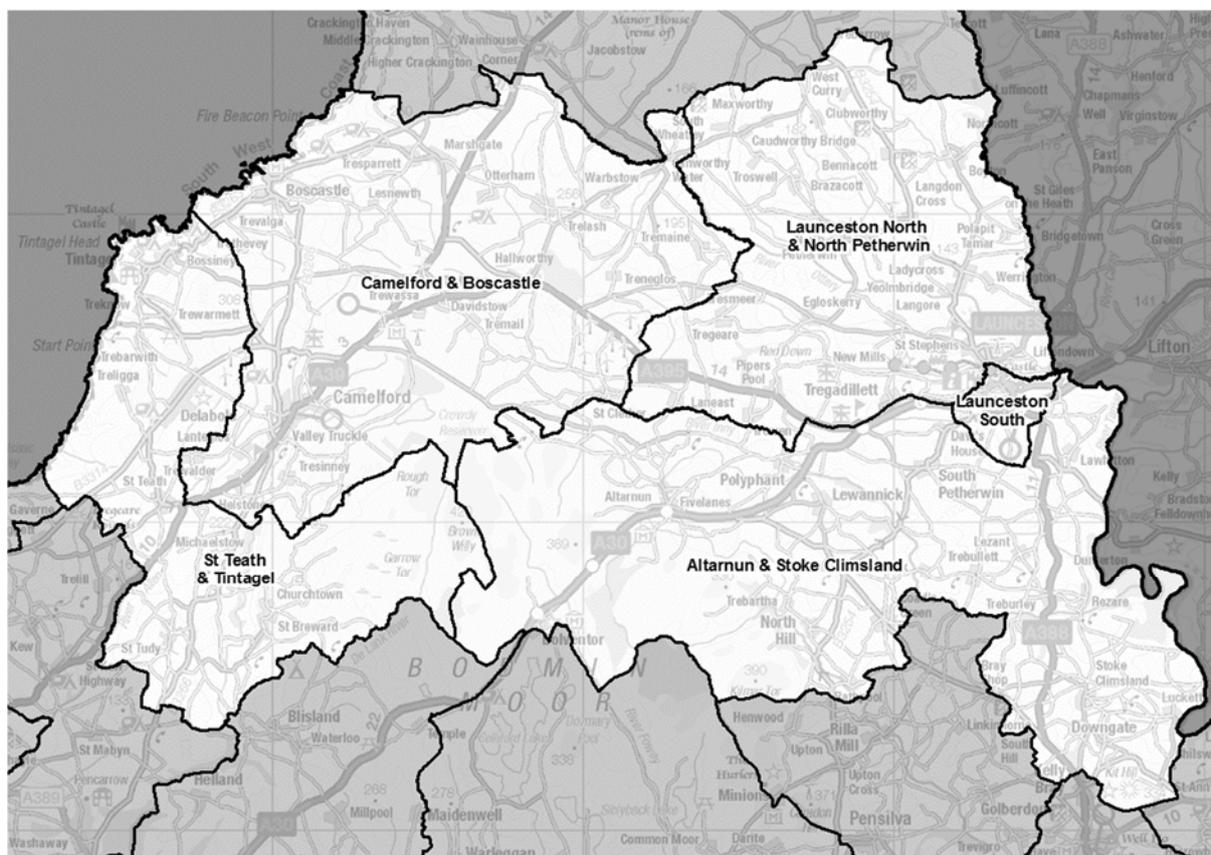


Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Callington & St Dominic	1	3%
Calstock	1	7%
Lynher	1	-9%

Callington & St Dominic, Calstock and Lynher

191 We did not receive any submissions relating to these divisions during the consultation on the draft recommendations, except for an expression of support from Cornwall Council. We are therefore confirming them as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor Callington & St Dominic, Calstock and Lynher divisions will have electoral variances of 3%, 7% and -9% respectively by 2023.

Altarnun, Camelford and Launceston



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Altarnun & Stoke Climsland	1	9%
Camelford & Boscastle	1	2%
Launceston North & North Petherwin	1	4%
Launceston South	1	7%
St Teath & Tintagel	1	0%

Altarnun & Stoke Climsland

192 We received a number of submissions relating to the proposed Altarnun & Stoke Climsland division during the consultation on the draft recommendations. Altarnun Parish Council objected to being in a division with Stoke Climsland, and suggested that Stoke Climsland should be in a Callington division. However, making this alteration would result in an Altarnun division with a variance of -17% and a Callington division with a variance of 29%. A local resident also stated that Stoke Climsland and Altarnun are very different communities.

