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Please find attached a letter from the Chief Executive together with a submission on behalf of North Tyneside Council, in response to the LGBCE's draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements published by the LGBCE in February 2023.

Could I ask that if the LGBCE publish the attached, the signatures in the covering letter and in Annex 4 are redacted before publication? Thank you.

Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to let me know.

Attached Documents:

- Annex 1.pdf
- Annex 2.pdf
- Annex 3.pdf
- Annex 4.pdf
- Annex 5.pdf
- 170423 LGBCE cover letter.pdf
- LGBCE (response) April 2023 - FINAL.pdf



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17 April 2023

Dear Richard

**Electoral Review of North Tyneside Council:
Comments on Local Government Boundary Commission for England
(LGBCE) Publication '*New electoral arrangements for North Tyneside
Council - Draft Recommendations February 2023*'**

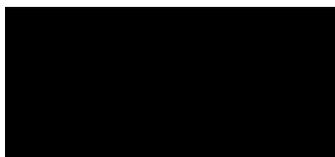
Further to the LGBCE's publication of its draft recommendations (referenced above), please find attached as requested a submission setting out feedback from the Authority on those draft recommendations.

As set out in the document the submission has been prepared by a cross-party member working group of serving councillors on North Tyneside Council, supported by officers as required. All political groups currently represented on the Council have participated in this work.

The submission enclosed sets out comments and alternative suggestions from the cross-party member working group for future warding arrangements in the borough of North Tyneside.

I would ask that this submission is considered as part of LGBCE's continuing electoral review of North Tyneside.

Yours sincerely



Paul Hanson
Chief Executive of North Tyneside Council

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1 Background

1.1 In August 2021 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) advised North Tyneside Council (the Authority) that an electoral review of the Council was due to take place.

1.2 As explained by the LGBCE, an electoral review has the following key stages:

- (a) **Preliminary stage** – LGBCE gather initial information about the local authority, including electoral forecast data, and meet with councillors, officers and group leaders
- (b) **Councillor numbers ('council size') stage** – LGBCE decide how many councillors should be elected to the Council in future, based on evidence. The LGBCE base this decision on four factors:
 - the governance arrangements of the council;
 - the council's scrutiny functions;
 - the representational role of councillors; and
 - future trends and plans for the council
- (c) **Warding arrangements stage** – LGBCE ask the Council and public for views on where the boundaries between wards should lie, and the names of wards
- (d) **Draft recommendations** – LGBCE publish draft recommendations on future electoral arrangements, for consultation with the Authority and the public
- (e) **Final recommendations** – LGBCE produce final recommendations on future electoral arrangements, which will be put before Parliament in a draft order to be made law. The draft order, if made, gives effect to the final recommendations and is laid before Parliament for a period of 40 sitting days.

- 1.3 During 2022 the Authority provided information to the LGBCE in support of stages (a) to (c) above.
- 1.4 In August 2022 the LGBCE advised the Authority that in terms of council size (councillor numbers), it had determined that North Tyneside Council requires 60 councillors and should remain with that number of elected members in future.
- 1.5 In February 2023 the LGBCE published its draft recommendations on future electoral arrangements (specifically, a proposed new pattern of wards for North Tyneside). This is stage (d) in the process outlined above. The LGBCE draft recommendations propose changes to all ward boundaries in North Tyneside. The LGBCE's draft recommendations on warding arrangements can be viewed in full here: [LGBCE – Draft Recommendations \(February 2023\)](#).
- 1.6 The LGBCE has explained that these draft recommendations are subject to a period of public consultation. The LGBCE has invited any interested party – the local authority itself, and residents, businesses, community groups, political groups, or any other person or body who may be interested – to comment on the LGBCE proposals by 17 April 2023. North Tyneside Council has publicised the LGBCE's consultation widely, displaying posters in our public buildings and including links to the LGBCE's consultation on the Council website and social media pages.
- 1.7 The Authority has taken the opportunity to carefully consider and reflect on the LGBCE's proposals and the draft recommendations published by the LGBCE in February 2023. This submission sets out comments from a cross-party working group of elected members on North Tyneside Council regarding the LGBCE's warding proposals, on behalf of the Authority. This submission also sets out some alternative warding proposals for discrete aspects of the borough, together with the rationale for this; and the outcomes of specific consultation undertaken by the Authority with households in those areas.

