

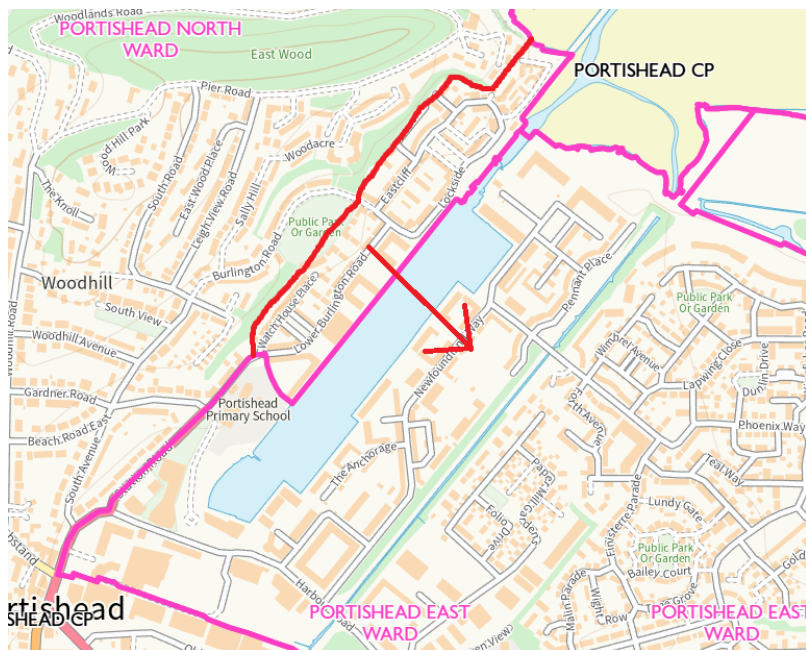
NORTH SOMERSET ELECTORAL REVIEW 2026

A DISTRICT WIDE PROPOSAL FOR 51 SEATS

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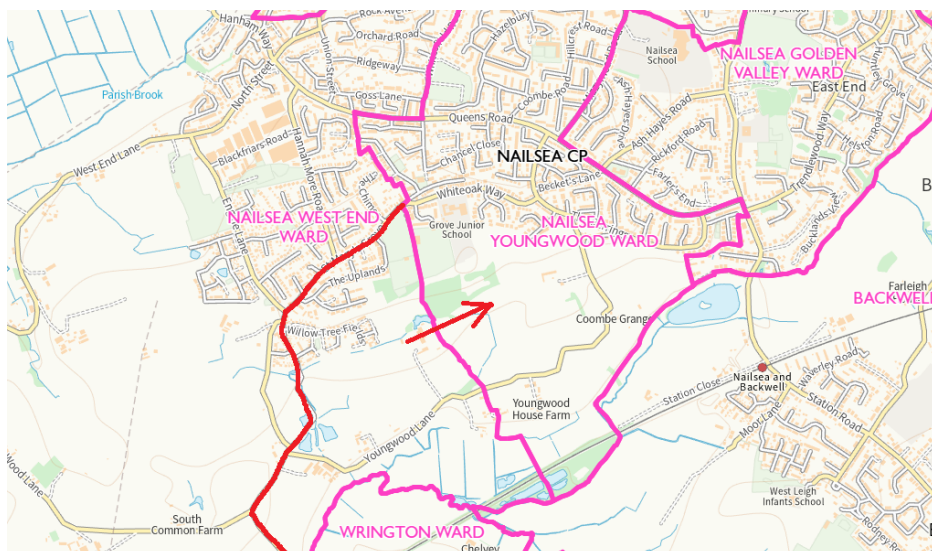
PORTISHEAD

North ward has too many electors, and East ward has too few, so the boundary should be moved to bring all the properties on the north side of the Marina into East ward, this will mean all the waterfront properties are in the same ward. I estimate on 2031 figures this will move about 800 electors into East ward, redressing the balance between the two.



