

## Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

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### Comment text:

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## Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Green group Boundary Review Proposals.

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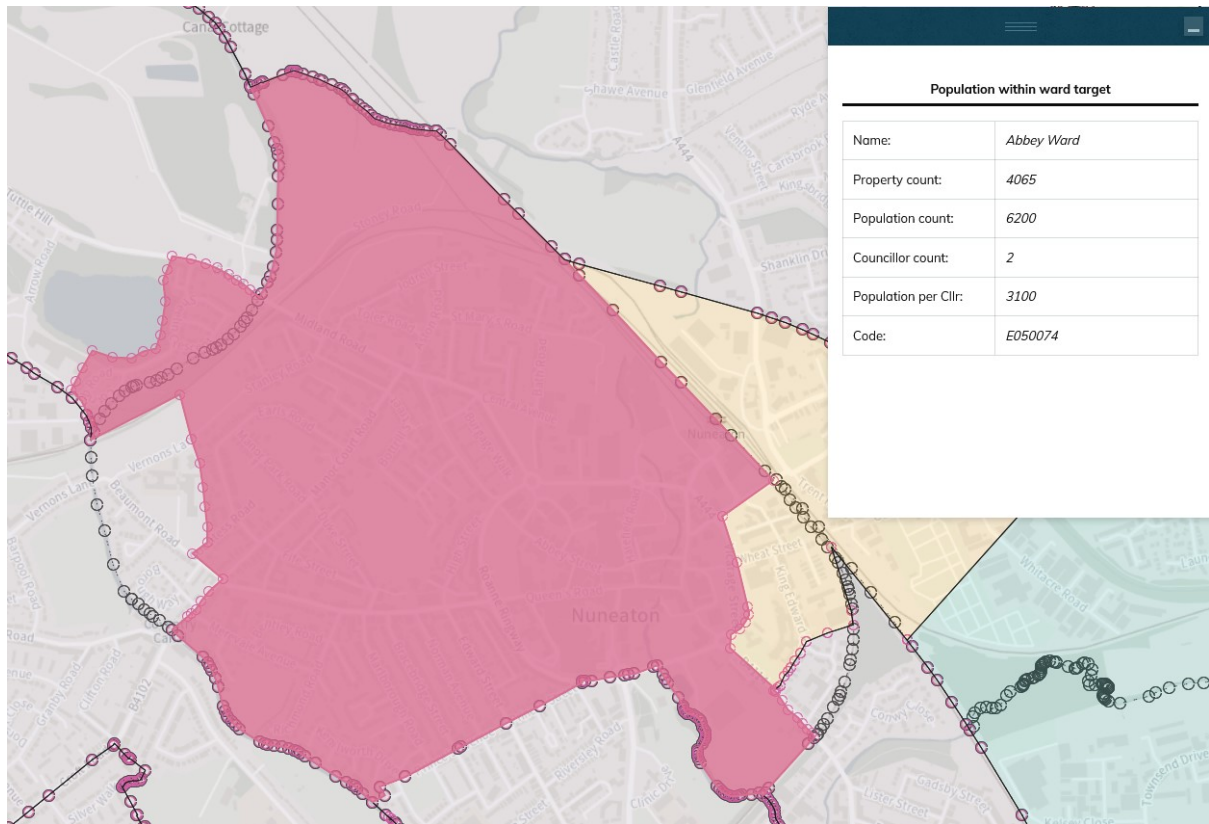
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**Table 1 Green proposal**

Ward	people	difference from ideal	
		percentage	people
Abbey	6,200	1.47%	90
Arbury	6,004	-1.73%	-106
Attleborough	5,748	-5.92%	-362
Bar Pool	6,066	-0.72%	-44
Bede	6,404	4.81%	294
Bulkington	5,668	-7.23%	-442
Camp Hill	6,390	4.58%	280
Exhall	5,812	-4.88%	-298
Galley Common	6,352	3.96%	242
Heath	6,198	1.44%	88
Kingswood or Stockingford	5,986	-2.03%	-124
Poplar	6,383	4.47%	273
Slough	6,392	4.62%	282
St. Nicolas	6,384	4.48%	274
Weddington	5,790	-5.24%	-320
Wem Brook	5,614	-8.12%	-496
Whitestone	6,204	1.54%	94
Eastboro	6,384	4.48%	274
Watling	6,106	-0.07%	-4
Total	116,085		

## Abbey Ward

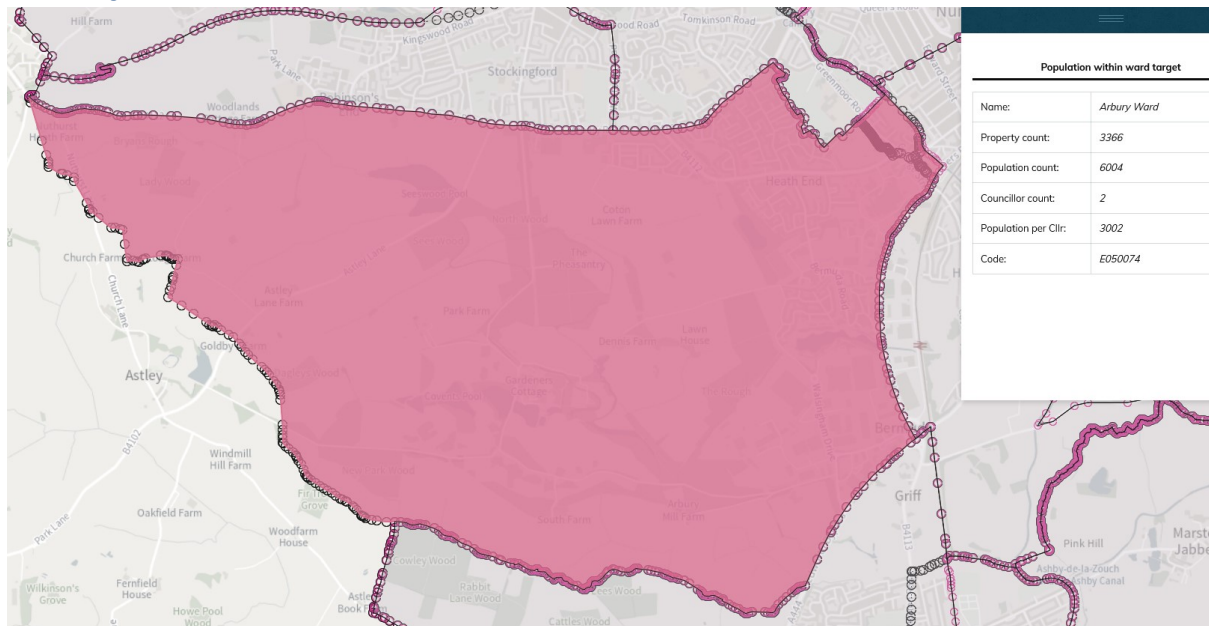


Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Include section of Camp Hill East of Midlands Quarry (to balance electors).
- 2) Move section West old manor Park School in Barpool Ward which needed more electors and is well connected to that Ward.
- 3) Move section East of Vicarage Street/ St Nicolas Church) into St Nicolas and Attleborough Wards to balance electors.

At 6200 electors the ward would then be within 100 of idea size and be a cohesive area.

