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I am a Resident of Perton Parish and reside in Staffordshire County Council Area

Signed

Local Government Boundary Commission

Review

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire County Council is currently 62 Members, the County Council have agreed that this should remain at 62.

However, there are numerous reasons, based upon the **South Staffordshire District Council Review, recently undertaken**, that give good reasons for an additional County Member for the South West area, so that Perton is separated from Pattingham and Patshull. Perton is a large populated area similar to Wombourne, which has set the precedence.

Facts

In the review, undertaken by the **Boundary Commission (BCR)**, of South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) various points are given to support this:

Paragraph 100

The BCR received 12 submissions, which argued against Pattingham & Patshull being included within a District Ward, with the more urban Perton Parish. This is the opening gambit for a separate County Councillor for Perton.

The newly established District of 2 District Council seats, for Pattingham, Patshull, Trysull etc seats would make an excellent County Ward with no over lapping District Council Boundaries.

Paragraph 102

The BCR then confirmed that Lower Penn was geographically closer to Trysull, with shared interests, and better removed from the Wombourne arrangement.

Paragraph 103

The County Councillor for Pattingham, Patshull and Perton, Jak Abrahams, defends the unique character of Pattingham and Patshull, which has different needs to Perton. One of these being the extensive geographical, area due to its Rural location.

Paragraph 104

There were a number of submissions from Residents against inclusion with the larger and more urban Perton (or similar larger populations). Therefore, this gives evidence that Residents would like to remain rural, and confirm the need for a Perton County area.

Paragraph 105

The BC states after careful consideration, of evidence received, that Pattingham and Patshull residents do not share community interests with Perton Village residents, and would possibly like to be linked with Trysull and surrounding areas. This also gives the opportunity to amend County areas to the requirements of the Electorate.

Paragraph 106

BCR have now merged Pattingham, Patshull etc into a 2 Councillor Ward, which further supports that Perton should have a separate County Councillor.

This gives an opportunity for all areas to retain their uniqueness and I would ask that a separate County area be established for Perton.

If the current County makeup remains as is, problems will be caused, as the newly established area for Pattingham, Patshull and Trysull etc would be represented by 2 County Members, cutting that Electoral area in half.

Perton requires to be represented by its own County Member, due to the differing needs, from neighbouring Wards due to its Urban nature.

The needs of the Electorate in these areas differ Perton is Urban and Pattingham and Patshull etc are Rural in character.

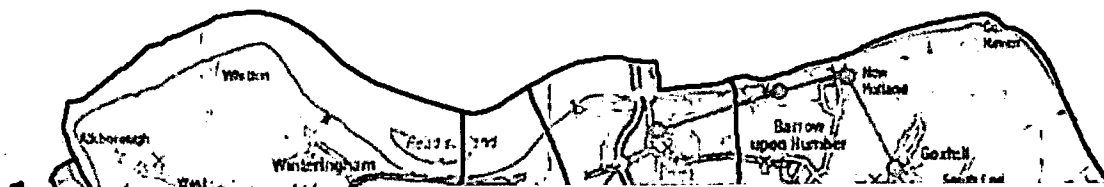
In the Promotional Material shown on the Website, in the pattern of Divisions, the current BCR proposals cut over existing District Boundaries, Your Literature states that they must not.

How to propose a pattern of divisions:

- Explain your opinion using evidence and examples.
 - Think about the **three legal factors** the Commission uses to draw new boundaries:
1. New divisions should leave each councillor representing roughly the **same number of voters** as other councillors elsewhere in the authority
 2. New divisions should - as far as possible - reflect **community interests and identities**, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.
 3. New divisions should promote **effective and convenient local government**. Consider the number of councillors for, the geographic size of, and the links between parts of the division.

Also divisions must not cross over existing district boundaries.

Have your say! The Commission gives **equal weight** to all submissions, regardless of whom they are from.