NAILSEA

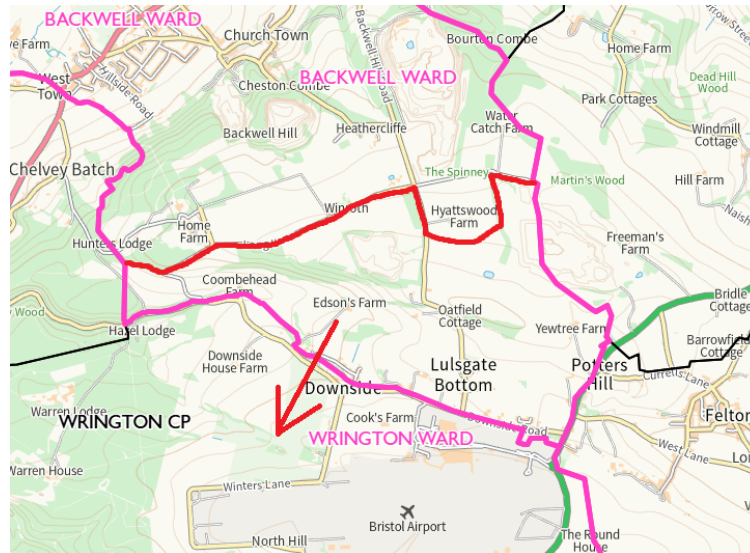
West End ward will have too many electors by 2031, and Youngwood has too few, so the boundary should be moved to St Mary's Grove, a clearly identifiable thoroughfare in the area, I estimate on 2031 figures this will bring about 600 electors into Youngwood ward and redress the balance between the two wards.



BACKWELL / WRINGTON AREA

Backwell ward will have too many electors by 2031, so a parish ward should be formed from the existing Oatfield polling district, and it should be moved into Wrington ward. This would unite the isolated hamlet of Downside all in one ward. This move would involve 263 electors on the 2031 estimates. While this still leaves Backwell ward somewhat too large, any other solutions have a knock on effect on the balance of all the other surrounding rural wards, so I believe some discretion should be applied here.

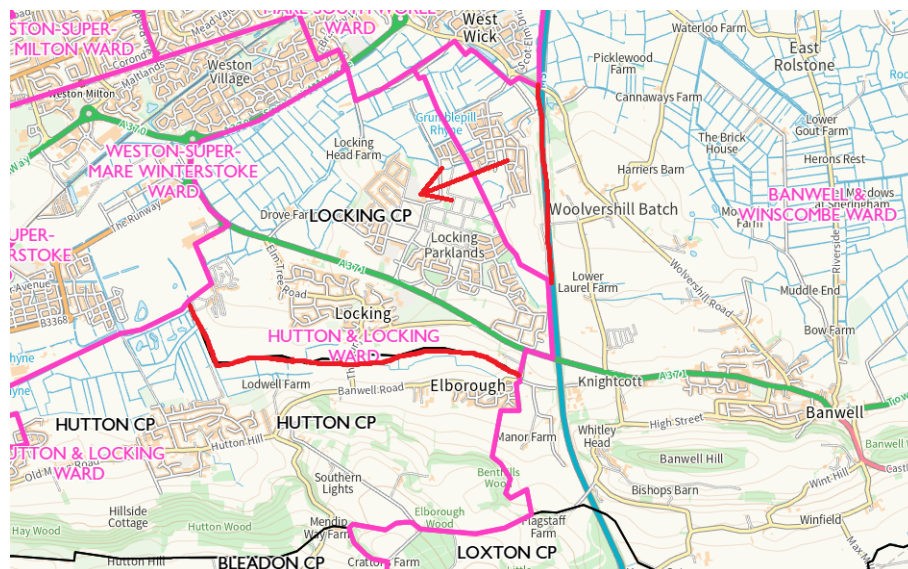
In keeping with the naming pattern in rural wards in this district, I believe Wrington ward should be renamed **Wrington & Cleeve**, to better reflect the two largest villages in this ward.



BANWELL / LOCKING AREA

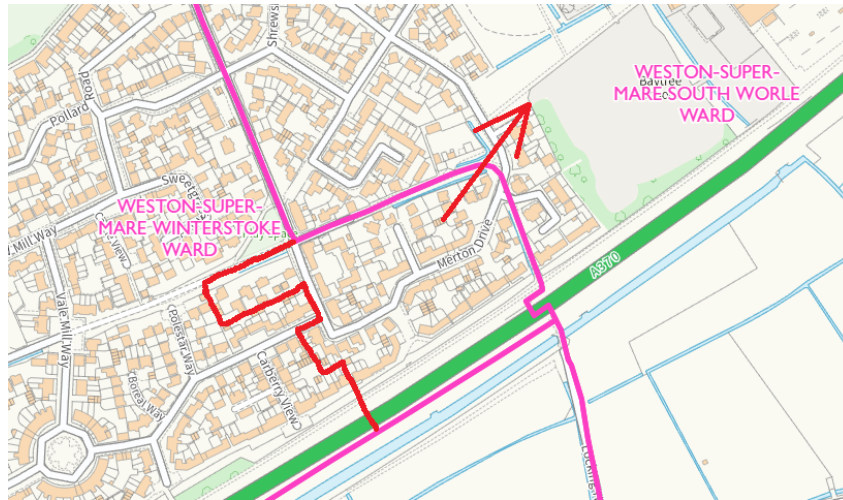
Banwell & Winscombe ward has too many electors, so a parish ward should be formed from the newly developed Mead Fields area, which lies entirely to the west of the M5 Motorway and has little connection with its current parish of Banwell. This area has more in common with the adjacent Locking Parklands development, and a new link road between the two is currently under construction. So the new Mead Fields parish ward, whose electorate in 2031 would be an estimated 1800, should be combined with Locking parish to form a two member ward named **Locking**.

