

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Leeds City Council

Electoral review

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Summary

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament. 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.

2 Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

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

Why Leeds?

4 We are conducting a review of Leeds as the value of each vote in city council elections varies depending on where you live in Leeds. 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.

Our proposals for Leeds

- Leeds City Council should be represented by 99 councillors, the same number as there are now.
- Leeds should have 33 wards, the same number as there are now.
- The boundaries of 20 wards should change, 13 will stay the same.

5 **We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements in Leeds.**

What is the Local Government Boundary Commission for England?

6 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹

7 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors (Chair)
 - Peter Knight CBE, DL
 - Alison Lowton
 - Peter Maddison QPM
 - Sir Tony Redmond
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- Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

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

1 Introduction

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

- The wards in Leeds 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 city.

What is an electoral review?

9 Our three main considerations are to:

- Improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each councillor represents
- Reflect community identity
- Provide for effective and convenient local government

10 Our task is to strike the best balance between them when making our recommendations. Our powers, as well as the guidance we have provided for electoral reviews and further information on the review process, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Consultation

11 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Leeds. We then held two periods of consultation on warding patterns for the city. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft and final recommendations.

12 This review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
23 February 2016	Number of councillors decided
5 July 2016	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
5 September 2016	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
15 November 2016	Publication of draft recommendations, start of second consultation
10 January 2017	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
14 March 2017	Publication of final recommendations

How will the recommendations affect you?

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

2 Analysis and final recommendations

14 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 wards.

15 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards 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.

16 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	2022
Electorate of Leeds	557,384	600,340
Number of councillors	99	99
Average number of electors per councillor	5,630	6,064

17 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All of our proposed wards for Leeds will have good electoral equality by 2022.

18 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the city 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.

Submissions received

19 See Appendix C 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

20 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2022, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2017. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 7.7% by 2022, largely driven by development in the city centre.

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.

21 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.

Number of councillors

22 Leeds City Council currently has 99 councillors. We looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that keeping this number the same will make sure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

23 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 99 councillors – as Leeds City Council elects by thirds, there is a presumption towards recommending a uniform pattern of three-councillor wards, we therefore looked to recommend 33 three-councillor wards

24 We received no submissions about the number of councillors in response to our consultation on our draft recommendations. We have therefore maintained 99 councillors for our final recommendations.

Ward boundaries consultation

25 We received 53 submissions to our initial consultation on ward boundaries. These included one detailed city-wide proposal from Leeds City Council, based on a pattern of three-councillor wards to be represented by 99 elected members.

26 The city-wide scheme provided for a uniform pattern of three-councillor wards for Leeds. We carefully considered the proposals received and concluded that the proposed ward boundaries would have good levels of electoral equality. We also considered that they generally used clear and identifiable boundaries. Our draft recommendations were therefore largely based on the Council's city-wide proposal. In some areas of the city, we were also able to take into account the local evidence received. In these cases, we amended the proposed boundaries to better reflect locally recognised community links.

27 Our draft recommendations were for 33 three-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations provided for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests.

Draft recommendations consultation

28 We received 44 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included a submission from the Council, largely in support of our draft recommendations. The majority of the other submissions focused on specific areas, particularly our proposals in Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Harewood, the Hyde Park and Headingley areas, and the Rawdon area.

29 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations across the majority of the city, with minor modifications to the Cross Gates & Whinmoor,

Pudsey, Beeston & Holbeck, Middleton Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Bramley & Stanningley wards based on the submissions received.

Final recommendations

30 Pages 8–25 detail our final recommendations for each area of Leeds. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁴ criteria of:

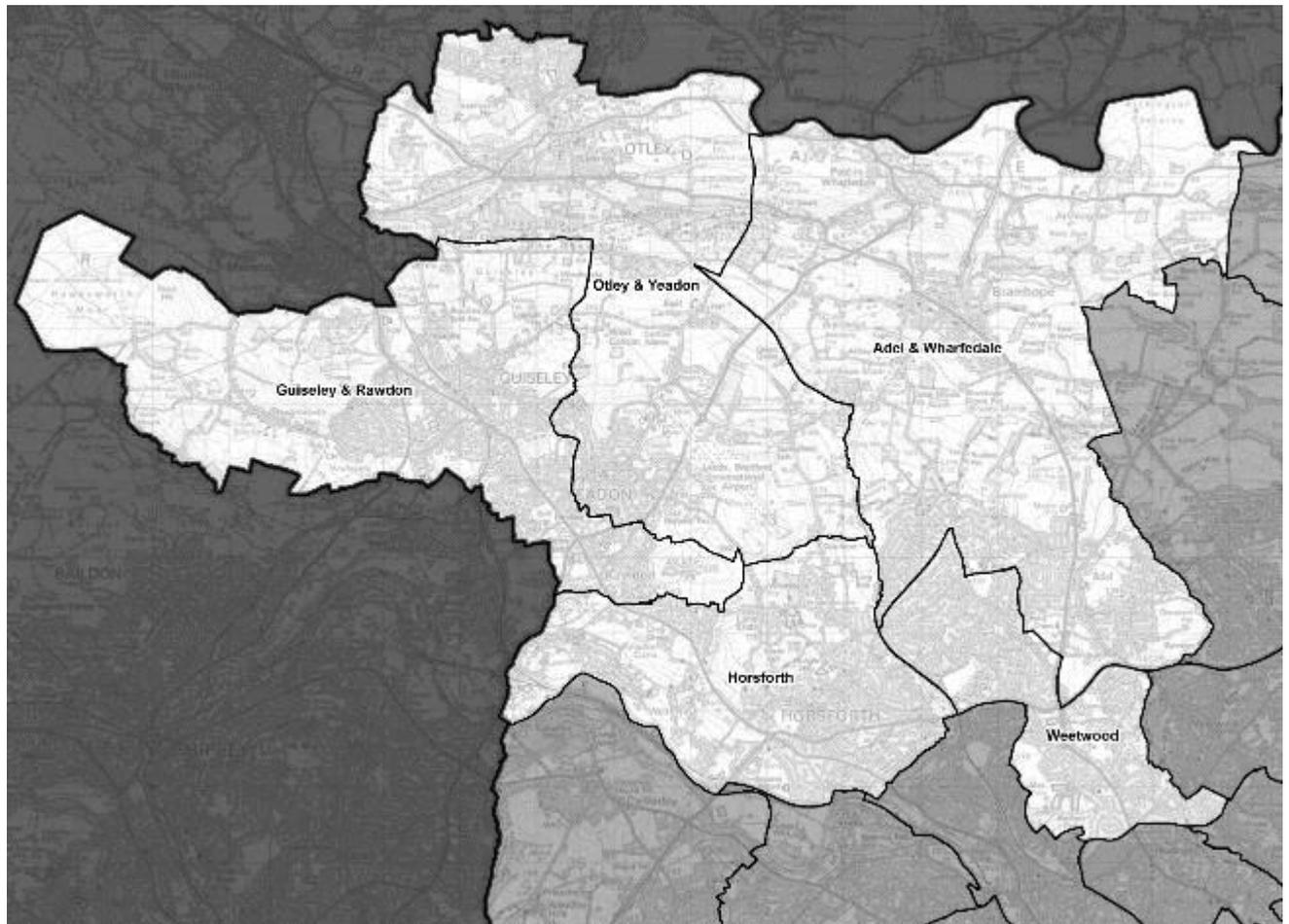
- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

31 Our final recommendations are for 33 three-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we have received such evidence during consultation.