Local Government Boundary Commission Review Staffordshire County Council

Extracts taken to support request for additional County Member taken from Local Government Boundary Commission for South Staffordshire District Council

Paragraph

100 In addition to the Council's proposals, we received 12 submissions about this area, most of which argued against the rural Pattingham & Patshull parish being included in a district ward with the more urban Perton parish.

Paragraph

101 The Council proposed two single-councillor wards for this area. One comprised Pattingham & Patshull parish and the other included three parishes, namely Bobbington, Lower Penn and Trysull & Seisdon. It did not include Perton and Pattingham & Patshull parish in a single ward. Its proposed Pattingham & Patshull ward is forecast to have 13% fewer electors than the average for South Staffordshire District Council by 2027.

Paragraph

103 Councillor Abrahams was of the view that Pattingham & Patshull parish should retain its single district councillor to protect and promote its unique character which had different needs to those of Perton parish. Pattingham & Patshull Parish Council advocated for the parish to be represented by its own district councillor because of 'the extensive geographic area covered by the parish and the requirements for it to be represented in a different way from neighbouring wards due to its rural nature'. But it also indicated that if there was a need to increase the electorate, the rural community of Trescott could be included in its ward.

Paragraph

104 A number of the submissions from residents while against being included in a ward with the larger and more urban Perton (or with communities with larger populations) were of the view that they could be included with other rural communities, for example Trysull. Other suggestions were Bobbington, Old Perton, Trescott and 'over towards Seisdon & Trysull'. One resident was of the view that Trysull, Seisdon and Bobbington were all rural villages with similarities and common 23 issues including concerns over new development, transport, highways and preservation of facilities and traditions. This resident argued against including Trescott in a ward with Pattingham & Patshull on the grounds that it would destroy the good relationship Perton enjoyed with its hamlets.

Paragraph

105 On careful consideration of the evidence we received, we have been persuaded that overall, Pattingham & Patshull residents do not share community interests with residents of Perton Village. We note the different characteristics between the semi-urban Perton Village and this rural parish. At the same time, the submissions suggest that there are shared characteristics with other rural communities and parishes within the district, in particular Trysull & Seisdon and Trescott. With regards to Trescott, we did not receive any specific boundaries for this community. Moreover, we note the comments about their relationship with the rest of Perton parish.

Paragraph

106 Accordingly, as part of our draft recommendations, we have merged the Council's proposed single-councillor wards for this area to create a two-councillor Pattingham, Trysull, Bobbington & Lower Penn ward. We particularly invite further comments on this ward, including any additional evidence in support of Pattingham & Patshull being in a separate ward with a -13% electoral variance, or stronger evidence of its relationship with other communities in the area. We also welcome comments on the name of the ward and whether an alternative shorter name would be more appropriate.