2 Overview

- 2.1 The LGBCE has commented on the difficulties it has encountered in applying its three statutory criteria when developing proposed ward boundaries for the borough of North Tyneside. The cross-party Elected Member Boundary Working Group (established by the Authority to provide information to the LGBCE in support of the Electoral Review) recognises these complexities. It is clear that when applied to North Tyneside, the three criteria of delivering electoral equality for local electors; reflecting the interests and identities of local communities; and delivering modern and convenient local government can and often do compete.
- 2.2 The Elected Member Boundary Working Group ('the Working Group') has considered the draft recommendations published by the LGBCE in February 2023 in considerable detail. The Working Group has reviewed and evaluated the impact of the LGBCE's proposals across every ward.
- 2.3 The Working Group recognises that the LGBCE is required to determine a borough-wide pattern of wards for North Tyneside and that changes to one ward will have a consequential impact on the application of the three statutory criteria elsewhere within the borough. The Working Group considers that in a number of areas, particularly around the coast and in the North West of the borough; and in some established communities around townships such as Fordley, Benton, Killingworth and Wallsend; the application of the statutory criteria is problematic. The Working Group considered proposing changes to the LGBCE's recommendations regarding the Preston with Preston Grange, Tynemouth, Cullercoats and Whitley Bay South, Whitley Bay North and Monkseaton areas. However as it was unlikely that the Working Group could reach a consensus on these areas, it therefore focussed its attention on areas elsewhere within the borough which the Working Group agreed needed wholesale change.
- 2.4 Having regard to the criteria and the requirement for a borough-wide scheme the cross-party Elected Member Boundary Working Group has therefore focussed in particular on proposing alternative ward boundaries for the communities in the North and West of the borough. In these areas specifically, the Working Group judged that a more appropriate 'fit' of the criteria would be possible and better reflect the interests of communities and deliver modern and convenient local government in these areas.

- 2.5 The Working Group has also provided comments around a specific part of the current Howdon ward for the LGBCE's consideration. While inclusion of this locality within the Howdon ward would increase elector numbers in that ward, the Working Group consider that the community identity considerations would justify this and would therefore request that the LGBCE reviews this further.
- 2.6 Subject to the areas highlighted above in paragraph 2.4 and 2.5, and mindful of the requirement to have a borough-wide pattern of boundaries, the Working Group was content to accept that the warding pattern proposed elsewhere within the borough by LGBCE in February 2023 would suffice.
- 2.7 The Working Group wishes to emphasise that the proposals set out in this submission are unanimous and represent the combined judgement of all members who have participated in meetings of the Working Group. All political groups on North Tyneside (Conservative; Independent and Labour) have been represented on the Working Group.
- 2.8 The alternative proposals prepared by the Working Group have also been subject to consultation with residents in the parts of the borough who would be affected by the proposed alternative warding patterns. 6,119 households were contacted and invited to give their views, and 467 responses were received. More information on this consultation is set out later in this paper (Section 4).

3 Comments on the LGBCE Draft Recommendations (February 2023); and Alternative Proposals

- 3.1 As explained above the Authority has previously established a small, cross-party and politically balanced Working Group of elected members, supported by officers, to consider and respond to information requests relating to the LGBCE's electoral review. All political groups on North Tyneside Council are represented on this cross-party working group.
- 3.2 The cross-party working group has again met to consider the LGBCE's draft recommendations which were published in February 2023 and to prepare this response on behalf of the Authority.

Areas in which Alternative Boundaries are Proposed

- 3.3 The Working Group identified 8 areas in which it considered that more appropriate boundaries between wards, better reflecting the LGBCE's three statutory criteria, could be made whilst not adversely impacting on the warding pattern within the wider borough and the balance of the three statutory criteria elsewhere in the borough. These areas cover:

Area 1	Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth; and Dudley, Seaton Burn and Wideopen
Area 2	Longbenton; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor
Area 3	Killingworth; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor
Area 4	Annitsford, Burradon & Backworth; and Holystone
Area 5	Holystone; and Killingworth
Area 6	Killingworth; and Benton & Forest Hall
Area 7	Benton & Forest Hall; and Longbenton & Benton
Area 8	Wallsend Central; and Howdon

- 3.4 In each of these areas, the LGBCE's proposed ward and ward boundaries are shown as Map A in Annex 1. The amended boundaries proposed by the Working Group, on behalf of the Authority, are shown as Map B in in Annex 1. There are therefore two maps for each of the areas outlined above.
- 3.5 When undertaking consultation in each of the areas above, both maps – A and B – were shared with each household with respondents asked to advise which they preferred. Households were also advised how they could make alternative representations direct to the LGBCE. This is outlined in Section 4 below.
- 3.6 For completeness a map showing the borough in its entirety, including the revised boundaries proposed by the Working Group as summarised above, is shown at Annex 2.