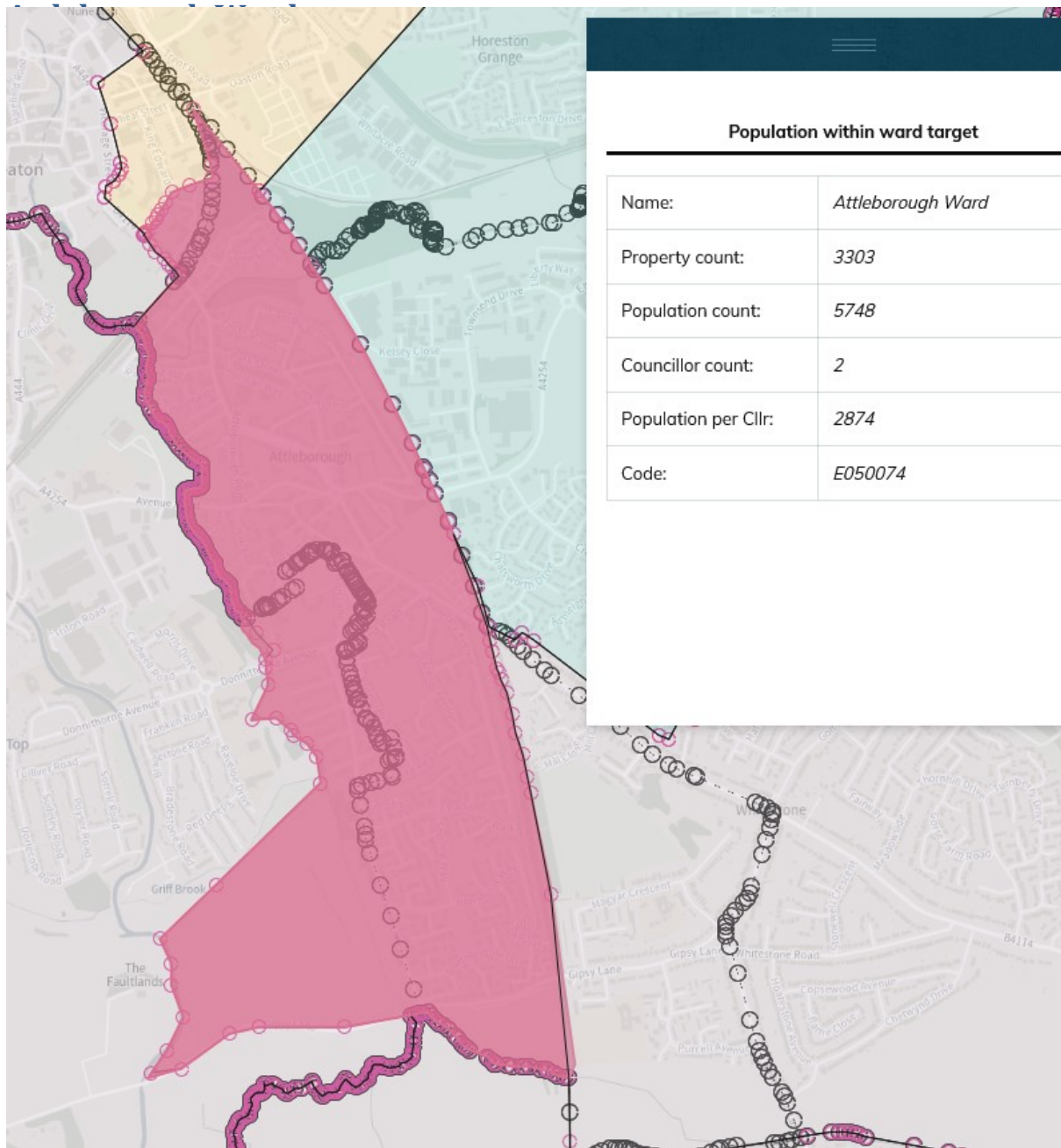
## Arbury Ward



### Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Add small area west of Coventry Cannel to remove area from Barpool & Wembrook Ward which forms a more logical boundary.

At 6002 electors this ward is just under idea size but it has likely developments starting before 2028.



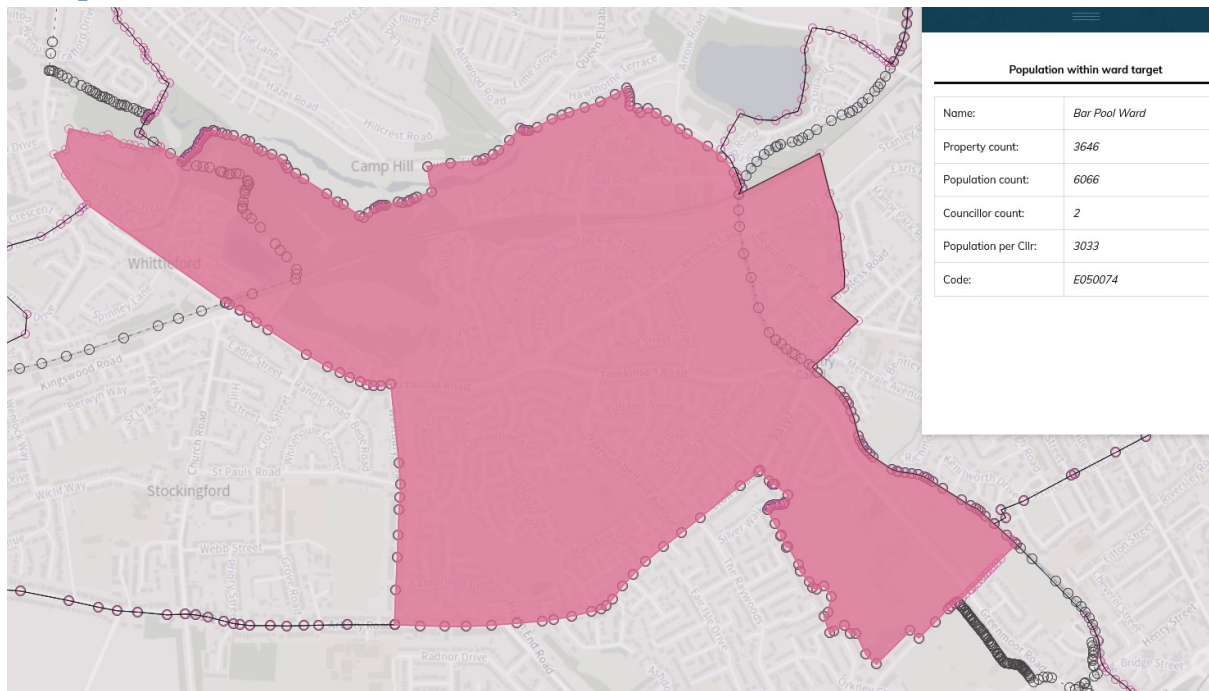
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Move area to the East of West Coast mainline into Whitestone Ward.
- 2) Include area of development north of Gypsy Lane and existing area east Wembrook
- 3) Include small area south of King Edward Road,

## Rational

The area West of the railway fit better in Whitestone and include Whitestone school. The railway makes a more natural boundary. The brook makes are more logical boundary which makes a more cohesive area. The ward population is on the lowside with proposed buildout rate for land north of Gypsy Lane but that development could be more complete that forecast by 2028 given that enabling works have stared.

## Bar pool



### Summary of changes proposed.

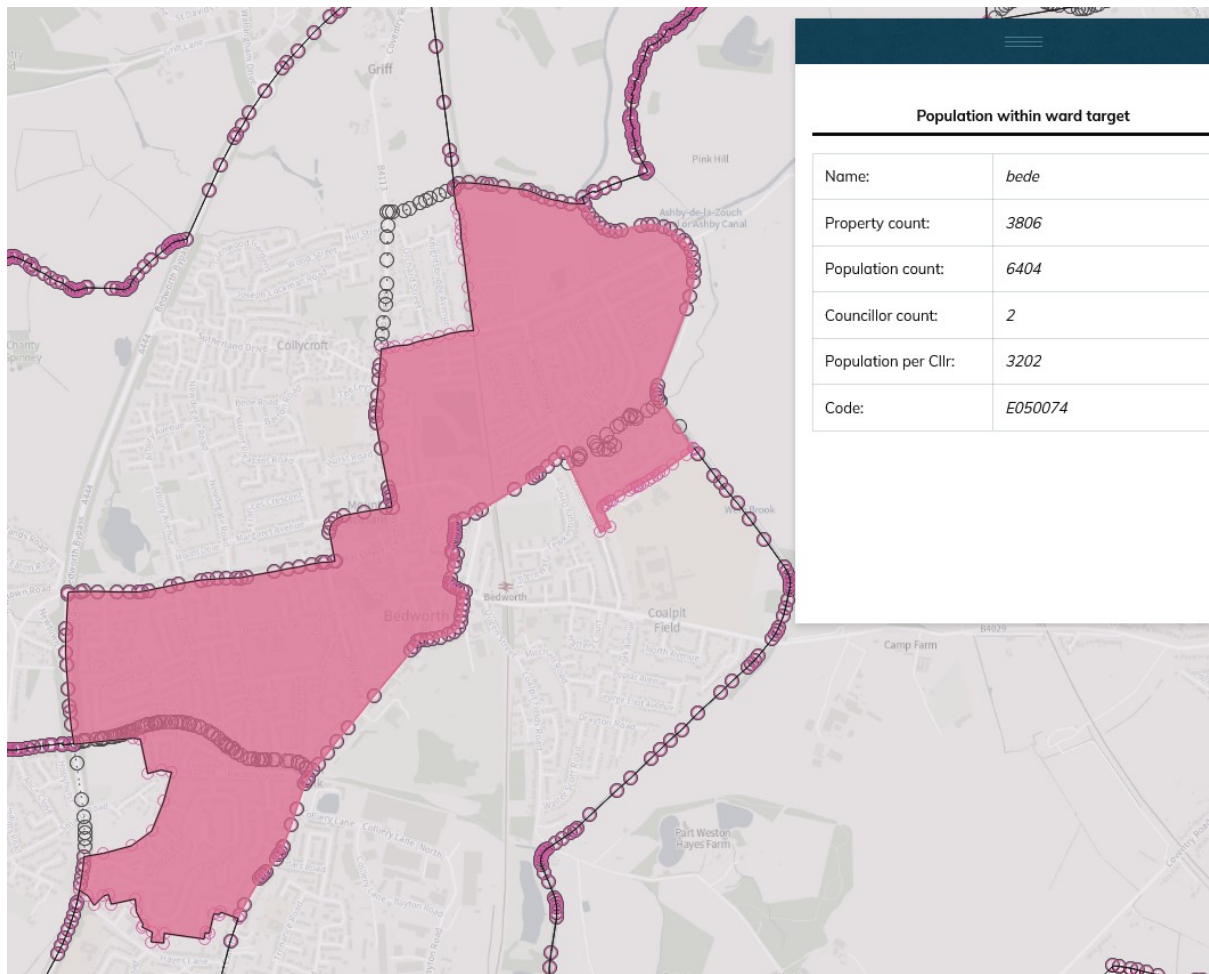
- 1) Remove area at south end of Greenmoor Road and Bull-Ring at line south of path from Kat Gallows Bridge
- 2) Add area west of old Manor Park School site from Abbey Ward
- 3) Add more of East side of Wittelford park from galley Common

### Rational

The south end of Greenmoor Road was very remote from the rest of the ward. The area taken from Galley Common is remote from that ward. Adding the area by Manor Park School makes the ward within 1% of idea size and connects well at north and south.