193 However, while we recognise that the two parishes may have different characteristics, we consider that it is preferable to include two different areas in the same division rather than having to split a community elsewhere in an effort to

achieve a better level of electoral equality. We are therefore not proposing to make any alterations to the boundary of the Altarnun & Stoke Climsland division.

194 We received three submissions, including one from Stoke Climsland Parish Council, requesting that the division name be changed to Stoke Climsland & Altarnun. However, we do not consider that a name change would be appropriate here. Cornwall Council supported the draft recommendations.

195 We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations here as final. The single-councillor Altarnun & Stoke Climsland division will have a variance of 9% by 2023.

Camelford & Boscastle and St Teath & Tintagel

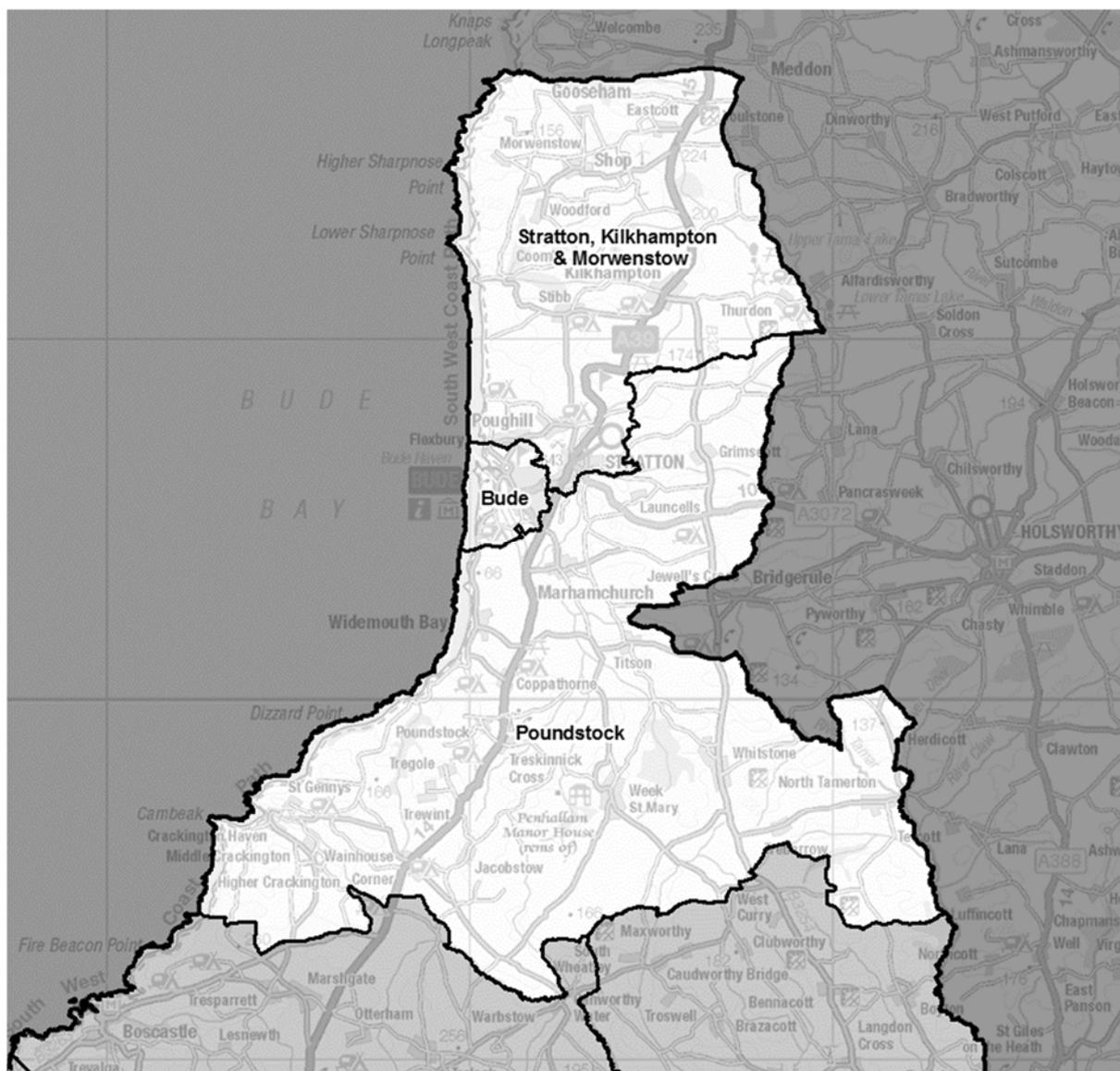
196 During the consultation on the draft recommendations we received two submissions in favour of the proposed St Teath & Tintagel division, from St Breward Parish Council and a local resident. Cornwall Council also supported the draft recommendations for both Camelford & Boscastle and St Teath & Tintagel. We consider that our draft recommendations provide for good adherence to the statutory criteria and we are confirming both divisions as part of the final recommendations. The single-councillor Camelford & Boscastle and St Teath & Tintagel divisions have projected electoral variances of 2% and 0% respectively by 2023.