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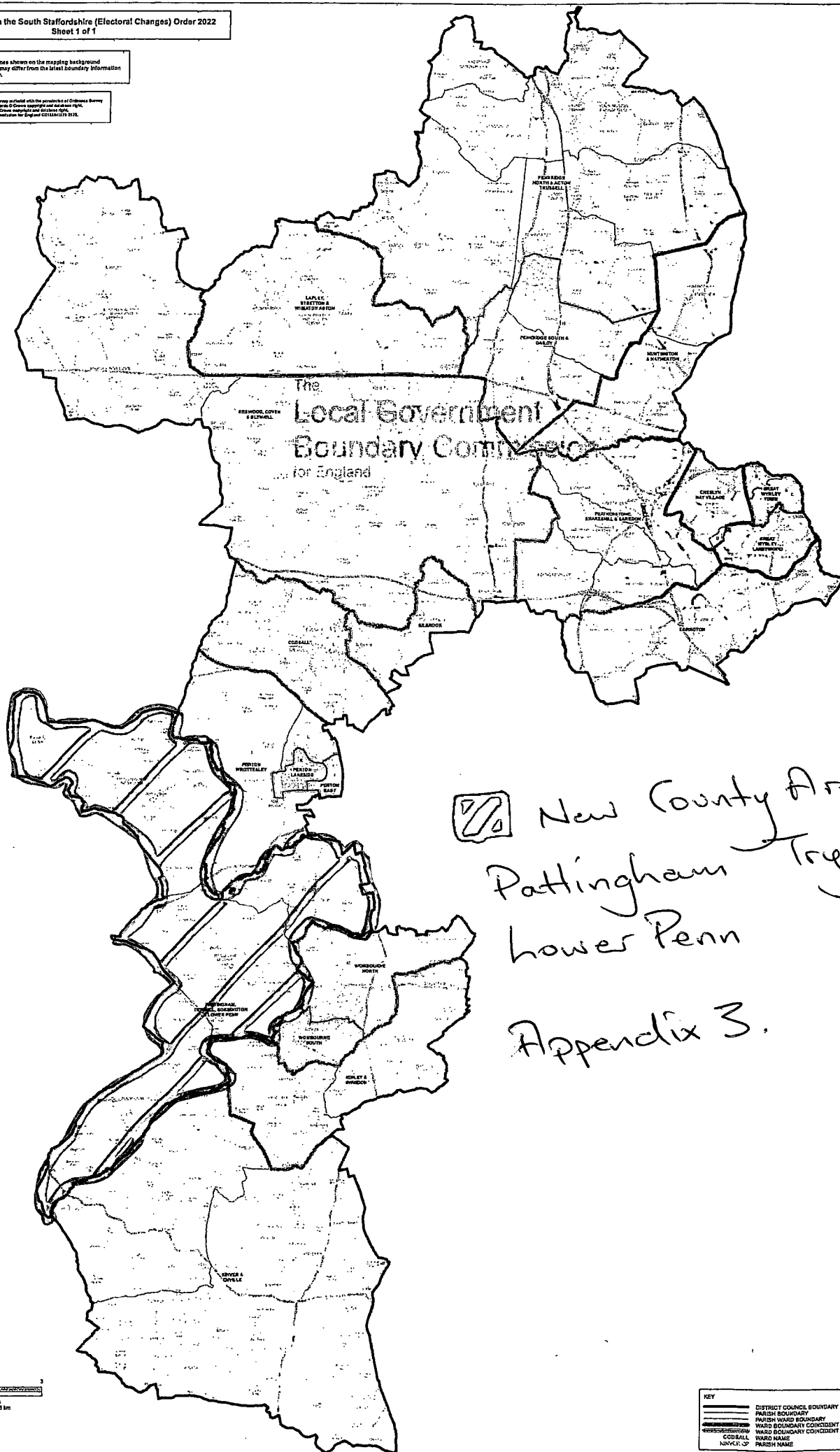
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KEY TO PARISH WARDS

- GREAT HYPER P1 UP
- A LANDWOOD
B NORTH
C TOWN
D WEST
- PENKESIDGE CP
- E GALEY
F LEWISDALE
G NORTH EAST
H SOUTH EAST
- PORTMAN CP
- I EAST
J KILBURNWOOD & TREGGOTT
K LANSIDE
L WROTHESLEY
- WALSBOURNE CP
- M WALSBOURNE NORTH
N WALSBOURNE SOUTH



 New County Area:
Patttingham
Lower Penn
Appendix 3.

KEY	DISTRICT COUNCIL BOUNDARY
	PARISH BOUNDARY
	PARISH WARD BOUNDARY
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- A. LANDWYDE
- B. SOUTH
- C. TOWN
- D. WEST