## Bede



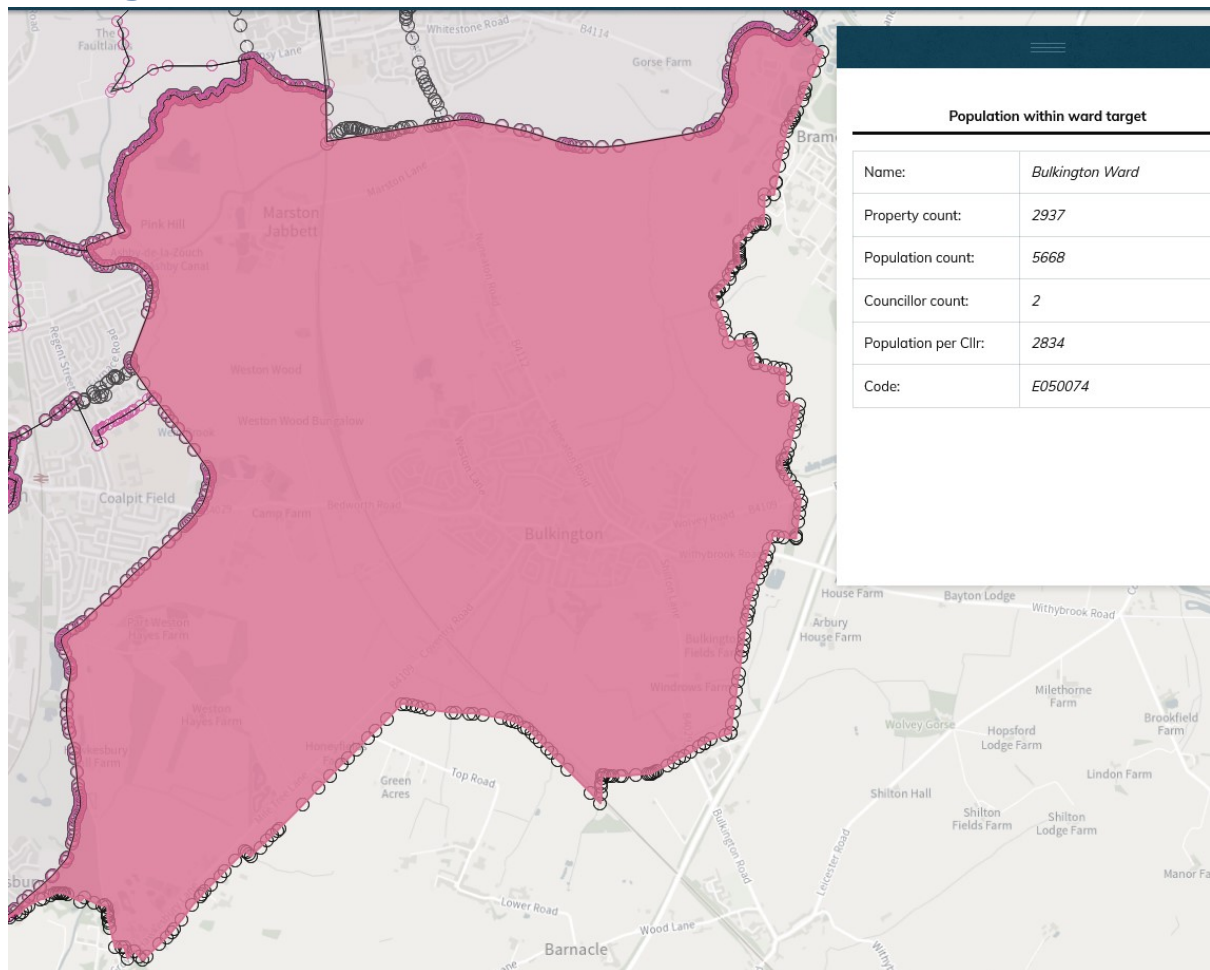
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Move boundary south on west side of railway to align with Marston Lane to adjust Slough Ward.
- 2) Add area west of Coventry road and South from Rectory Drive
- 3) Add area north of St Michael school.

## Rational

Small changes to equalise populations and adjust for developments in other Bedworth wards. Bede ward had the smallest population in Bedworth and cannot get much new development due to being in the central ward in Bedworth.

## Bulkington



Summary of changes proposed.

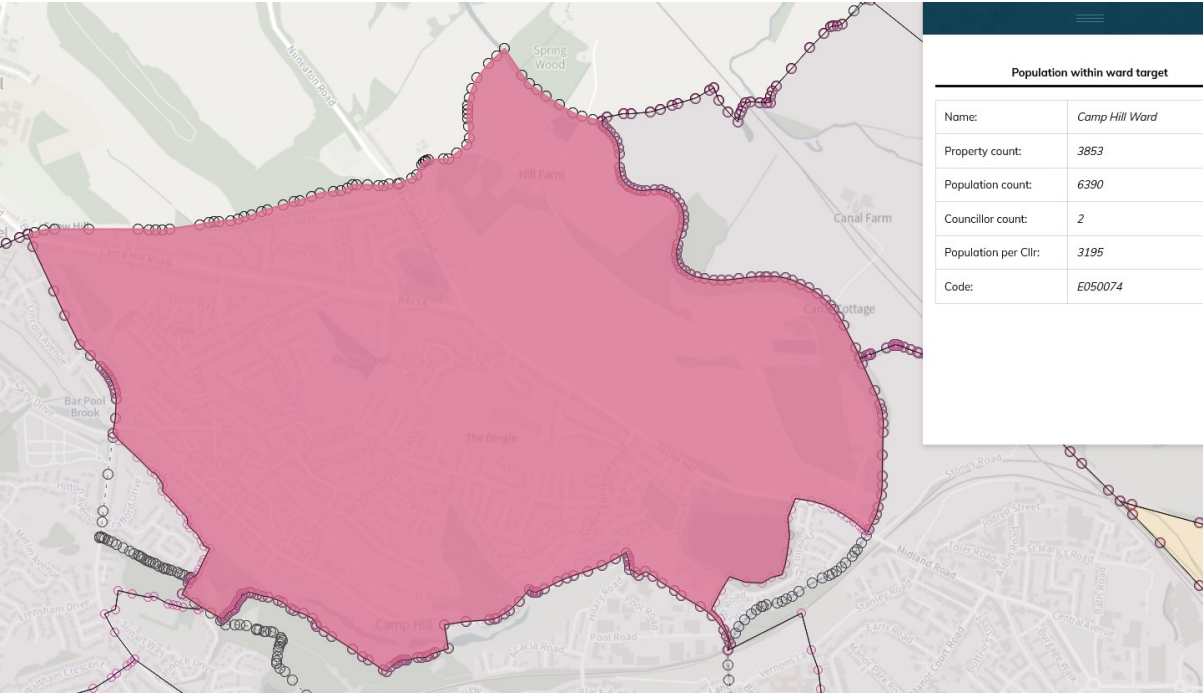
No changes proposed

### Rational

Not possible to justify taking any area from Bedworth or Nuneaton Wards. Development likely to increase population very significantly depending on economic and political situation