32 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table on pages 30-32 and on the large map accompanying this report.

⁴ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

North-west Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Adel & Wharfedale	3	-7%
Guiseley & Rawdon	3	1%
Horsforth	3	5%
Otley & Yeadon	3	3%
Weetwood	3	-5%

Adel & Wharfedale

33 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Adel & Wharfedale ward. We consider that the proposed ward provides for good adherence to the statutory criteria, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon

34 During consultation on our draft recommendations, we received seven submissions relating to the proposed Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon wards. All seven submissions requested that Rawdon should be in one ward and that Yeadon be removed from a ward where it is linked with Otley. To move the southern part of Rawdon into the proposed Guiseley & Rawdon ward would result in a variance of 15% by 2022, and to include Yeadon in this ward as well would increase the variance further. To provide for wards that provide a satisfactory level of electoral equality, we would need to move away from a uniform pattern of three-councillor wards. However, we do not feel that sufficient evidence was received to justify doing so.

35 We acknowledge the strength of feeling behind the submissions received, but we do not consider that an appropriate alternative was presented to justify an alteration here. We consider that our draft recommendations for these wards satisfactorily reflect the statutory criteria, and we are therefore confirming the proposed Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon wards as part of our final recommendations.

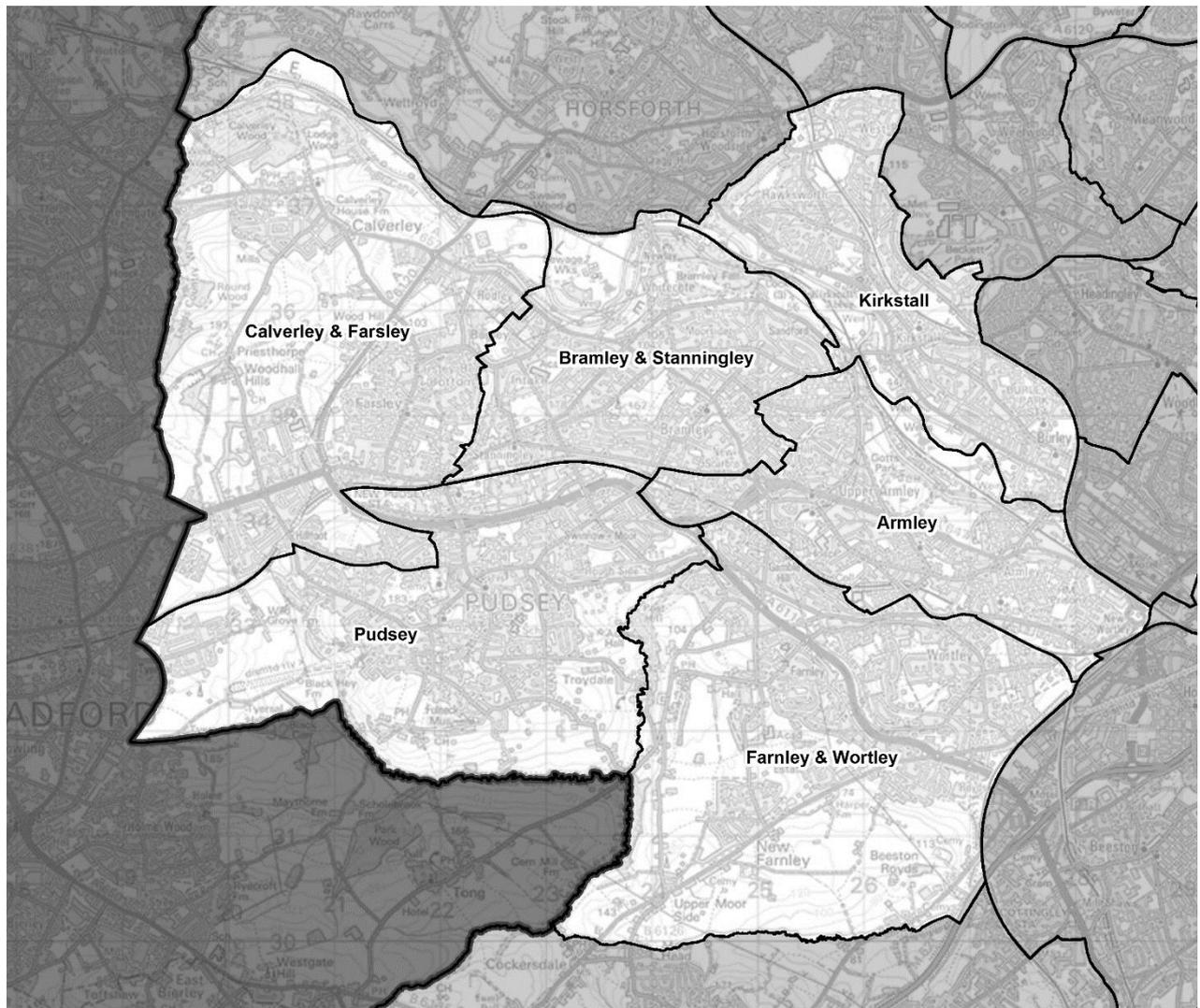
Horsforth

36 We received no submissions that related directly to Horsforth, and we propose that the draft recommendations should be considered as final.

Weetwood

37 We received no submissions that related directly to Weetwood, and we propose that the draft recommendations should be considered as final.

West Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Armley	3	-8%
Bramley & Stanningley	3	-3%
Calverley & Farsley	3	4%
Farnley & Wortley	3	3%
Kirkstall	3	-10%
Pudsey	3	7%

Armley and Bramley & Stanningley

38 We received comments on the boundary between the proposed Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards from Leeds City Council. The authority proposed an alteration to the northern boundary of Armley, to join the area surrounding the Bramley Shopping Centre with the rest of Bramley. This proposal, which would move the area to the north of South End Avenue into Bramley & Stanningley, also provides for improved levels of electoral equality in Bramley & Stanningley and better reflects the community in the area by maintaining the centre of Bramley in one ward. We therefore propose to make this alteration to the boundary.

39 We did not receive any other submissions relating to these wards. Subject to the alteration outlined above, we propose our draft Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards as part of our final recommendations.

Calverley & Farsley and Pudsey

40 In addition to comments from the Council, we received two submission relating to our proposed Calverley & Farsley and Pudsey wards. One submission was in support of the Calverley & Farsley ward in our draft recommendations. The other comments we received were regarding the southern part of the proposed Calverley & Farsley ward, and recommended that the area to the north of the A647 and south of the railway line (the Varley Street and Richardshaw Road area) becomes part of the proposed Pudsey ward. This was proposed both by a group of local councillors and by the local authority. Evidence was provided as to the community identity in the area, and we note that this alteration would also provide strong access through the proposed Pudsey ward and would still follow strong boundaries. We have therefore accepted this alteration as part of our final recommendations.

41 Further alterations to this ward were also suggested, which would involve moving more of the proposed Calverley & Farsley ward into Pudsey. This would create significant electoral inequality in Pudsey, and the proposal put forward was to mitigate this by moving the Swinnow area in the east of Pudsey into the proposed Bramley & Stanningley ward. However, we do not consider that sufficient evidence was provided to justify these extensive alterations to the warding pattern in this area.

42 Subject to the alteration to the northern Pudsey boundary as outlined in paragraph 40, we are confirming our proposed Calverley & Farsley and Pudsey wards as final.

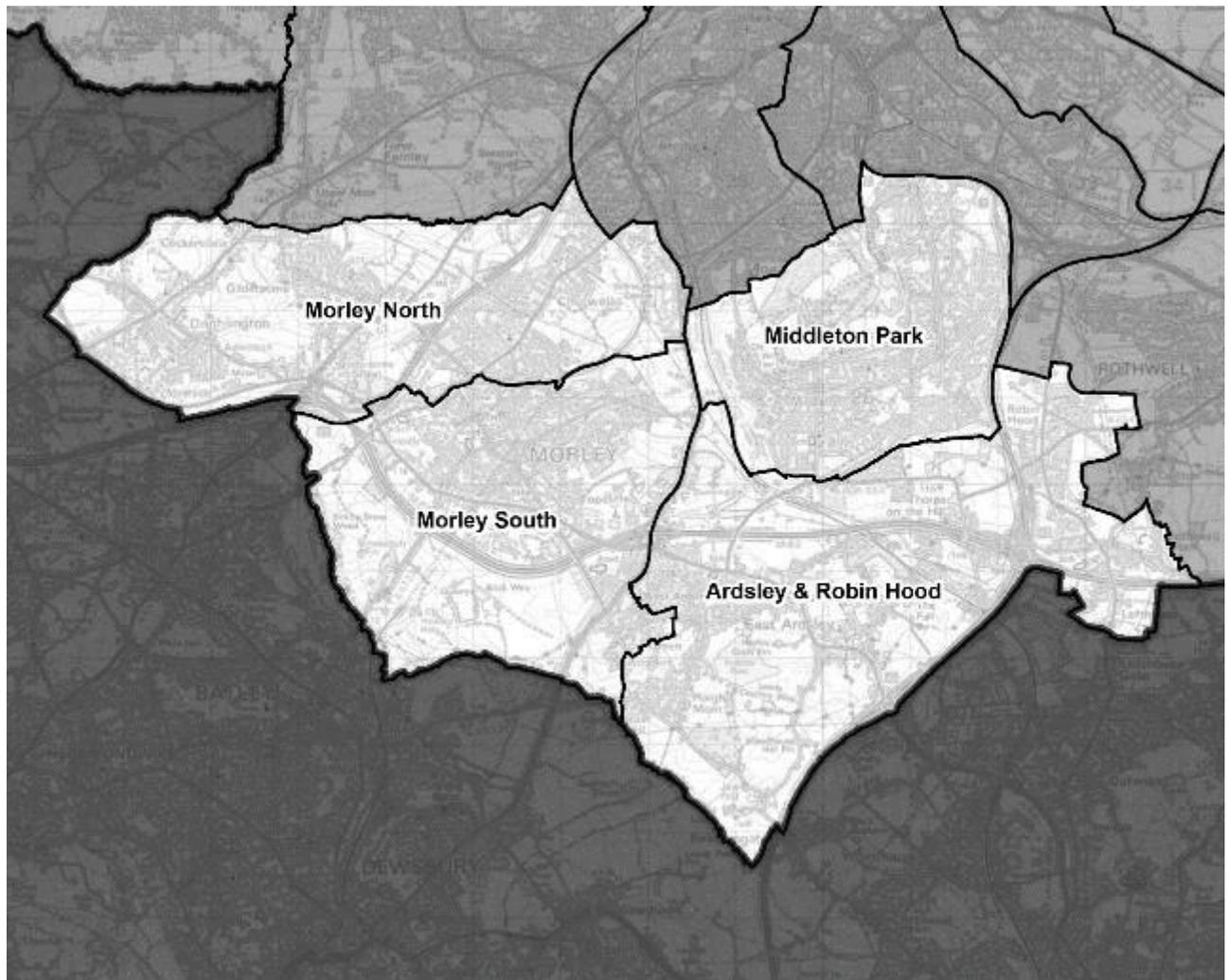
Farnley & Wortley

43 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Farnley & Wortley ward, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

Kirkstall

44 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Kirkstall ward, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

South-west Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Ardsley & Robin Hood	3	0%
Middleton Park	3	10%
Morley North	3	3%
Morley South	3	-2%