PERKINSBURG CP

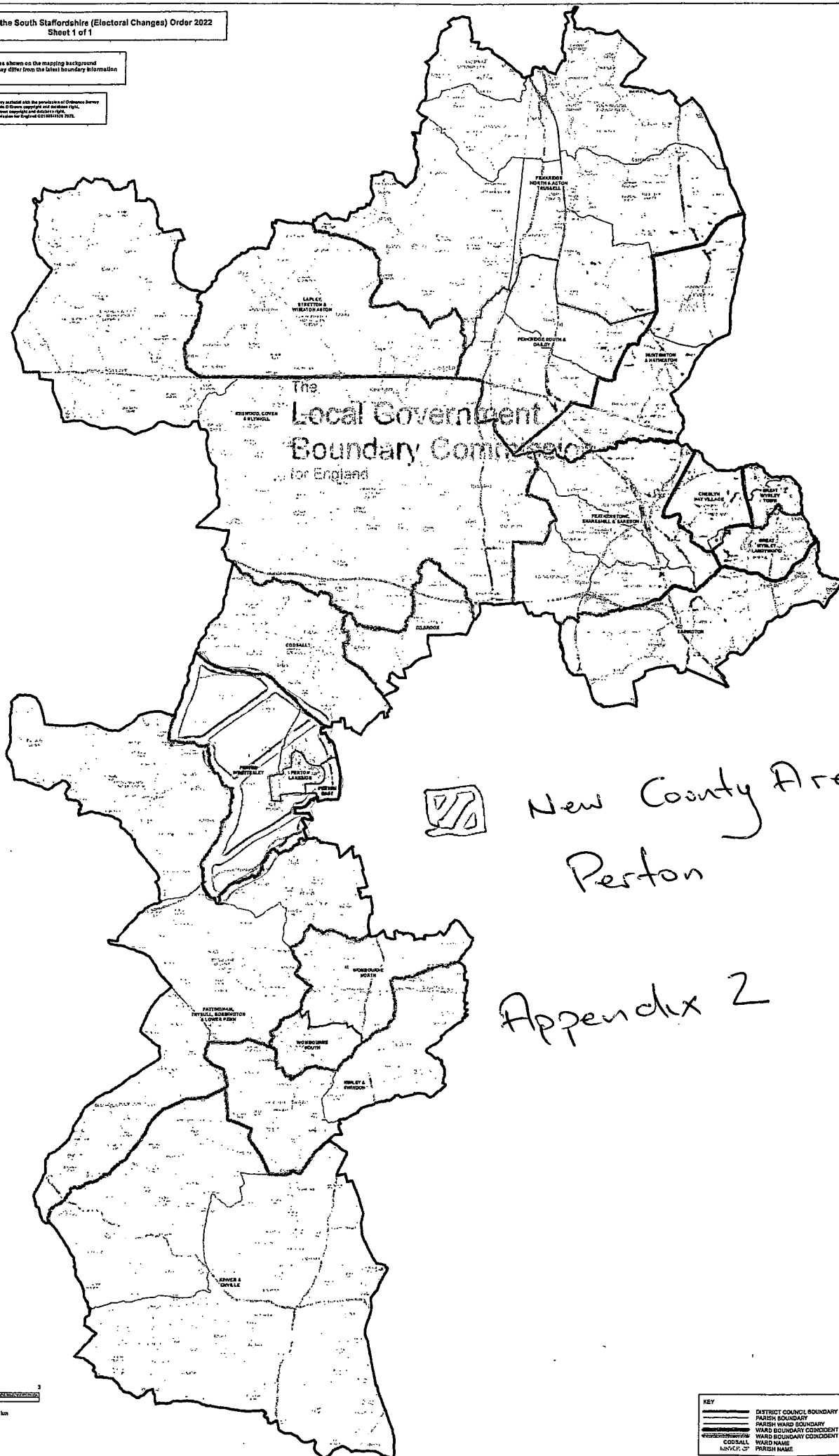
- E. GALEY
- F. LEVEDALE
- G. NORTH & EAST
- H. SOUTH EAST