# Camp Hill



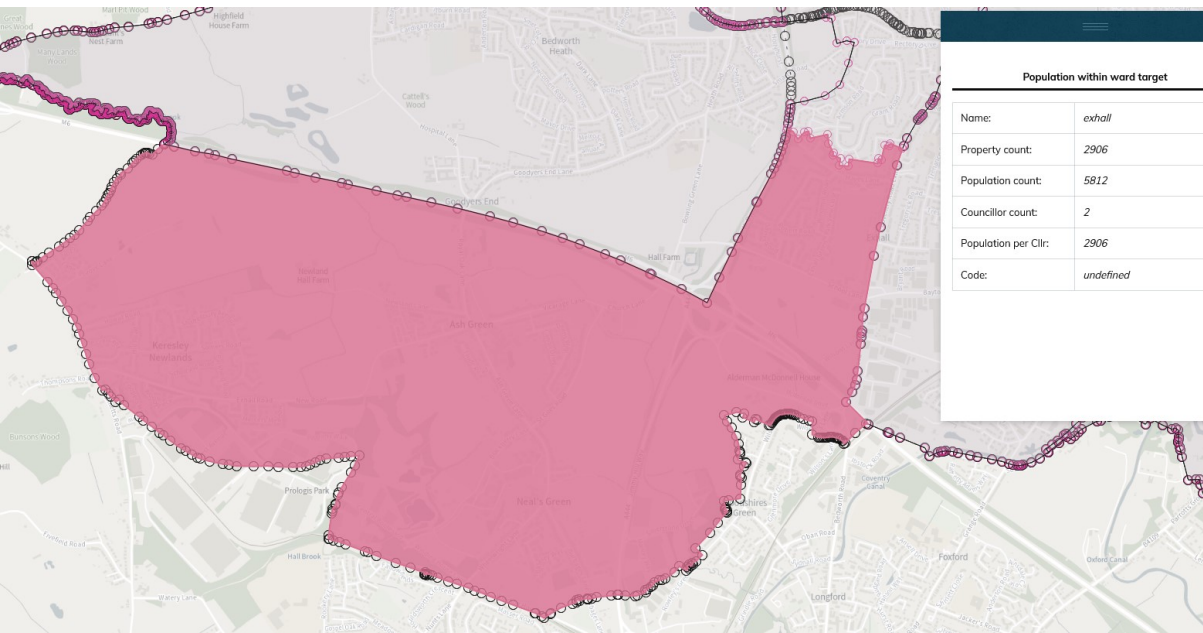
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Move area east of Midland quarry into Abbey Ward
- 2) Move area of Trafford Drive in Galley Common Ward

## Rational

To get population within acceptable range. The area east of the quarry is not well connected to Camp Hill.

# Exhall



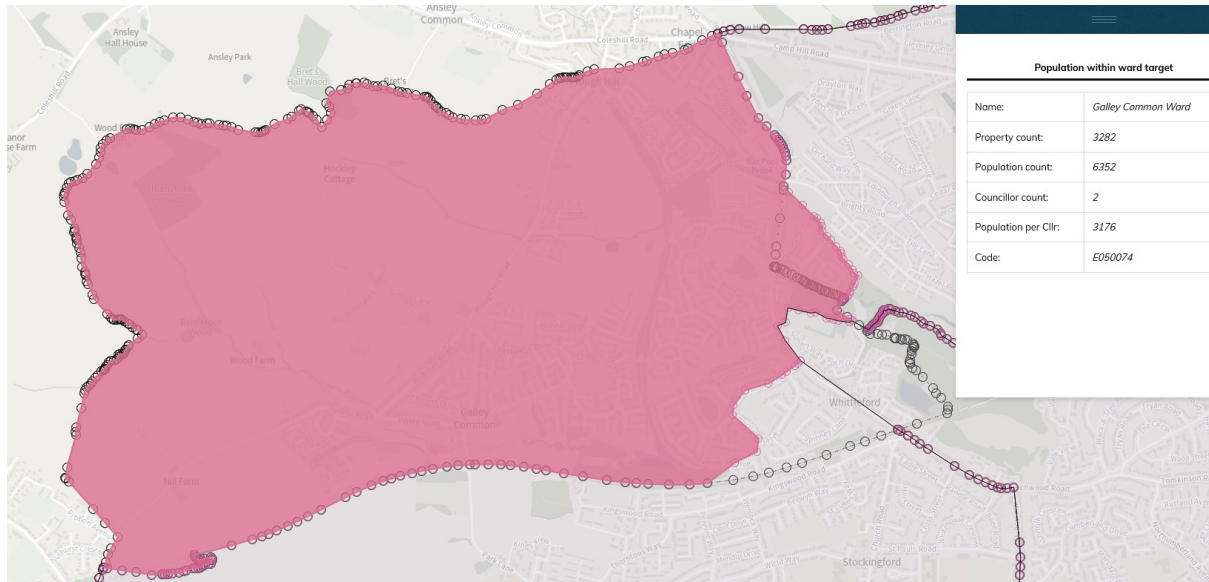
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Remove area north of Haynes lane

## Rational

The North tip of the existing ward connects better with Bede (AKA town centre) than the villages in South West of Borough. Given predicted developments it was expected to be around 5% below idea size in 2028 but that is open to considerable uncertainty but keeping existing northern boundary would risk it quickly becoming too large.

## Galley Common



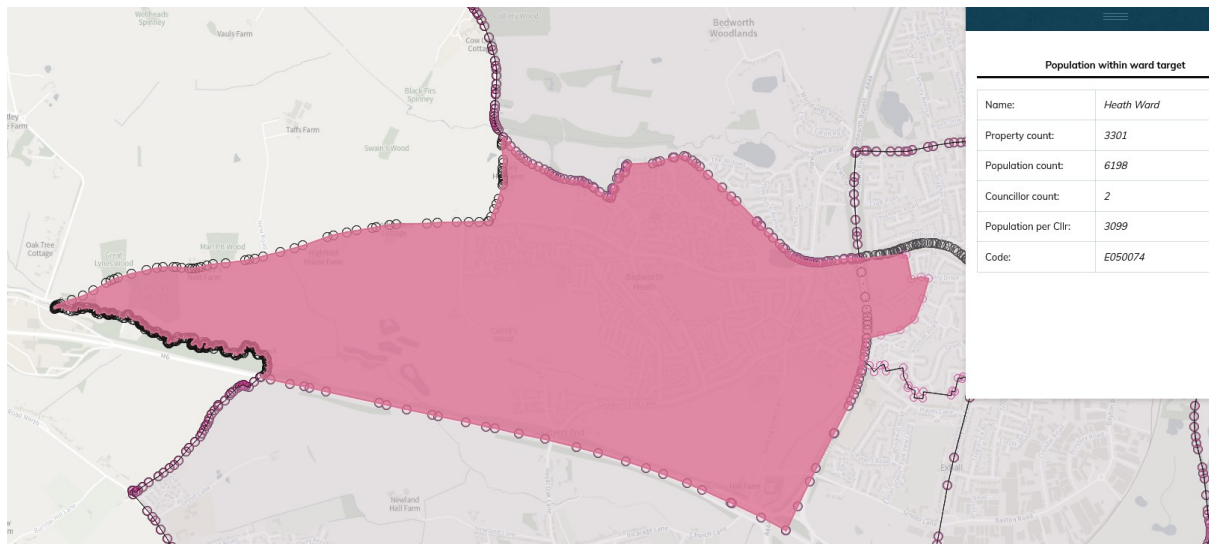
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Remove south east tip of Ward south of Sherborne Avenue
- 2) Add area around Trafford Drive

## Rational

The south west tip of existing ward fits better with Kingswood and Bar Pool Wards. Trafford Drive area connects well with the West side. Witleford Park provides a logical boundary. The ward is expected to be within 4% of idea size depending on buildout rates of new developments.

## Heath



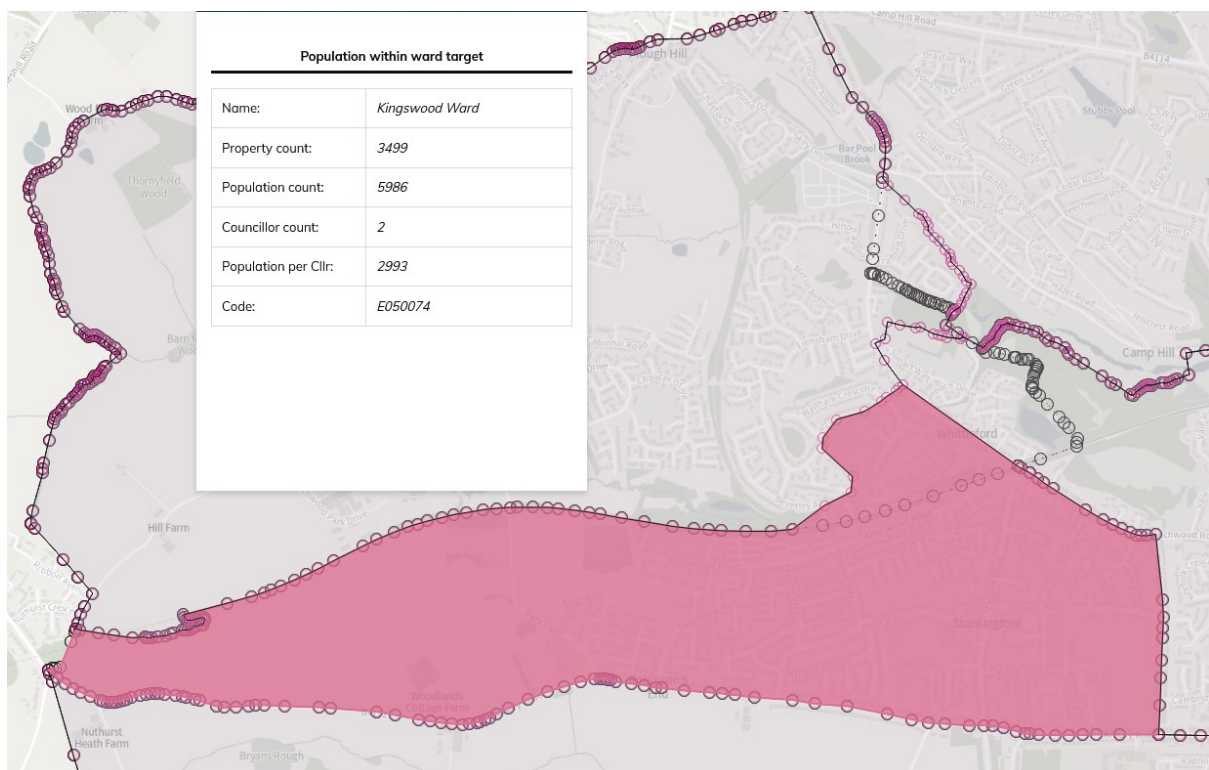
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Add area of new development off east end of Smarts Road,

## Rational

The new developments are only accessible by road from Heath Ward. The proposed ward would be just over idea size by around 100.