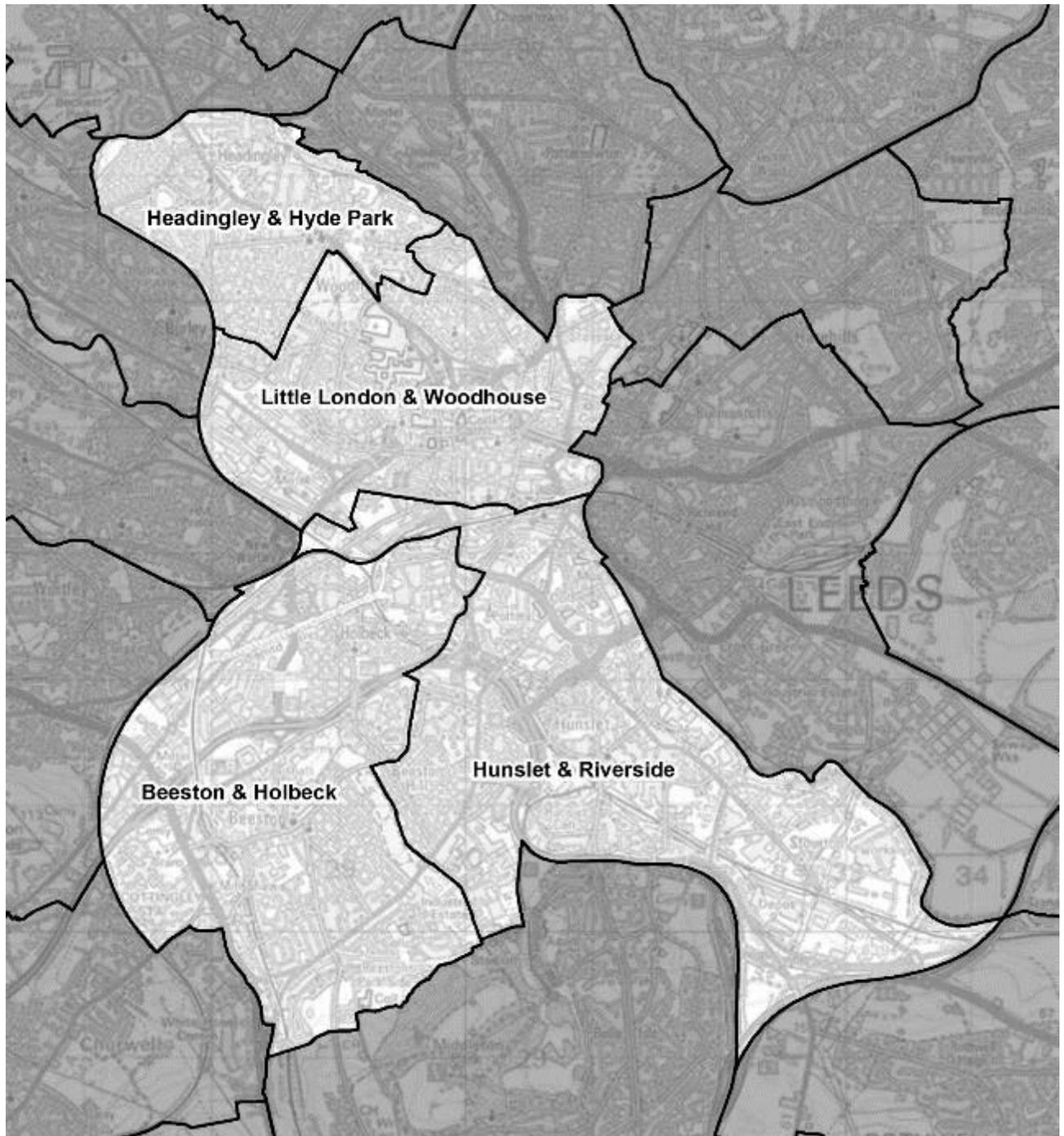
Ardsley & Robin Hood and Middleton Park

45 We received two submissions relating to the proposed Ardsley & Robin Hood and Middleton Park wards. Both of these submissions focused on the Woodlands Drive area, and stated that this small area of housing should be in the proposed Middleton Park ward along with the surrounding area. There is no vehicular access to this area, currently in the north of Ardsley & Robin Hood ward, apart from through Middleton Park. We consider that the evidence received regarding this area was compelling, and we are therefore proposing to move this small area of housing into the proposed Middleton Park ward. In order to maintain good levels of electoral equality, and also to provide for stronger and more identifiable boundaries, we also propose to alter the southern boundary of the proposed Middleton Park ward to include the whole of Thorpe Lane in the proposed Ardsley & Robin Hood ward. Subject to these alterations, we are confirming these wards as part of our final recommendations.

Morley North and Morley South

46 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Morley North and Morley South wards, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations for these two wards be considered as final.

Central Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Beeston & Holbeck	3	8%
Headingley & Hyde Park	3	7%
Hunslet & Riverside	3	2%
Little London & Woodhouse	3	6%

Beeston & Holbeck

47 In response to the consultation on our draft recommendations, we received two submissions relating to the proposed Beeston & Holbeck ward. Both of these submissions were from local organisations and concerned the Stank Hall area to the west of Park Wood Crescent. The submissions argued that the historic buildings are considered to be part of Beeston and therefore belong in a Beeston & Holbeck ward. We consider that the evidence provided was persuasive and demonstrated the community links in the area. We are therefore proposing to alter the southern boundary of the Beeston & Holbeck ward to include Stank Hall.

48 Subject to this alteration, we are proposing to confirm our draft Beeston & Holbeck ward as part of the final recommendations, as it adheres well to the statutory criteria.

Headingley & Hyde Park and Little London & Woodhouse

49 We received 10 submissions regarding this area in response to our consultation on the draft recommendations. Nine of the submissions received were in opposition to the proposed wards in this area, as it was felt that the Headingley and Hyde Park areas were not linked and therefore should not be in the same ward. An alternative warding pattern was proposed by a number of respondents, which would see an extension of the existing Headingley ward northwards, into Chapel Allerton, and an extension of the existing Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward to the south. This proposal would also then involve significant alterations to the existing Chapel Allerton ward, which would have a variance of 13% by 2022. The proposed Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward would have a variance of 11% by 2022. Whilst we acknowledge the strength of feeling demonstrated in the submissions received, we do not consider that the evidence provided is strong enough to justify such large-scale alterations to the warding patterns across the centre of the city, with such high variances.

50 We acknowledge that the proposed Headingley & Hyde Park ward joins two communities together that may have different interests; however, we consider it preferable to join two communities together, rather than split a community elsewhere to satisfy the statutory criteria.