Rationale for Alternative Boundaries in these Areas

Area 1: Part of proposed Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth; and Dudley, Seaton Burn and Wideopen

- 3.7 In this part of the borough, the Working Group understand that applying the LGBCE's 'electoral equality' criterion presents some difficulties. However it is considered that the LGBCE's recommended boundary (Area 1, Map A of Annex 1) has a number of disadvantages including that the community of Dudley would be split across the B1319 main road if the LGBCE's proposal were to move to implementation.
- 3.8 The alternative proposed by the Working Group (Area 1, Map B of Annex 1) rectifies this aspect of the LGBCE's proposals and brings Dudley back into one area. This recognises the cluster of facilities around the John Willie Sams Centre and reflects important transport routes in this part of North Tyneside.
- 3.9 The Working Group has proposed that the Ashkirk area moves from the Annitsford ward to the Seaton Burn ward. Although the 545 electors in this area would create a variance below -10%, there are good community reasons for this change. If LGBCE do not however agree with the impact on electorate numbers, this aspect of the proposed changes could be reversed without harm to the wider changes proposed by the Working Group in the North West. If Ashkirk remains

with Annitsford the variance is -10% for Dudley, Seaton Burn and -6.8% for Annitsford, West Moor.

Area 2: Part of proposed Longbenton ward placed in a new Annitsford, Dudley & West Moor ward

- 3.10 The boundaries proposed by the LGBCE in this area (Area 2, Map A of Annex 1) present an area which is not workable. The area crosses the A19 around Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth, and there is a disconnect with Fordley and Annitsford. The Working Group consider that the communities are too disparate within the proposed ward, particularly with the divide of the A19 running through the LGBCE's proposed ward as it does.
- 3.11 It is proposed that the A19 would present a better boundary and this is shown in the alternative set out by the Working Group (Area 2, Map B). It is recognised however that this, in turn, is likely to create some problems with the electoral equality aspect of the criteria. The inclusion of West Moor in the proposed ward would help to address this, and would make sense as West Moor is a community distinct from Longbenton or Killingworth. It is as well connected with Annitsford and Burradon, reflected in Map B.
- 3.12 Including the area east of the East Coast Main Line (ECML) at Greenhaugh opens the area out. Businesses which operate to the east of the ECML in this area (e.g. in Planet Place) can be accessed under the bridge hence the ECML is not a barrier. Regarding Killingworth in the proposed ward shown in Map B, it is logical to use the lake as a boundary.

Area 3: Part of proposed Killingworth ward placed in a new Annitsford, Dudley & West Moor ward

- 3.13 The rationale for change in this area is set out at 3.8 above with the inclusion of new development at Ryder Court, Yates Close and George Court within the Working Group's proposed Annitsford, Dudley and West Moor ward. The LGBCE's proposals for Killingworth ward are shown as Area 3, Map A of Annex 1. The Working Group's proposals are shown as Area 3, Map B (note that this is the same as Area 2, Map B, as the Working Group are proposing that 2 of the LGBCE's different wards are combined in the same ward).

Area 4: Part of proposed Annitsford, Burradon & Backworth ward placed in a revised Holystone ward

- 3.14 This aspect of the warding proposals covers the area to the east of the A19, proposed for inclusion by LGBCE within the Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth ward. The LGBCE's proposals are set out as Area 4, Map A in Annex 1.
- 3.15 The Working Group considers that the communities of Backworth and Fordley are distinct, with different community activities, and the rationale for the LGBCE combining these in one ward on the basis of rurality does not reflect this or provide clear robust boundaries.
- 3.16 The Working Group would instead propose that the part of the LGBCE's proposed ward to the east of the A19 is instead placed within the Holystone ward (see Area 4, Map B of in Annex 1). This proposed ward would include part of Killingworth Moor and would reflect planned development in this part of the Killingworth area, set out in the Local Plan. The A19 in this area does not represent a barrier as there is permeability enabled by three crossings (the Killingworth Lane flyover between Backworth and Killingworth at the B1317; the existing underpass, which will allow the approved development to be reached; and the Holystone roundabout, which already gives good access and has been heavily improved for pedestrian and cycle access). Existing recent housing developments in Backworth, for the purposes of developing warding boundaries, would seem to fit better with Holystone as reflected in the Working Group's proposals at Map B for this area.

Area 5: Part of proposed Holystone ward placed in a revised Killingworth ward

- 3.17 The LGBCE proposal in this area (Area 5, Map A of Annex 1) places Killingworth Village into Holystone. The Working Group considers that there are likely to be strong community identity arguments to place the village in the Killingworth ward, proposed by the Working Group (see Area 5, Map B of in Annex 1). West Lane is not separate to Killingworth; it is a corridor for pedestrians and the green break in this area is considered more of a unifying factor than a boundary. Hence in the Working Group's proposal (Map B) this has been added back into the proposed Killingworth ward. The B1317 is instead proposed as a boundary.