The remainder of Banwell parish can then form a two member ward with Winscombe and Loxton parishes, retaining the name Banwell & Winscombe, and the parishes of Hutton and Bleadon, both on the southern Mendip fringe of Weston-super-Mare, can form a one member ward named **Hutton & Bleadon**.

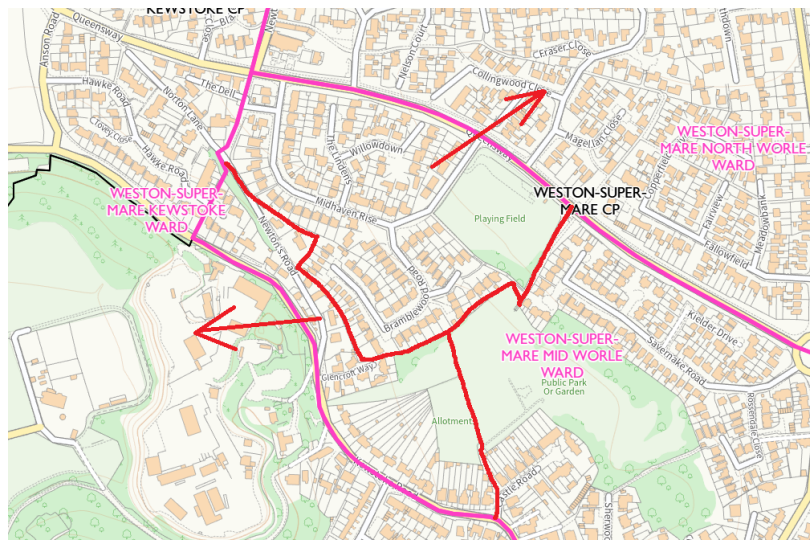


WESTON-SUPER-MARE

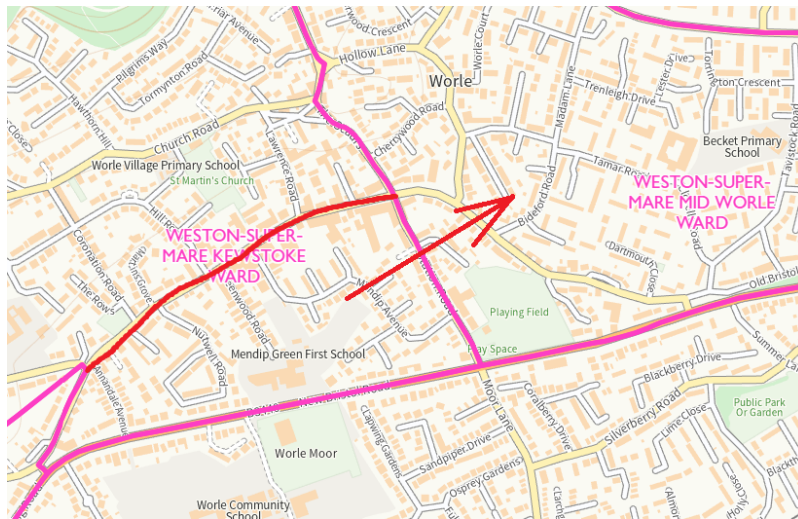
The Winterstoke ward will have too many electors by 2031, so the boundary should be moved so that all of Merton Drive and its side roads Lypstone Close and Highgrove Walk are in South Worle ward. This unites all the properties in Merton Drive in the same ward providing a more logical boundary. This change would involve around 200 electors and provide for better electoral equality in these wards.



The residential areas at the westernmost end of Mid Worle ward are isolated from the rest of this rather elongated ward. So those roads which are accessed from Queensway, containing about 300 electors, should be moved into North Worle ward, providing for better electoral equality in that ward. And the properties along Newtons Road and Lower Kewstoke Road, with around 100 electors, should be moved into the Kewstoke ward.