## Kingswood



Summary of changes proposed.

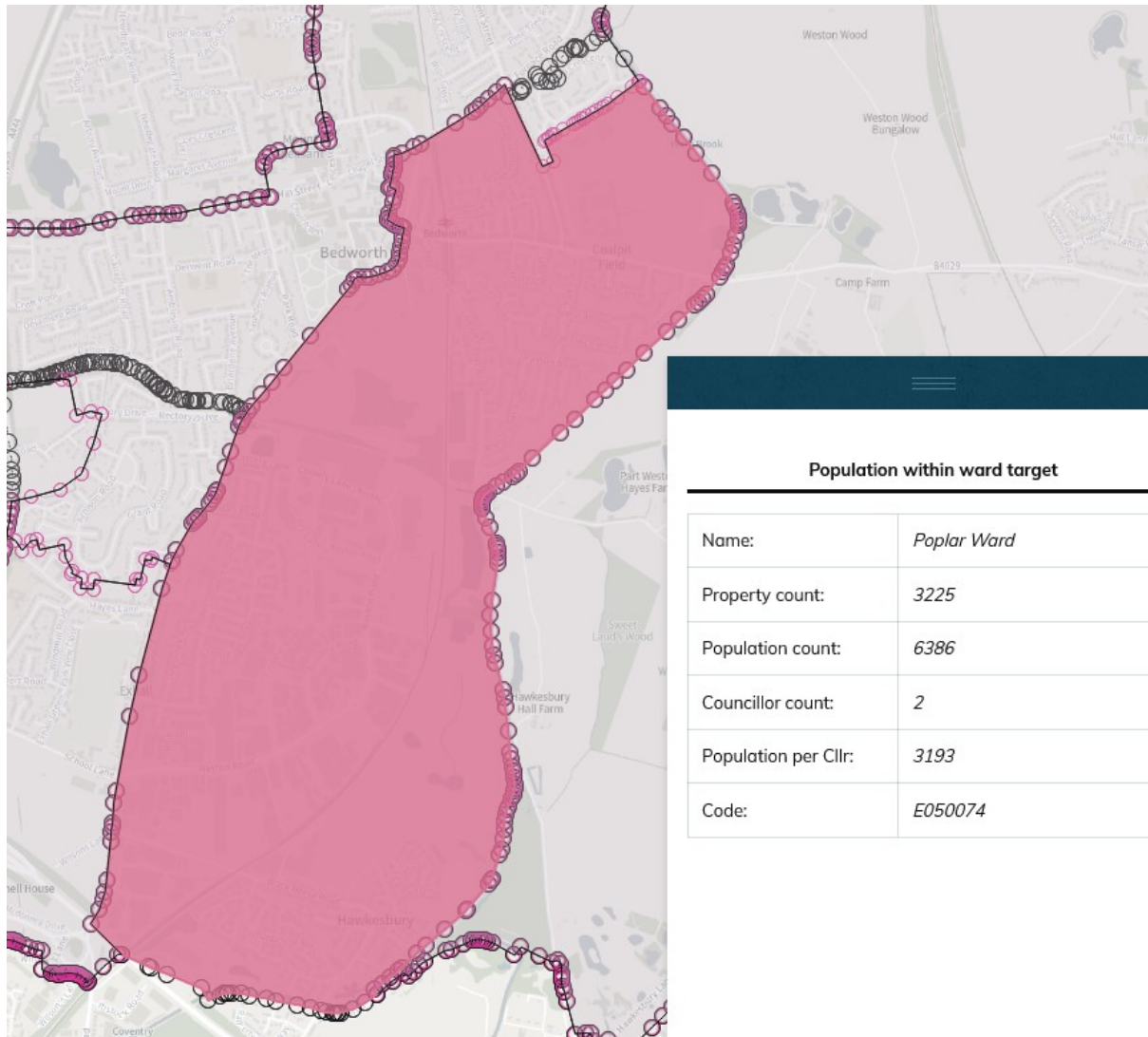
- 1) Add area north of old Stockingford Station area, West of Whittleford Road south of Sherbourne Avenue.

2) Could look to rename ward as Stockingford, especially if the station is reopened.

## Rational

Kingwood ward needs extra population and the section north of the Stockingford station site has good connection with the rest of the ward. That will be enhanced if the project to reopen the station progresses.

## Poplar



Summary of changes proposed.

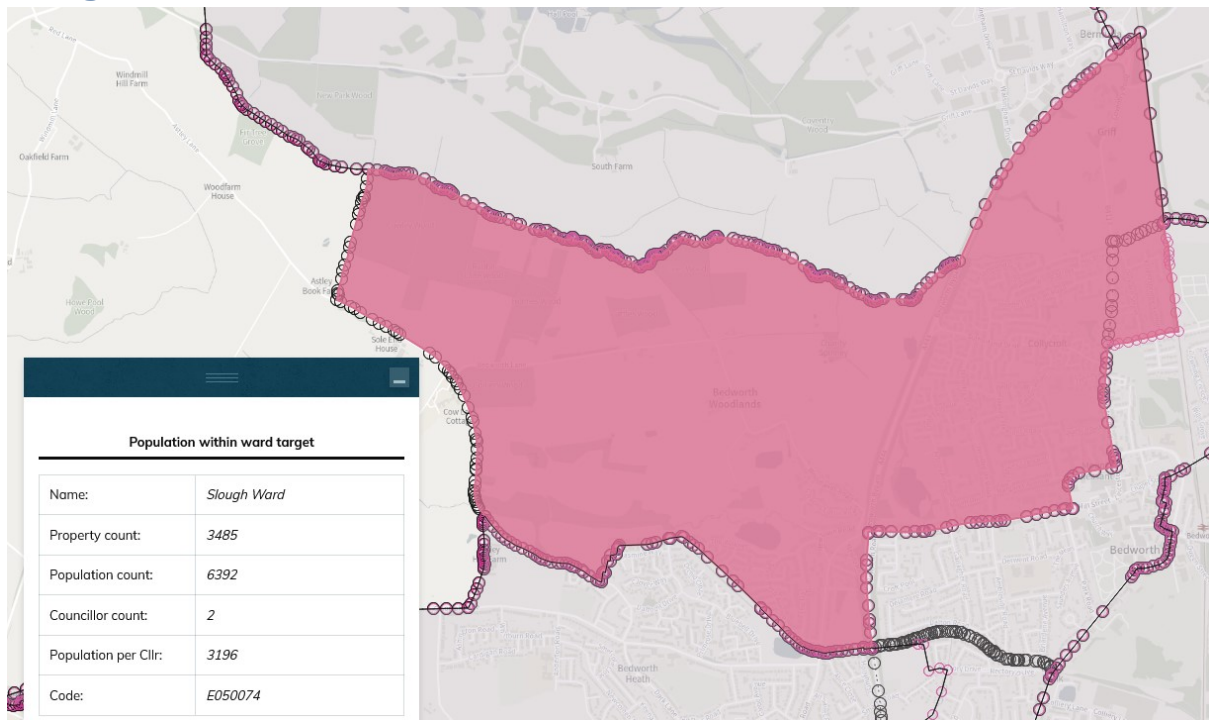
1) Remove area north of St Michaels School

## Rational

This area is distant from the rest of the ward and north side of school makes good boundary. The change is needed to get ward size closer to idea.