PERTON CP

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- J. HIGGWOOD & TRECOTT
- K. LAKESIDE
- L. WHITTONSLEY

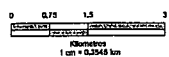
WIGBOLDUS CP

- M. WIGBOLDUS NORTH
- N. WIGBOLDUS SOUTH



New County Area:
Perton

Appendix 2



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WARD BOUNDARY COINCIDENT WITH PARISH WARD BOUNDARY	—————
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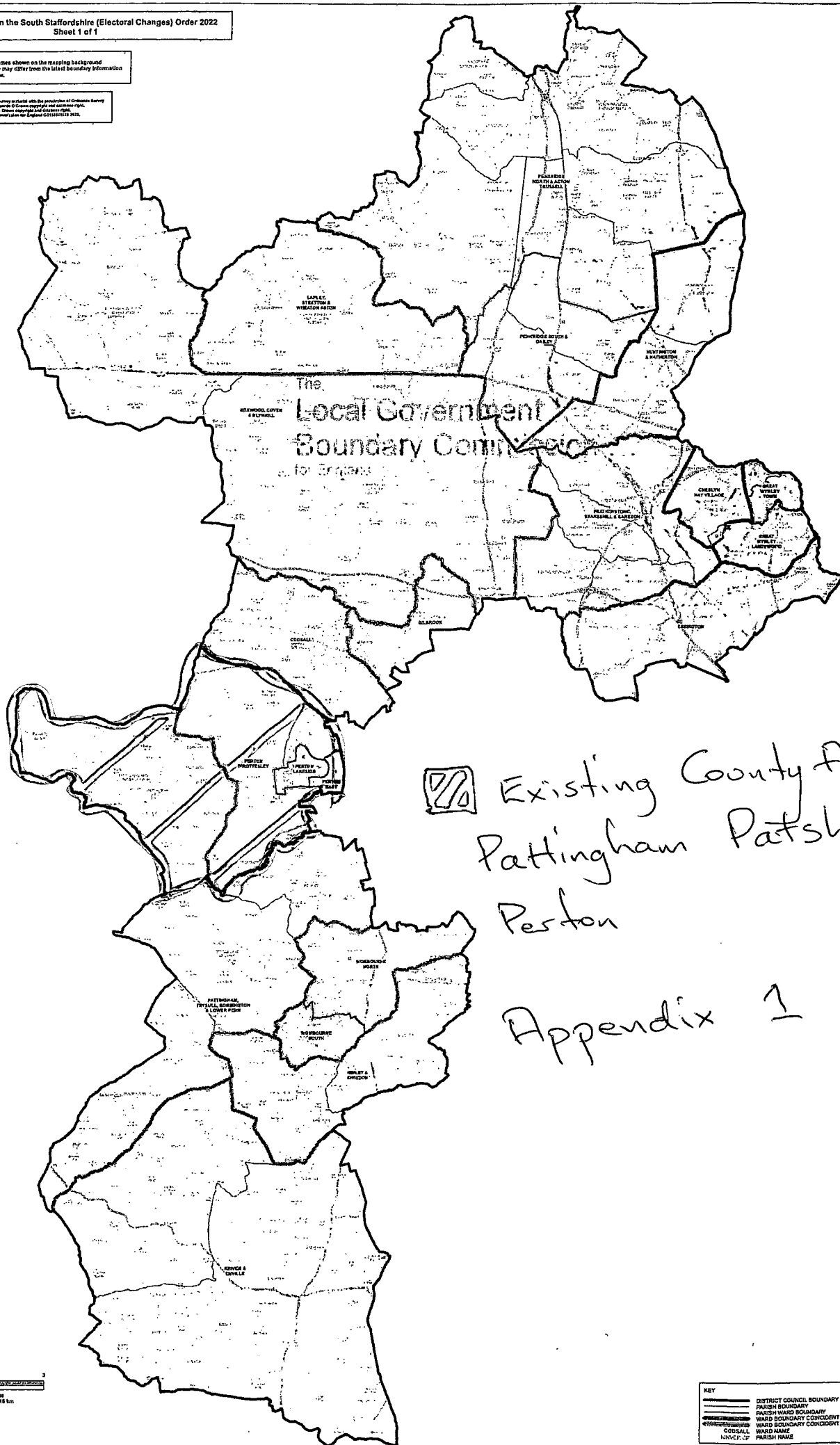
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Existing County Area:
Patttingham Patshull
Perton
Appendix 1

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Kilometres
1 cm = 0.2548 km

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