Launceston North & North Petherwin and Launceston South

197 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received a submission from Launceston Town Council opposing the proposed divisions in the area. However, the Town Council did not provide any alternative proposals. Laneast Parish Council expressed their opposition to the parish being included in the Launceston North & North Petherwin division, and stated that the parish should move into Altarnun, with Stoke Climsland moving into the Callington division. However, this would result in a variance of 29% in Callington and we do not consider that sufficient evidence has been received to justify such a high level of electoral inequality. We are therefore not making any alteration here.

198 Cornwall Council expressed support for the draft recommendations. We are therefore confirming our draft Launceston North & North Petherwin and Launceston South divisions as part of the final recommendations. These single councillor divisions will have electoral variances of 4% and 7% respectively by 2023.

Bude and Poundstock



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2023
Bude	1	-5%
Poundstock	1	-9%
Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow	1	-9%

Bude, Poundstock and Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow

199 During the consultation on the draft recommendations, we received five submissions relating to the three divisions for the Bude area, along with comments from Cornwall Council.

200 In their submission, Cornwall Council provided an altered pattern of divisions for this area – a Bude division, a Poundstock division and a Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow division. The submission notes that it is not possible to avoid splitting

Bude-Stratton parish across three divisions. The Council's proposed Bude division includes the main centre of Bude, as well as a small area of Flexbury that the Council note is a 'coherent and recognisable unit' that is separated from the rest of the area by a stream and accesses south into Bude.

201 The Council's proposed Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow division comprises the parishes of Kilkhampton and Morwenstow, along with the Stratton and Flexbury areas of Bude-Stratton parish. The Council state that these areas are whole and coherent communities in their own right, and that this division reflects the nature of the communities. The Council's proposed Poundstock division is largely based on the draft recommendations, with the addition of the parish of Launcells and the area around Hele on either side of the A39.

202 We consider that the proposals put forward by Cornwall Council for new divisions in the Bude area better reflect the statutory criteria than the draft recommendations. The divisions provide for good levels of electoral equality and follow strong and identifiable boundaries. We are therefore proposing to adopt the proposals put forward by the Council as part of the final recommendations.

203 We received a submission from a local resident requesting that Bude, Poughill, Flexbury, Upton, Widemouth and Stratton should all be included in the same division. Another resident requested that Bude-Stratton parish not be split between three divisions. However, the Bude-Stratton parish is too large to be contained within a single-councillor division – it would have a variance of 51%. Additionally, keeping the entire parish in one division would have significant knock-on effects on the surrounding area.

204 Morwenstow Parish Council expressed a concern that the draft recommendations, which included Morwenstow in a division with part of Bude town, were not representative of the community. The Parish Council stated that a link with Stratton forms part of the local identity, and that this should be reflected in the division pattern. We consider that this is accomplished by the new proposals made by Cornwall Council.

205 Both St Gennys Parish Council and Poundstock Parish Council expressed concern over the size of the proposed Poundstock division, with both parish councils stating that the large rural Poundstock division would increase the workload of a councillor. However, no alternative division boundaries were provided and due to the spread of the electorate in the area, it is necessary to include a number of rural parishes in the division in order to provide for an acceptable level of electoral equality.