## Slough



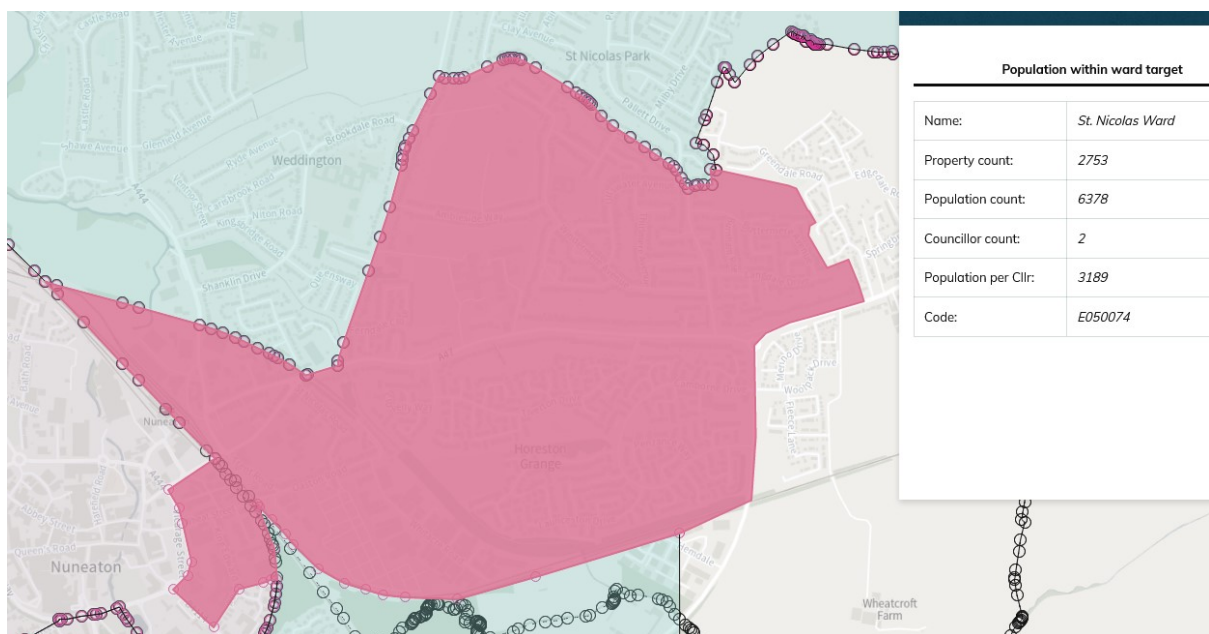
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Add small area to West of railway line north of Marston Lane

## Rational

Change needed to balance out ward populations in Bedworth. That area connects well with ward. The railway and Marston Land are suitable boundaries.

## St. Nicolas



Summary of changes proposed.

This is based on St Nicolas ward,

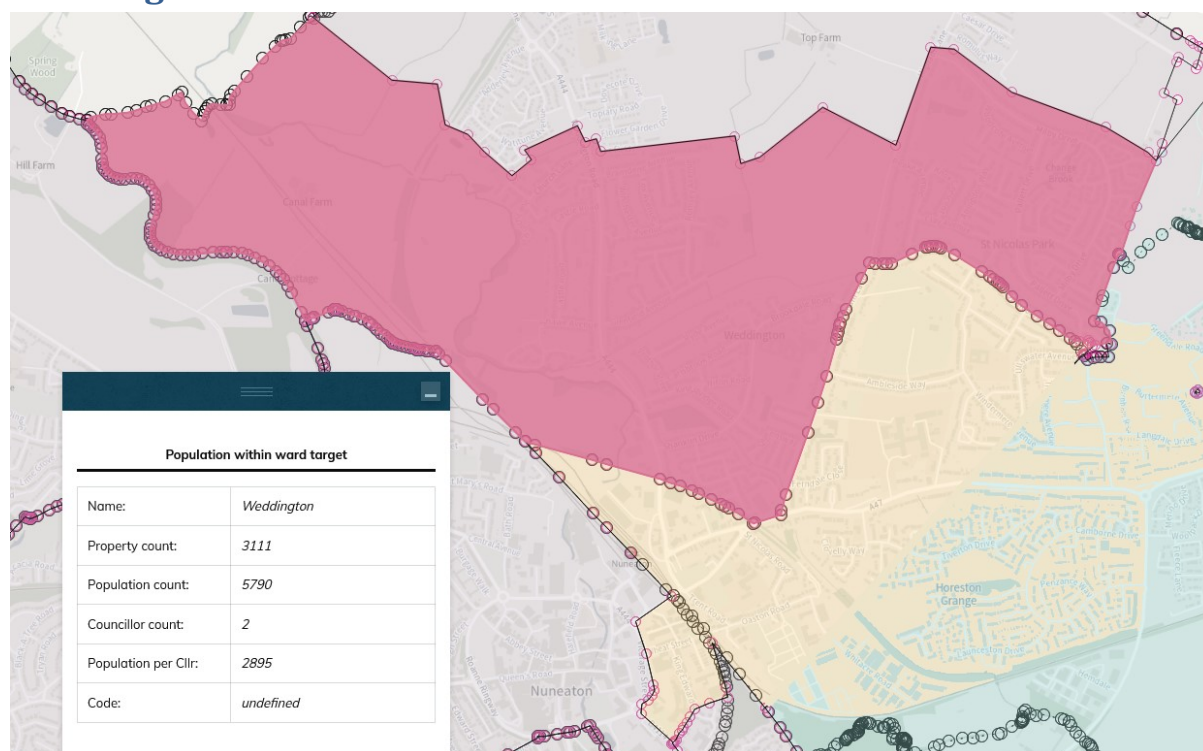
- 1) polling district SNE split off into the new Eastboro ward. It excludes the Bellway development.
- 2) Added area west of railway down to St Nicolas Church
- 3) Adds 158 to 174 St Nicolas Park Drive.

## Rational

St Nicolas ward was expected to be around 50% too big by 2028 and needed new Eastboro ward to accommodate existing and new development on The Long Shoot and Eastboro way corridor. It is connected to the area north of St Nicolas church by the main walking and driving routes to the town. The ward would contain 3 collages, NWSLC, Etone and KE6.

158 to 174 St Nicolas Park Drive being in the existing Weddington Ward made no sense and seemed arbitrary.

## Weddington

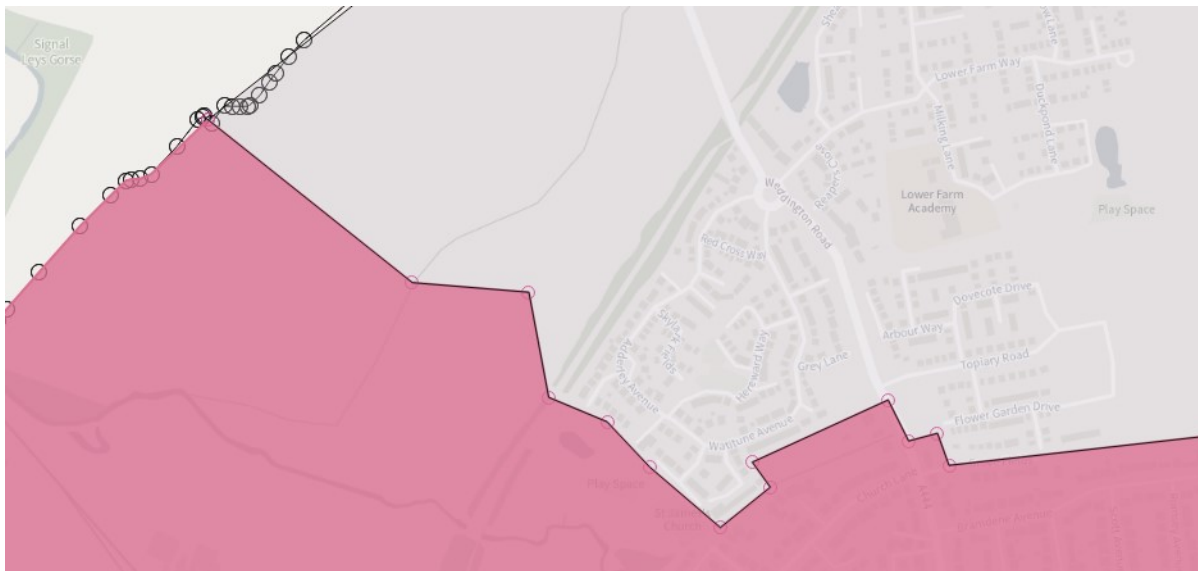


Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Split Weddington ward so revised Weddington Ward covers the majority of the pre-2012 urban area excluding the Watling Street corridor which becomes a new Watling Ward and the south phases of any Top farm Development.