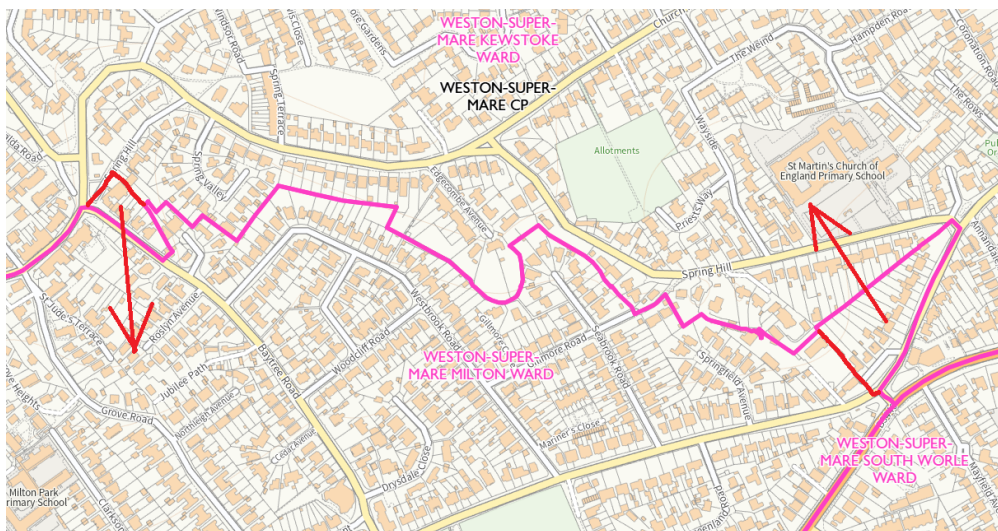


Mid Worle ward can then expand to take in the adjacent residential areas to the south of Worle High Street, containing about 700 electors, leaving Kewstoke ward slightly reduced in size. And most importantly, Kewstoke ward should be renamed. Kewstoke is a small village on the edge of Weston-super-Mare, and this name does not reflect the other residential areas in the ward sprawling across Worlebury hillside in to Worle. I believe the ward should be renamed **Weston-super-Mare Kewstoke & Worlebury**.



Two minor boundary adjustments are necessary with the Milton ward. For some strange reason the properties 1-23 High Street Worle (and 1-4 Spring Hill Drive) are currently in the Milton ward forming a strange spur to that ward, when they should obviously be in the same ward as the rest of the odd number properties in High Street Worle, which would be the renamed Kewstoke & Worlebury ward. This minor change involves about 30 electors.

Similarly properties 72-94 Baytree Road are in the Kewstoke ward when they should obviously be in Milton ward with the rest of Baytree Road. This involves about 20 electors.



Finally, I believe that in keeping with the pattern that the Weston wards are named after suburbs and not just geographical points, the Weston-super-Mare South ward should be renamed **Weston-super-Mare Bournville & Oldmixon**, to reflect its two communities that have a strong sense of identity.

LIST OF WARDS

Backwell	1	4194
Banwell & Winscombe	2	6614
Blagdon & Churchill	1	3821
Clevedon East	1	3671
Clevedon South	1	3486
Clevedon Walton	1	3704
Clevedon West	1	3384
Clevedon Yeo	1	3493
Congresbury & Puxton	1	3462
Gordano Valley	1	3765
Hutton & Bleadon	1	3495
Locking	2	6642
Long Ashton	2	7323
Nailsea Golden Valley	1	3481
Nailsea West End	1	3434
Nailsea Yeo	1	3660
Nailsea Youngwood	1	3595
Pill	1	3660
Portishead East	2	6849
Portishead North	1	3338
Portishead South	1	3447
Portishead West	2	7594
Weston-super-Mare Bournville & Oldmixon	2	6569
Weston-super-Mare Central	2	7202
Weston-super-Mare Hillside	2	7142
Weston-super-Mare Kewstoke & Worlebury	2	6648
Weston-super-Mare Mid Worle	1	3705
Weston-super-Mare Milton	2	7492
Weston-super-Mare North Worle	2	6795
Weston-super-Mare South Worle	2	7451
Weston-super-Mare Uphill	2	6920
Weston-super-Mare Winterstoke	2	7948
Wick St Lawrence & St Georges	1	3743
Winford	1	3761
Wroughton & Cleeve	1	3840
Yatton	2	7938

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