206 We are therefore adopting the division boundaries put forward by Cornwall Council and described above as part of the final recommendations for Cornwall. The

single-councillor Bude division has a projected variance of -5% by 2023. The single-councillor Poundstock division is projected to have an electoral variance of -9% by 2023. The single-councillor Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow division is projected to have a variance of -9% by 2023.

Conclusions

207 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality in Cornwall, referencing the 2017 and 2023 electorate figures. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found at Appendix A to the back of this report.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2017	2023
Number of councillors	87	87
Number of electoral divisions	87	87
Average number of electors per councillor	4,891	5,163
Number of divisions with a variance more than 10% from the average	22	3
Number of divisions with a variance more than 20% from the average	1	0

Final recommendations

Cornwall Council should be made up of 87 councillors serving 87 single-councillor divisions. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed divisions for Cornwall. You can also view our final recommendations for Cornwall Council on our interactive maps at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Parish electoral arrangements

208 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different divisions it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single division. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

209 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Cornwall

Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

210 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bodmin Town Council, Bude-Stratton Town Council, Camborne Town Council, Carn Brea Parish Council, Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council, Egloshayle Parish Council, Falmouth Town Council, Hayle Town Council, Helston Town Council, Kenwyn Parish Council, Launceston Town Council, Liskeard Town Council, Ludgvan Parish Council, Luxulyan Parish Council, Newquay Town Council, Penryn Town Council, Pentewan Valley Parish Council, Penzance Town Council, Perranzabuloe Parish Council, Redruth Town Council, St Agnes Parish Council, St Austell Town Council, St Clement Parish Council, St Ives Town Council, St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council, Saltash Town Council, Torpoint Town Council, Treverbyn Parish Council and Truro City Council.

211 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bodmin parish.

Final recommendations

Bodmin Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
St Lawrence	2
St Mary's & St Leonard	7
St Petroc's	7

211 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bude-Stratton parish.

Final recommendations

Bude-Stratton Town Council should comprise 18 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bude	11
Hele	1
Stratton	6

212 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Camborne parish.

Final recommendations

Camborne Town Council should comprise 18 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Roskear	5
Trelowarren	5
Treswithian	5
Troon	3

213 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Carn Brea parish.

Final recommendations

Carn Brea Parish Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Barncoose	4
East Hill	1
Four Lanes	4
Pool	6
Tolgus	1

214 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Dobwalls & Trewidland parish.

Final recommendations

Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council should comprise 11 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Dobwalls	9
Trewidland	2

215 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Egloshayle parish.

Final recommendations

Egloshayle Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
North	3
South	7

216 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Falmouth parish.

Final recommendations

Falmouth Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Arwenack	4
Boslowick	4
Penwerris	5
Trescobeas	3

217 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Hayle parish.

Final recommendations

Hayle Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
East	5
West	10

218 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Helston parish.

Final recommendations

Helston Town Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
North	7
South	5

219 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Kenwyn parish.

Final recommendations

Kenwyn Parish Council should comprise 14 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Gloweth	4
Shortlanesend	3
Threemilestone	7

220 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Launceston parish.

Final recommendations

Launceston Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
North	4
South	12

221 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Liskeard parish.

Final recommendations

Liskeard Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central	10
South	5

222 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Ludgvan parish.

Final recommendations

Ludgvan Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Crowlas	6
Lelant	4
Long Rock	2

223 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Luxulyan parish.

Final recommendations

Luxulyan Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Lockengate	3
Luxulyan	7

224 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Newquay parish.

Final recommendations

Newquay Town Council should comprise 20 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central & Pentire	6
Porth & Tretherras	5
Trenance	6
Whipsiderry	3

225 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Penryn parish.

Final recommendations

Penryn Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bissom	1
Penryn	15

226 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Pentewan Valley parish.

Final recommendations

Pentewan Valley Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Pentewan Village	2
Tregorrick & Trehiddle	7

227 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Penzance parish.

Final recommendations

Penzance Town Council should comprise 20 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Heamoor & Gulval	3
Newlyn & Mousehole	5
Penzance East	6
Penzance Promenade	6

228 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Perranzabuloe parish.

Final recommendations

Perranzabuloe Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Goonhavern	4
Perranporth	11

229 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Redruth parish.

Final recommendations

Redruth Town Council should comprise 14 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central	2
North	6
South	6

230 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Agnes parish.

Final recommendations

St Agnes Parish Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Blackwater & Wheal Rose	2
Mithian	1
Mount Hawke	4
Porthtowan	2
St Agnes	7

231 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Austell parish.