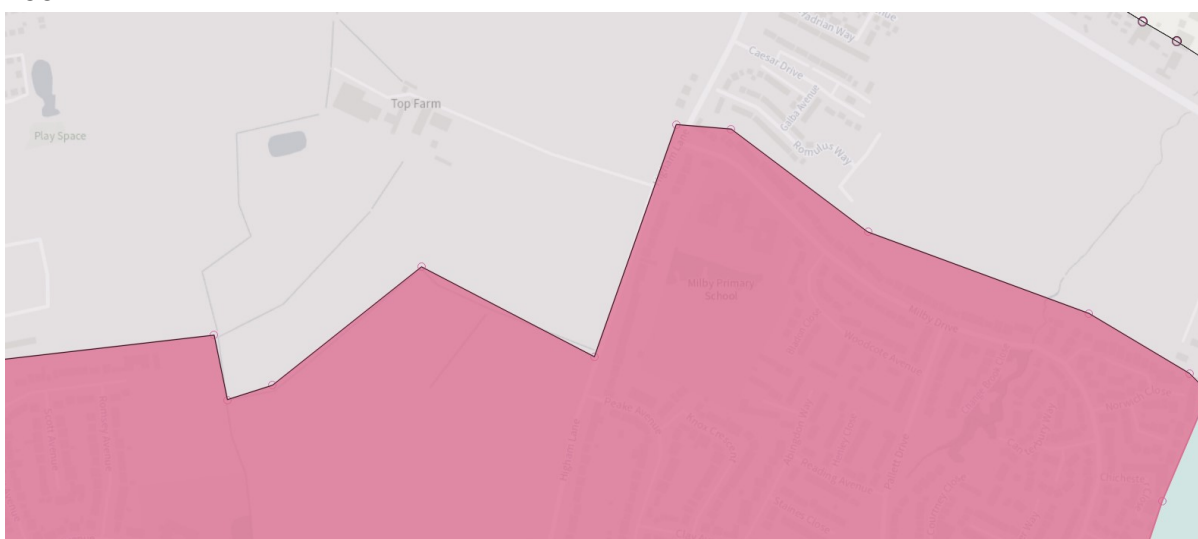
The Boundary between Weddington and Watling Ward follows the bridal way from Stables at Caldecote to St James Church. It then follows the south east boundary of Church Fields (Davidsions) and St James Gateway (Barrett's) development.





It would follow hedges/ditches across the possible Top Farm development site so that the proposed phase 1A(Higham Lane north School), 3, 4 & 5 would be in new Watling Ward while phase 1 & 2 (accessed opposite Peake Avenue and St Nicolas Park Drive) would be in revised Weddington Ward. The boundary would go north up centre of Higham lane and then follow North Boundary of Housing on Milby Drive.

The East Boundary would follow existing Weddington boundary except it would exclude 158 to 174 St Nicolas Park Drive.



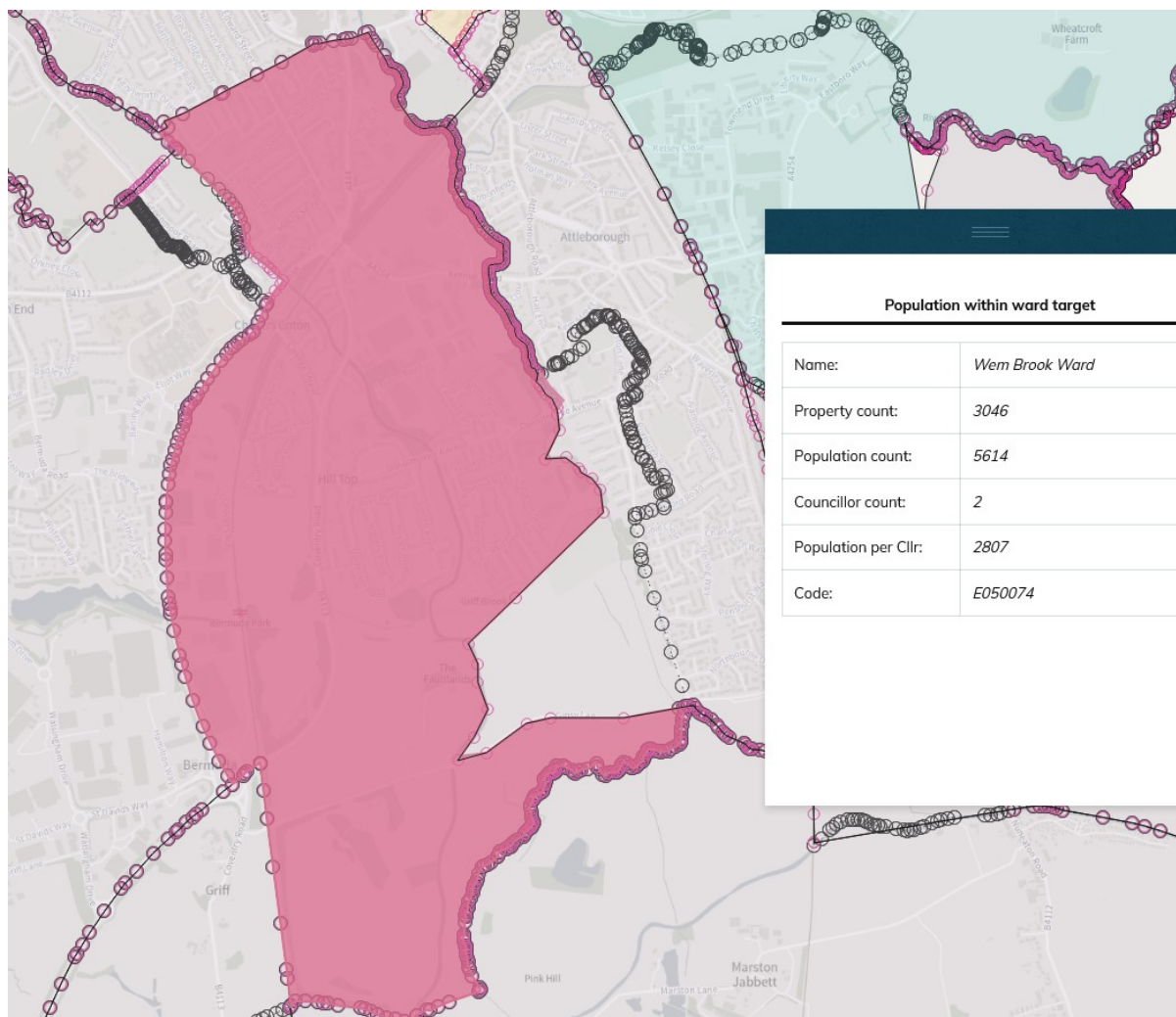
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### Rational

The Weddington Ward has been expanded greatly but the new developments connect poorly to the pre-2012 urban area. Makes sense to use that 2012 urban housing boundary as ward boundary except for Top Farm. Top Farm development may never happen or may be built out with even more than the 1,700 homes proposed in outline planning application. To reduce the risk of an excessively small ward if it is not built and an excessively large one when built out it is vital to split the development site in two. The south section of the Top Farm would naturally fit into the Weddington

Ward as it would be accessed off Higham Lane at Peake Avenue and St Nicolas Park Avenue junctions.

## Wembrook



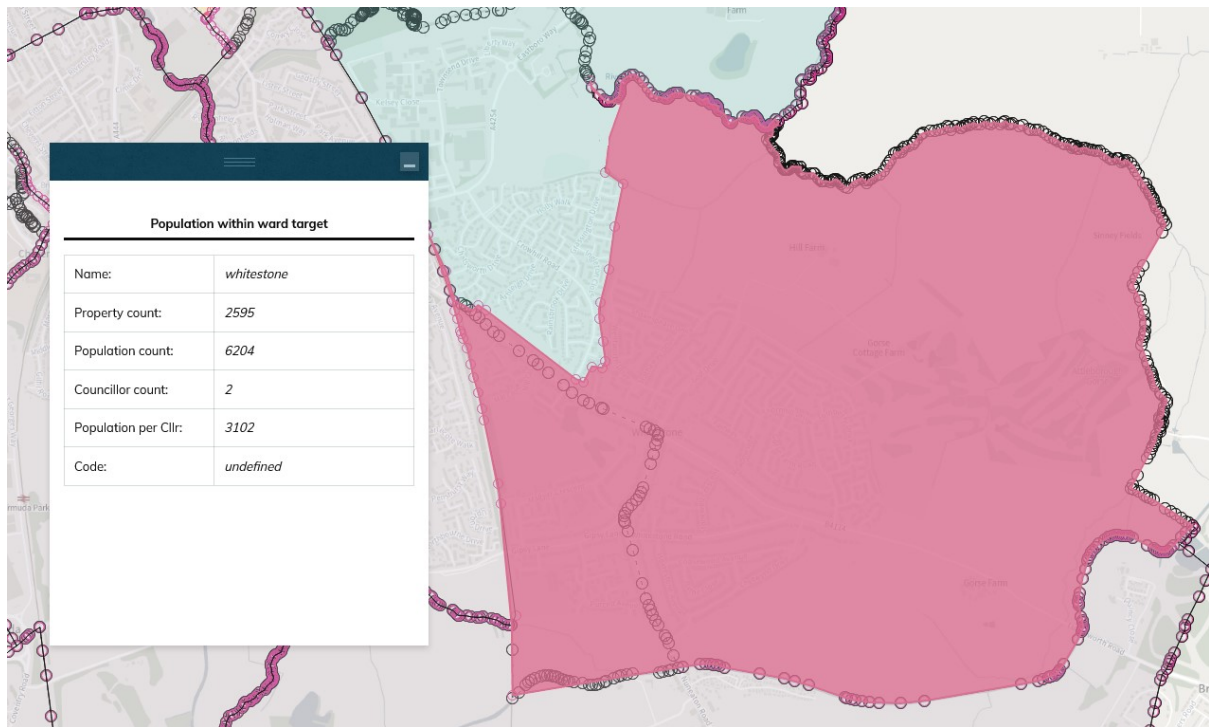
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) The Canal is used as ward boundary so that Amos Avenue is moved to Arbury Ward
- 2) The area around Marston lane is moved to Attleborough Ward alongside the new development north of Gypsy lane which is cut off from Wembrook ward by the canal

## Rational

The area removed seems to have better connections with the other wards. Wembrook ward has a clear north south connectivity via the Coventry Road/A444 and canal.