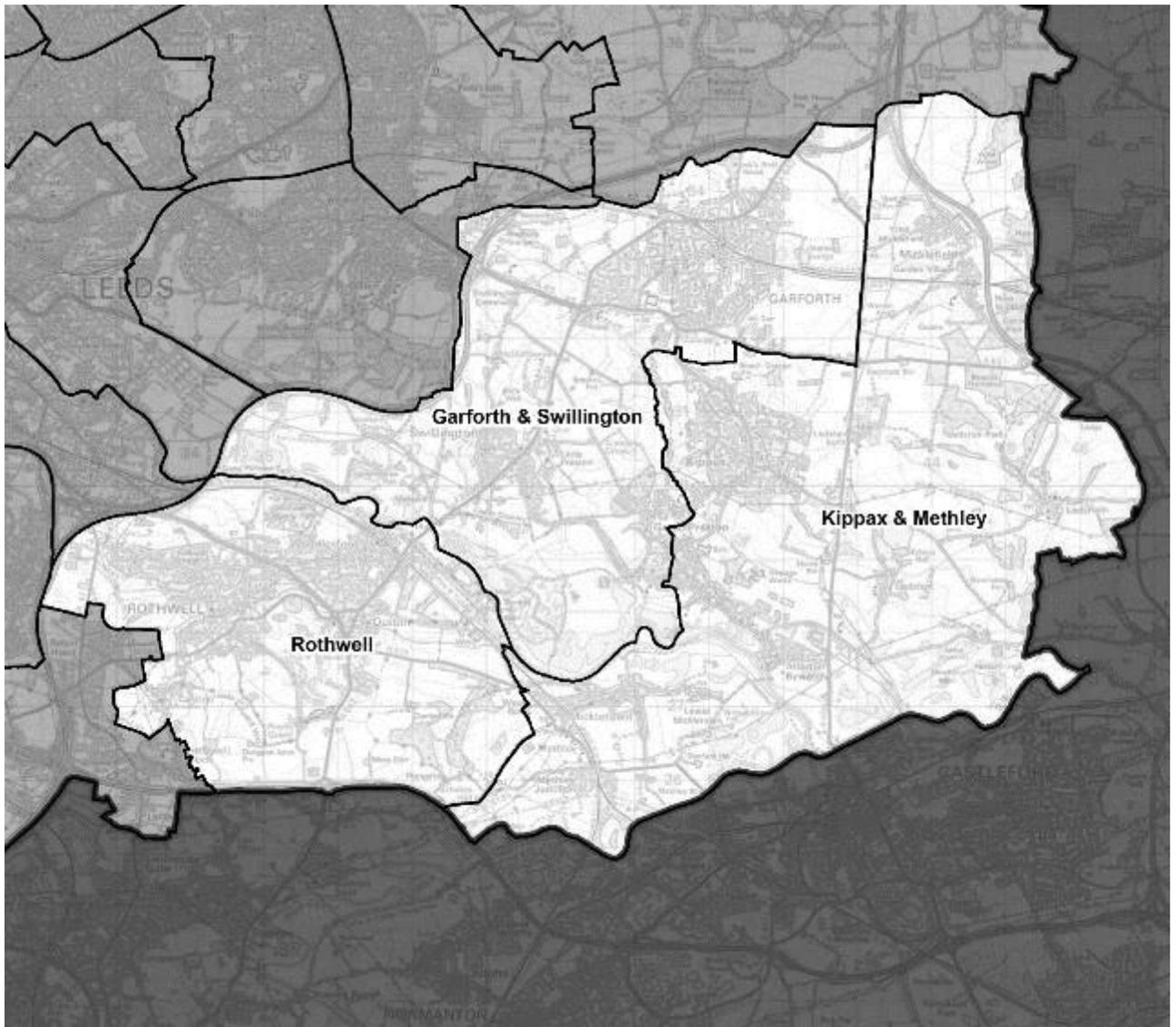
51 We received a submission from a political group relating to the southern boundary of the proposed Little London & Woodhouse ward. This submission put forward a request for the boundary to be extended southwards towards the railway line. However, this would create significant electoral inequality, with a Hunslet & Riverside ward with a variance of -15%. We do not consider that strong enough evidence was received to justify the alteration and the high variance. One submission suggested that the Woodhouse Moor park be moved into the proposed Little London & Woodhouse ward. As the access to the park is primarily from the Little London & Woodhouse ward, we propose to make this minor alteration. Subject to this alteration, we are confirming our draft Headingley & Hyde Park and Little London & Woodhouse wards as final.

Hunslet & Riverside

52 We received three submissions relating to our proposed Hunslet & Riverside ward. As mentioned in paragraph 51, a submission was received from a political group relating to the southern boundary of the proposed Little London & Woodhouse ward. This submission put forward a request for the boundary to be extended southwards towards the railway line. However, this would create significant electoral inequality, with a Hunslet & Riverside ward with a variance of -15%. We do not consider that strong enough evidence was received to justify the alteration and the high variance.

53 One submission received expressed concern that the proposed wards in the city centre were not representative of communities, but no alternative options were suggested. We also received a submission suggesting that part of the Low Fold development on the northern bank of the river should be moved from Burmantofts & Richmond Hill into the proposed Hunslet & Riverside ward. However, we consider that the river forms a strong boundary here, and the proposed boundary change would result in there being no access into the development. We are therefore proposing our draft Hunslet & Riverside ward as final, without amendment.

South-east Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Garforth & Swillington	3	-3%
Kippax & Methley	3	-3%
Rothwell	3	-1%

Garforth & Swillington

54 We received four submissions, from a local group and three residents, regarding our proposed Garforth & Swillington ward. These submissions stated that Garforth should form its own ward, separate from Swillington, as the two communities are very different. However, a three-member Garforth ward would have a variance of -26% by 2022, and no alternative option for the Swillington area was provided. As Leeds City Council elect by thirds, the presumption is for a uniform pattern of three-councillor wards across the city. To put Garforth into its own ward would necessitate a move away from the three-councillor warding pattern, and we do not feel that sufficient evidence was received to justify this.

55 The submissions received stated that a large amount of development is forecast to take place in this area in the future. However, we do not include developments forecast to begin more than five years in the future in our forecasts and are unable to include them in our warding pattern figures.

56 We acknowledge that the two communities may not feel linked; however, we consider it preferable to join two communities together, rather than split a community elsewhere to satisfy the statutory criteria. We consider that our draft recommendations for this ward satisfactorily adhere to the statutory criteria, and we are therefore confirming the proposed Garforth & Swillington ward as part of our final recommendations.