Final recommendations

St Austell Town Council should comprise 20 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bethel & Holmbush	7
Central & Gover	7
Poltair & Mount Charles	6

232 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Clement parish.

Final recommendations

St Clement Parish Council should comprise seven councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
St Clement	3
Tresillian	4

233 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Ives parish.

Final recommendations

St Ives Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Halsetown	5
Lelant	6
St Ives East & Carbis Bay	2
St Ives West	3

234 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Stephen-in-Brannel parish.

Final recommendations

St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
St Stephen	14
Whitemoor	1

235 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Saltash parish.

Final recommendations

Saltash Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Essa	6
Tamar	6
Trematon	4

236 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Torpoint parish.

Final recommendations

Torpoint Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
East	15
West	1

237 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Treverbyn parish.

Final recommendations

Treverbyn Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bugle	4
Penwithick	11

238 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Truro parish.

Final recommendations

Truro City Council should comprise 24 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Boscawen & Redannick	7
Malabar	2
Moresk & Trehaverne	8
Tregolls	7

What happens next?

239 We have now completed our review of Cornwall. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2021.

Equalities

240 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Final recommendations for Cornwall

	Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Altarnun & Stoke Climsland	1	5,486	5,486	12%	5,612	5,612	9%
2	Bodmin St Mary's & St Leonard	1	5,320	5,320	9%	5,320	5,320	3%
3	Bodmin St Petroc's	1	4,661	4,661	-5%	5,405	5,405	5%
4	Bude	1	4,734	4,734	-3%	4,903	4,903	-5%
5	Callington & St Dominic	1	5,178	5,178	6%	5,339	5,339	3%
6	Calstock	1	5,235	5,235	7%	5,523	5,523	7%
7	Camborne Roskear & Tuckingmill	1	3,981	3,981	-19%	4,922	4,922	-5%
8	Camborne Trelowarren	1	4,534	4,534	-7%	4,923	4,923	-5%
9	Camborne West & Treswithian	1	4,981	4,981	2%	4,989	4,989	-3%
10	Camelford & Boscastle	1	5,183	5,183	6%	5,250	5,250	2%
11	Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan	1	4,474	4,474	-9%	4,632	4,632	-10%

	Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
12	Crowan, Sithney & Wendron	1	5,144	5,144	5%	5,433	5,433	5%
13	Falmouth Arwenack	1	4,823	4,823	-1%	5,141	5,141	0%
14	Falmouth Boslowick	1	4,575	4,575	-6%	4,712	4,712	-9%
15	Falmouth Penwerris	1	5,187	5,187	6%	5,201	5,201	1%
16	Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock	1	4,469	4,469	-9%	4,904	4,904	-5%
17	Feock & Kea	1	4,273	4,273	-13%	4,510	4,510	-13%
18	Four Lanes, Beacon & Troon	1	5,089	5,089	4%	5,212	5,212	1%
19	Fowey, Tywardreath & Par	1	4,613	4,613	-6%	4,685	4,685	-9%
20	Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend	1	3,965	3,965	-19%	4,994	4,994	-3%
21	Gwinear-Gwithian & Hayle East	1	4,995	4,995	2%	5,422	5,422	5%
22	Hayle West	1	4,614	4,614	-6%	5,369	5,369	4%
23	Helston North	1	5,273	5,273	8%	5,280	5,280	2%
24	Helston South & Meneage	1	5,203	5,203	6%	5,546	5,546	7%
25	Illogan & Portreath	1	4,929	4,929	1%	5,128	5,128	-1%

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
26 Land's End	1	5,438	5,438	11%	5,474	5,474	6%
27 Lanivet, Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence	1	4,329	4,329	-11%	4,760	4,760	-8%
28 Lanner, Stithians & Gwennap	1	5,165	5,165	6%	5,240	5,240	1%
29 Launceston North & North Petherwin	1	5,110	5,110	4%	5,357	5,357	4%
30 Launceston South	1	4,813	4,813	-2%	5,505	5,505	7%
31 Liskeard Central	1	4,982	4,982	2%	5,493	5,493	6%
32 Liskeard South & Dobwalls	1	5,280	5,280	8%	5,578	5,578	8%
33 Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth	1	5,351	5,351	9%	5,639	5,639	9%
34 Looe East & Deviock	1	4,839	4,839	-1%	5,125	5,125	-1%
35 Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos	1	5,012	5,012	2%	5,316	5,316	3%
36 Lostwithiel & Lanreath	1	4,676	4,676	-4%	4,862	4,862	-6%
37 Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor	1	5,571	5,571	14%	5,672	5,672	10%
38 Lynher	1	4,699	4,699	-4%	4,706	4,706	-9%
39 Mevagissey & St Austell Bay	1	4,281	4,281	-12%	4,927	4,927	-5%

	Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
40	Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan	1	5,089	5,089	4%	5,234	5,234	1%
41	Mullion & St Keverne	1	5,544	5,544	13%	5,699	5,699	10%
42	Mylor, Perranarworthal & Ponsanooth	1	5,090	5,090	4%	5,171	5,171	0%
43	Newquay Central & Pentire	1	5,041	5,041	3%	5,386	5,386	4%
44	Newquay Porth & Tretherras	1	4,265	4,265	-13%	5,338	5,338	3%
45	Newquay Trenance	1	5,198	5,198	6%	5,502	5,502	7%
46	Padstow	1	5,034	5,034	3%	5,331	5,331	3%
47	Penryn	1	5,523	5,523	13%	5,533	5,533	7%
48	Penwithick & Boscoppa	1	4,567	4,567	-7%	4,648	4,648	-10%
49	Penzance East	1	5,073	5,073	4%	5,105	5,105	-1%
50	Penzance Promenade	1	4,758	4,758	-3%	4,876	4,876	-6%
51	Perranporth	1	4,544	4,544	-7%	4,885	4,885	-5%
52	Pool & Tehidy	1	4,746	4,746	-3%	5,205	5,205	1%
53	Porthleven, Breage & Germoe	1	5,538	5,538	13%	5,572	5,572	8%
54	Poundstock	1	4,359	4,359	-11%	4,694	4,694	-9%

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
55 Probus & St Erme	1	4,778	4,778	-2%	5,038	5,038	-2%
56 Rame Peninsula & St Germans	1	5,475	5,475	12%	5,477	5,477	6%
57 Redruth Central, Carharrack & St Day	1	4,514	4,514	-8%	4,755	4,755	-8%
58 Redruth North	1	4,056	4,056	-17%	4,865	4,865	-6%
59 Redruth South	1	4,866	4,866	-1%	4,916	4,916	-5%
60 Roche & Bugle	1	5,034	5,034	3%	5,097	5,097	-1%
61 Saltash Essa	1	5,010	5,010	2%	5,056	5,056	-2%
62 Saltash Tamar	1	5,571	5,571	14%	5,575	5,575	8%
63 Saltash Trematon & Landrake	1	4,451	4,451	-9%	4,978	4,978	-4%
64 St Agnes	1	5,030	5,030	3%	5,043	5,043	-2%
65 St Austell Bethel & Holmbush	1	5,399	5,399	10%	5,412	5,412	5%
66 St Austell Central & Gover	1	5,215	5,215	7%	5,248	5,248	2%
67 St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles	1	4,915	4,915	0%	5,054	5,054	-2%
68 St Blazey	1	5,185	5,185	6%	5,282	5,282	2%
69 St Cleer & Menheniot	1	5,073	5,073	4%	5,131	5,131	-1%
70 St Columb Major, St Mawgan & St Wenn	1	4,653	4,653	-5%	4,802	4,802	-7%

	Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
71	St Columb Minor & Colan	1	3,653	3,653	-25%	4,782	4,782	-7%
72	St Dennis & St Eoder	1	5,549	5,549	13%	5,715	5,715	11%
73	St Goran, Tregony & the Roseland	1	4,789	4,789	-2%	4,850	4,850	-6%
74	St Ives East, Lelant & Carbis Bay	1	5,039	5,039	3%	5,262	5,262	2%
75	St Ives West & Towednack	1	5,061	5,061	3%	5,436	5,436	5%
76	St Mewan & Grampound	1	4,129	4,129	-16%	4,533	4,533	-12%
77	St Newlyn East, Cubert & Goonhavern	1	4,738	4,738	-3%	4,971	4,971	-4%
78	St Stephen-in-Brannel	1	5,112	5,112	5%	5,136	5,136	-1%
79	St Teath & Tintagel	1	5,043	5,043	3%	5,145	5,145	0%
80	Stratton, Kilkhampton & Morwenstow	1	4,660	4,660	-5%	4,687	4,687	-9%
81	Threemilestone & Chacewater	1	3,919	3,919	-20%	4,928	4,928	-5%
82	Torpoint	1	5,684	5,684	16%	5,684	5,684	10%
83	Truro Boscawen & Redannick	1	4,077	4,077	-17%	5,412	5,412	5%
84	Truro Moresk & Trehaverne	1	5,135	5,135	5%	5,230	5,230	1%