## Whitestone



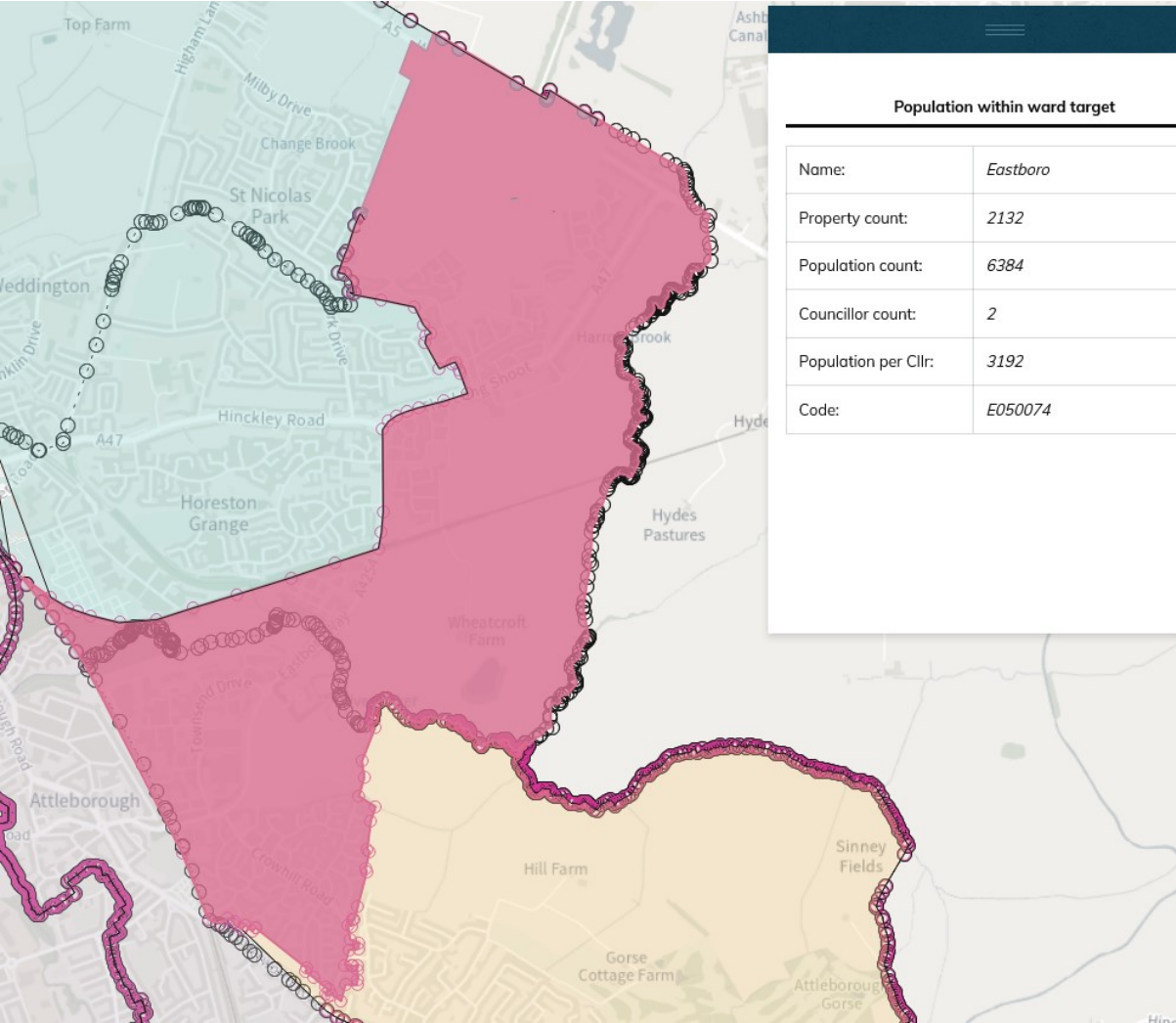
Summary of changes proposed.

- 1) Remove Crowhill Estates (keeping Willowfields Road)
- 2) Add area East of West Coast Mainline around Whitestone School

## Rational

Developments require that Crow Hill estate is moved to add new Eastvboro Ward. Need to add population back by taking area West of railway which makes a very good boundary. Also puts Whitestone School and community centre back into Whitestone Ward.

# Eastboro Ward



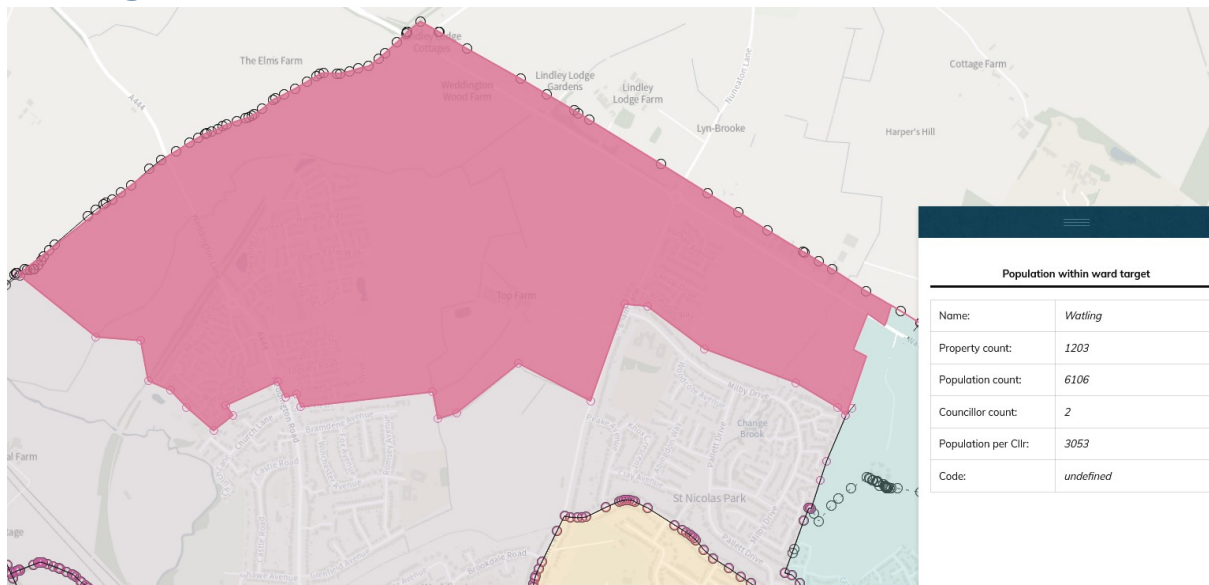
Summary of changes proposed.

This is a new ward,  
It included St Nicolas ward polling district SNE plus Weddington section of Calender Farm phase II and Crow Hill estate excluding Willowfield.

## Rational

It is the right size and what is left over. Key transport corridor around east side of Nuneaton

## Watling Ward



Summary of changes proposed.

This is a new ward and comprises all the area North of the revised Weddington Ward. It includes proposed phases 1a, 3, 4 and 5 of the Top Farm development as defined in the approved outline planning application. The East boundary is the edge of the Taylor Wimpey Calender Farm Phase II development with Nuneaton Fields Farm.

### Rational

The two main drivers of expansion to the North of Weddington are the expansion of Mira on the A5 and development of area called HSG1 in local plan which is along a new northern spine road. There is a proposed secondary school and primary Schools planned for this area connected with the Northern spine road. There is poor connectivity between existing and new estates due to ransom strips. The Top Farm development is so large that including it all in a single ward would lead to a very rapid need for another boundary review if it is built out over a decade or so. The secondary School and larger top section will sit on spine road. The owner of Nuneaton Fields Farm has yet to approve the connection across their farm drive which means it is a logical place to split the ward from Eastboro ward. It is projected to be the idea size around 2028 subject to Top Farm buildout.