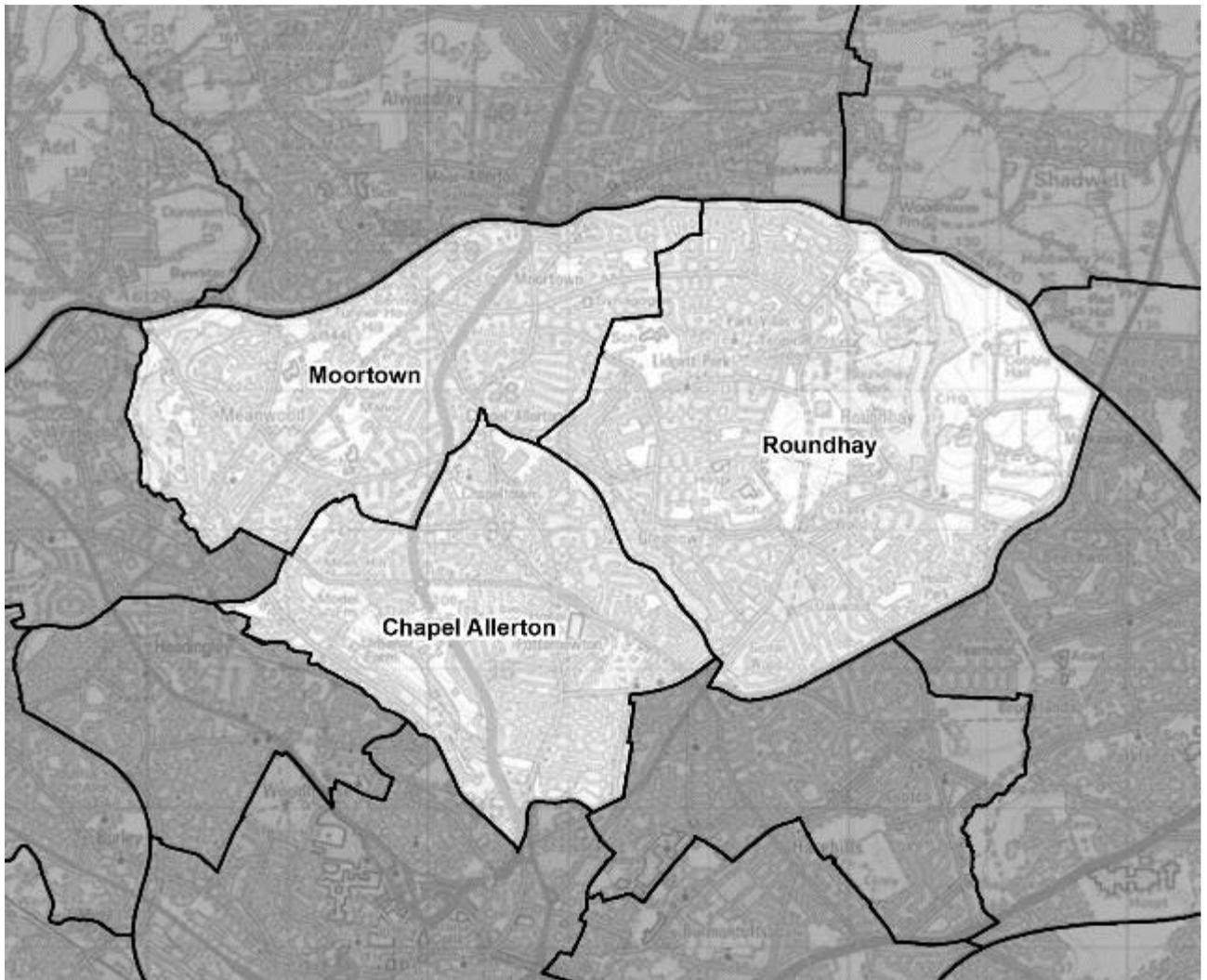
Kippax & Methley

57 We received one submission relating to our proposed Kippax & Methley ward. This submission questioned whether the boundaries of the proposed ward were reflective of the neighbourhoods represented. However, no alternative warding pattern or evidence was provided. We consider that our proposed ward provides for good adherence to the statutory criteria, and we are therefore confirming the proposed Kippax & Methley ward as part of our final recommendations.

Rothwell

58 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Rothwell ward, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

North Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Chapel Allerton	3	1%
Moortown	3	-2%
Roundhay	3	-2%