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2017)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
85 Truro Tregolls	1	4,784	4,784	-2%	4,918	4,918	-5%
86 Wadebridge East & St Minver	1	4,790	4,790	-2%	5,115	5,115	-1%
87 Wadebridge West & St Mabyn	1	5,293	5,293	8%	5,461	5,461	6%
Totals	87	425,514	–	–	449,182	–	–
Averages	–	–	4,891	–	–	5,163	–

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Cornwall Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral division varies from the average for the county. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/cornwall/cornwall>

Local Authority

- Cornwall Council

Political Groups

- Conservative Party in Cornwall
- Cornwall Labour Party
- Cornwall Liberal Party
- Mebyon Kernow – St Austell & Newquay Constituency Branch
- South East Cornwall Conservative Association
- St Austell & Newquay Liberal Democrats
- St Ives Constituency Conservative Association
- Truro & Falmouth Constituency Labour Party – two submissions

Councillors

- Councillor S. Benney (Hayle Town Council)
- Councillor N. Burden (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor D. Cole (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor M. Fonk (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor M. Formosa (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor M. Kaczmarek (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor J. Kenny (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor J. Kirkham (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor S. Knightley (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor J. Mustoe (Cornwall Council) – two submissions
- Councillor P. Nidds (Hayle Town Council)
- Councillor C. Olivier (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor L. Pascoe (Cornwall Council) – two submissions
- Councillor J. Pollard (Cornwall Council) – two submissions
- Councillor J. Rand (Cornwall Council)
- Councillor K. Towill (Cornwall Council) – two submissions

Members of Parliament

- George Eustice MP (Camborne, Redruth & Hayle)

Local Organisations

- Connor Downs Residents' Association – two submissions
- Gulval Village Community Association
- Hall for Gwinear
- SHED (Save Heamoor from Excess Development)
- Smithwick Residents' Association

Parish and Town Councils

- Altarnun Parish Council
- Bodmin Town Council
- Budock Parish Council
- Camborne Town Council – two submissions
- Carharrack Parish Council
- Carn Brea Parish Council
- Colan Parish Council
- Cury Parish Council
- Grade Ruan Parish Council
- Gunwalloe Parish Meeting
- Gwennap Parish Council
- Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council
- Hayle Town Council – three submissions
- Helston Town Council
- Illogan Parish Council
- Landewednack Parish Council
- Laneast Parish Council
- Launceston Town Council
- Liskeard Town Council
- Mevagissey Parish Council – two submissions
- Morwenstow Parish Council
- Mullion Parish Council
- Newquay Town Council
- Penryn Town Council
- Pentewan Valley Parish Council
- Penzance Town Council
- Polperro Community Council
- Poundstock Parish Council

- St Agnes Parish Council
- St Austell Town Council
- St Blaise Town Council
- St Breward Parish Council
- St Day Parish Council
- St Dennis Parish Council
- St Endellion Parish Council
- St Enoder Parish Council
- St Erth Parish Council
- St Gennys Parish Council
- St Germans Parish Council
- St Gluvias Parish Council
- St Goran Parish Council
- St Hilary Parish Council
- St Ives Town Council
- St Pinnock Parish Council
- St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council
- Sheviock Parish Council
- Stoke Climsland Parish Council
- Torpoint Town Council
- Towednack Parish Council
- Truro City Council
- Wendron Parish Council
- Zennor Parish Council

Local Residents

- 360 local residents

Appendix C

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) was set up by Parliament, independent of Government and political parties. It is directly accountable to Parliament through a committee chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. It is responsible for conducting boundary, electoral and structural reviews of local government.

Local Government Boundary Commission for
England
1st Floor, Windsor House
50 Victoria Street, London
SW1H 0TL

Telephone: 0330 500 1525
Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Online: www.lgbce.org.uk or
www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk
Twitter: @LGBCE