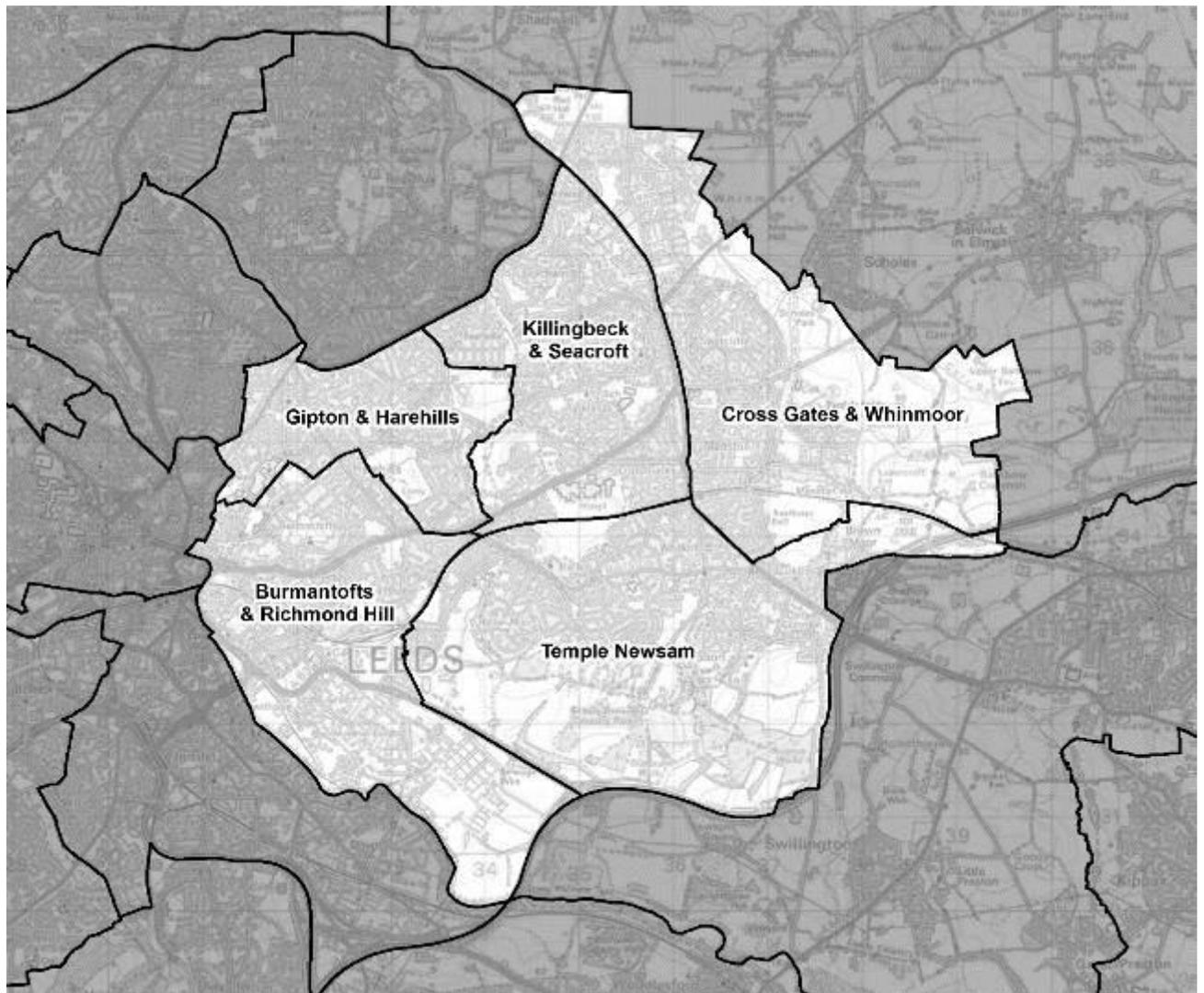
Chapel Allerton

59 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to the proposed Chapel Allerton ward. We received submissions relating to neighbouring wards (see paragraph 49) which, if implemented, would have had knock-on effects on this ward. However, we are not proposing to make these alterations and we consider that our proposed Chapel Allerton ward demonstrates good adherence to the statutory criteria; we are therefore confirming it as part of our final recommendations.

Moortown and Roundhay

60 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Moortown and Roundhay wards, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

East Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	3	3%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	3	9%
Gipton & Harehills	3	-9%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	3	0%
Temple Newsam	3	-4%

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

61 We received one submission relating to the proposed Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward. This submission put forward a proposal to alter the northern boundary of the ward to run down the centre of Regent Street, rather than behind Mabgate. We do not consider that sufficient evidence was provided to justify this alteration, and consider that it is more representative of the local identity of this area to keep the commercial Regent Street area in one ward. We consider that our draft Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward provides for good adherence to the statutory criteria, and we are therefore confirming it as part of our final recommendations.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

62 We received seven submissions directly relating to our proposed Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward. These submissions concerned the Red Hall Lane area to the east of the A58. Respondents submitted evidence as to the community links between this area and the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward, and requested that the boundary with Harewood be altered to reflect the community identity of this small area. Whilst we acknowledge that this alteration would have a small detrimental effect on electoral equality, we consider that the evidence received was persuasive, and that extending the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward to include these properties would provide for better adherence to the statutory criteria overall, as it keeps a community together as well as providing for more effective and convenient local government. Subject to this minor alteration, we are confirming our proposed Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward as final.

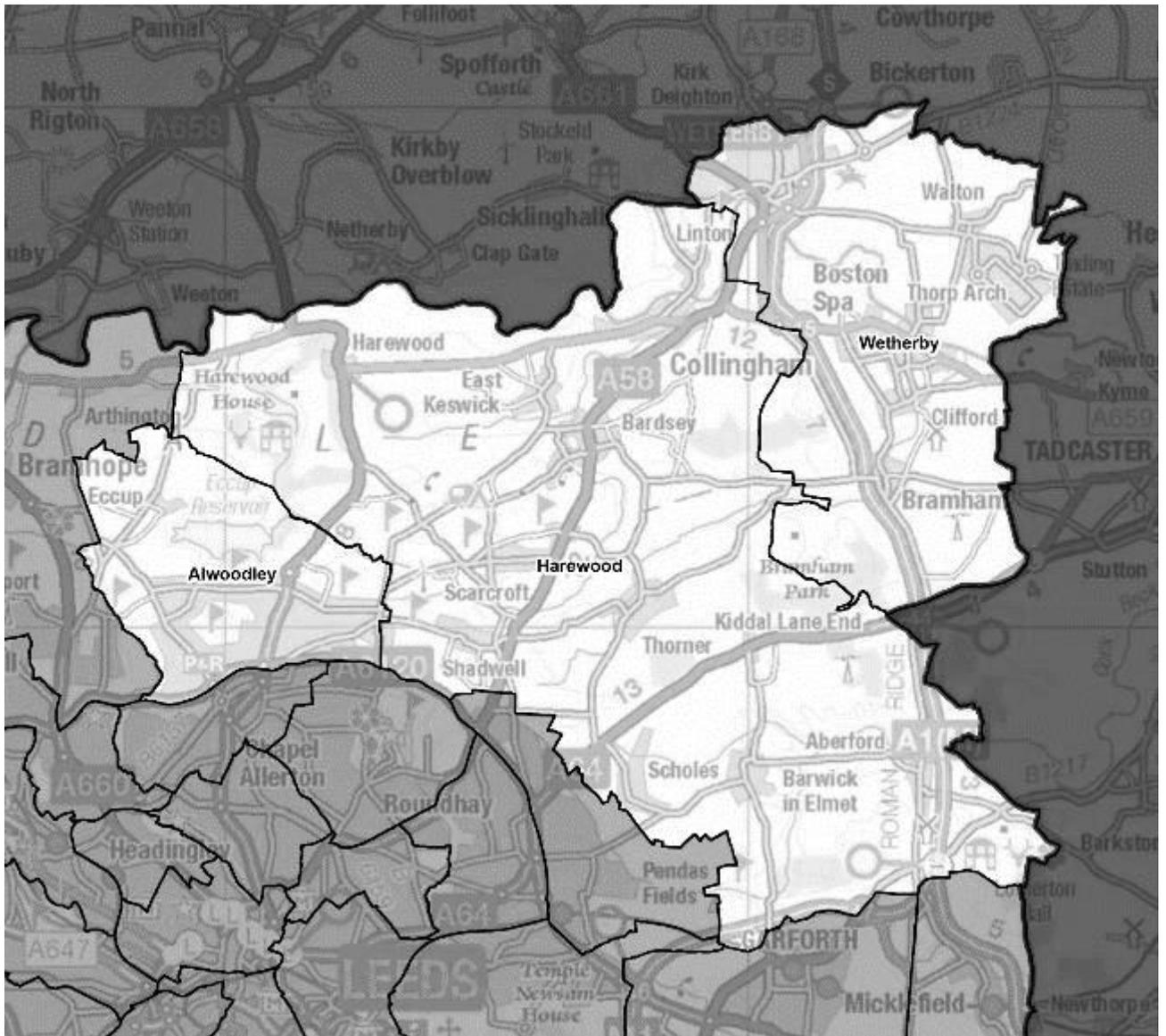
Gipton & Harehills

63 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Gipton & Harehills ward, and we are therefore confirming our draft recommendations as final.

Killingbeck & Seacroft and Temple Newsam

64 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Killingbeck & Seacroft and Temple Newsam wards, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

North-east Leeds



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Alwoodley	3	0%
Harewood	3	-8%
Wetherby	3	-8%

Alwoodley

65 We received one submission relating to the proposed Alwoodley ward. This submission requested that the Valley Terrace area, to the north of the A6120 Ring Road, be moved into either the proposed Moortown or Roundhay wards. However, no evidence was provided to justify this alteration, and we consider that the Ring Road forms a strong boundary between the proposed Alwoodley ward and the wards to the south. We therefore do not propose to make any alterations to the proposed Alwoodley ward and confirm it as part of our final recommendations.

Harewood

66 We received two submissions directly relating to the proposed Harewood ward. One, from a parish council, was in favour of the proposals. One submission queried the figures provided by the local authority. We checked the electorate forecasts provided by the Council at the beginning of the review and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time.

67 We are proposing to make a small alteration to the boundary between Harewood and Cross Gates & Whinmoor to better reflect community identity in this suburban area (see paragraph 62). Aside from this alteration, we are proposing our draft Harewood ward as part of our final recommendations.

Wetherby

68 We did not receive any submissions directly relating to our proposed Wetherby ward, and we are therefore proposing that our draft recommendations be considered as final.

Conclusions

69 The table below shows the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2016 and 2022 electorate figures.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2016	2022
Number of councillors	99	99
Number of electoral wards	33	33
Average number of electors per councillor	5,630	6,064
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	3	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	0	0

Final recommendation

Leeds City Council should be made up of 99 councillors serving 33 three-councillor wards. 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 wards for Leeds City Council.

You can also view our draft recommendations for Leeds City Council on our interactive maps at <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

Parish electoral arrangements

70 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 ward it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

71 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, Leeds City 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.

72 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 not providing revised parish electoral arrangements for the parishes in Leeds.

3 What happens next?

73 We have now completed our review of Leeds City Council. 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 2018.

Equalities

74 This report has been screened for impact on equalities, with due regard being given to the general equalities duties as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. As no potential negative impacts were identified, a full equality impact analysis is not required.

Appendix A

Final recommendations for Leeds City Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Adel & Wharfedale	3	15,919	5,306	-6%	16,873	5,624	-7%
2	Alwoodley	3	17,890	5,963	6%	18,177	6,059	0%
3	Ardsley & Robin Hood	3	17,443	5,814	3%	18,110	6,037	0%
4	Armley	3	16,270	5,423	-4%	16,690	5,563	-8%
5	Beeston & Holbeck	3	15,203	5,068	-10%	19,569	6,523	8%
6	Bramley & Stanningley	3	16,582	5,527	-2%	17,707	5,902	-3%
7	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	3	15,522	5,174	-8%	18,805	6,268	3%
8	Calverley & Farsley	3	18,009	6,003	7%	19,007	6,336	4%
9	Chapel Allerton	3	17,792	5,931	5%	18,328	6,109	1%
10	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	3	17,819	5,940	5%	19,914	6,638	9%
11	Farnley & Wortley	3	17,908	5,969	6%	18,794	6,265	3%
12	Garforth & Swillington	3	16,260	5,420	-4%	17,698	5,899	-3%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 Gipton & Harehills	3	16,350	5,450	-3%	16,599	5,533	-9%
14 Guiseley & Rawdon	3	18,253	6,084	8%	18,405	6,135	1%
15 Harewood	3	15,194	5,065	-10%	16,763	5,588	-8%
16 Headingley & Hyde Park	3	19,339	6,446	14%	19,399	6,466	7%
17 Horsforth	3	17,318	5,773	3%	19,131	6,377	5%
18 Hunslet & Riverside	3	17,054	5,685	1%	18,466	6,155	2%
19 Killingbeck & Seacroft	3	16,467	5,489	-3%	18,236	6,079	0%
20 Kippax & Methley	3	16,355	5,452	-3%	17,725	5,908	-3%
21 Kirkstall	3	15,547	5,182	-8%	16,423	5,474	-10%
22 Little London & Woodhouse	3	14,367	4,789	-15%	19,296	6,432	6%
23 Middleton Park	3	19,135	6,378	13%	19,987	6,662	10%
24 Moortown	3	17,595	5,865	4%	17,773	5,924	-2%
25 Morley North	3	17,733	5,911	5%	18,797	6,266	3%
26 Morley South	3	16,684	5,561	-1%	17,917	5,972	-2%
27 Otley & Yeadon	3	17,616	5,872	4%	18,829	6,276	3%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
28 Pudsey	3	18,485	6,162	9%	19,524	6,508	7%
29 Rothwell	3	15,889	5,296	-6%	17,946	5,982	-1%
30 Roundhay	3	17,419	5,806	3%	17,858	5,953	-2%
31 Temple Newsam	3	16,437	5,479	-3%	17,494	5,831	-4%
32 Weetwood	3	15,777	5,259	-7%	17,271	5,757	-5%
33 Wetherby	3	15,753	5,251	-7%	16,828	5,609	-8%
Totals	99	557,384	-	-	600,340	-	-
Averages	-	-	5,630	-	-	6,064	-

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

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

Appendix B

Outline map



Key

1. Adel & Wharfedale
2. Alwoodley
3. Ardsley & Robin Hood
4. Armley
5. Beeston & Holbeck
6. Bramley & Stanningley
7. Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
8. Calverley & Farsley
9. Chapel Allerton
10. Cross Gates & Whinmoor
11. Farnley & Wortley
12. Garforth & Swillington
13. Gipton & Harehills
14. Guiseley & Rawdon
15. Harewood
16. Headingley & Hyde Park
17. Horsforth
18. Hunslet & Riverside
19. Killingbeck & Seacroft
20. Kippax & Methley
21. Kirkstall
22. Little London & Woodhouse
23. Middleton Park
24. Moortown
25. Morley North
26. Morley South
27. Otley & Yeadon
28. Pudsey
29. Rothwell
30. Roundhay
31. Temple Newsam
32. Weetwood
33. Wetherby

A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/west-yorkshire/leeds>

Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/west-yorkshire/leeds>

Local Authority

- Leeds City Council

Political Group

- Leeds Liberal Democrats

Councillors

- Councillor A. Carter (Leeds City Council)
- Councillor T. Leadley (Leeds City Council)

Local Organisations

- Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum
- Beeston Community Forum
- Friends of Stank Hall
- Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum
- Leeds HMO Lobby
- Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group

Parish and Town Council

- Shadwell Parish Council

Local Residents

- 31 local residents

Anonymous

- Two anonymous submissions

Appendix D

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