Area 6: Part of proposed Holystone ward placed in a revised Benton & Forest Hall ward

- 3.18 Having proposed the changes outlined above, the Working Group was mindful of the importance of balancing the electoral equality aspects in this part of the borough. The LGBCE proposal for the Holystone ward (Area 6, Map A) placed much of the Forest Hall and Palmersville within the Holystone ward.
- 3.19 The boundary between Forest Hall and Benton appeared somewhat artificial and the Working Group propose that the boundary between the two wards is moved to Great Lime Road (see Area 6, Map B of Annex 1). Great Lime Road makes a better boundary as this is a strong main road in the area and makes a more natural division of established communities.

Area 7: Part of proposed Benton & Forest Hall placed in a revised Longbenton & Benton ward

- 3.20 In the LGBCE's proposed ward for this area (Area 7, Map A of in Annex 1) the boundary was the metro and four lane ends. The Working Group can see that spatially, this area provides complexities and the question of where Longbenton and Benton begin and end.
- 3.21 In the alternative proposal developed by the Working Group (Area 7, Map B of in Annex 1), more of Benton is set out in the Benton / Longbenton ward. The area is well-connected at Four Lane Ends and is well integrated as a community in terms of access to facilities and education provision, the areas are not disparate.

Area 8: Part of Wallsend Central placed in a revised Howdon ward

- 3.22 The final area on which the Working Group wishes to specifically comment is part of the Howdon locality. In the LGBCE's proposal (Area 8, Map A), part of the Howdon community (bordered by Angle Terrace, Glanton Close and West Farm Road) is proposed to transfer to Wallsend Central.
- 3.23 These homes are a fundamental part of Howdon and the Working Group consider it is wrong to split these from the Howdon ward. Accordingly the Working Group has proposed that the boundary is

moved to the green corridor to the west of West Farm Road, Richmond Road recognised as challenging in terms of elector numbers / electoral equality in the Howdon ward, the LGBCE is recommended to consider the strong community ties in this area and consider the revised boundary suggested by the Working Group.

Impact on Electorate Numbers in the Working Group's Alternative Proposals

- 3.24 The impact of the ward boundary changes proposed by the Working Group on elector numbers in the areas set out above is summarised in Annex 3.

4 Consultation on Alternative Proposals

- 4.1 To seek a view from residents in the areas covered by the alternative proposals developed by the Working Group, specific targeted consultation of all households in these areas was undertaken.
- 4.2 A letter was mailed to all households in each area (see Annex 4), with a copy of the LGBCE's proposed ward map for that part of the borough (Map A) and the alternative proposal developed by the Working Group (Map B). Households were invited to express a preference for one of these warding proposals and were also made aware that altogether different proposals could be made direct to the LGBCE if desired. Households were then asked to outline their reasons for their preference, by means of a simple questionnaire based on the LGBCE's statutory criteria used when developing warding arrangements as part of electoral reviews.
- 4.3 The numbers of households consulted in each area was as follows, together with the overall preferences shown for Map A (the LGBCE's proposals) or Map B (the Working Group's proposals):

Area	Area Description	Total number of households contacted	Number of Responses Preferring Map A	Number of Responses Preferring Map B
Area 1	Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth; and Dudley, Seaton Burn and Wideopen	322	0	17
Area 2	Longbenton; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor	1261	48	41
Area 3	Killingworth; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor	206	12	3
Area 4	Annitsford, Burradon & Backworth; and Holystone	1476	11	118
Area 5	Holystone; and Killingworth	160	7	11
Area 6	Killingworth; and Benton & Forest Hall	1243	10	69
Area 7	Benton & Forest Hall; and Longbenton & Benton	913	73	16
Area 8	Wallsend Central; and Howdon	538	4	15
	Respondents who did not identify their area or were not matched to the area		6	6

- 4.4 Analysis of these responses, together with all comments received from the consultation for completeness, is set out in Annex 5.

- 4.5 As demonstrated by the table above, respondents in some areas showed a distinct preference for the Working Group's 'Map B' proposal (e.g. Area 1, and Area 4); while other areas showed almost equal preference between respondents for Map A, the LGBCE's proposal, and Map B (e.g. Area 2 and Area 5). It is suggested that Areas 6 and 7 are read together because of their proximity.
- 4.6 Although response rates were low the Working Group consider there is merit in presenting all outcomes from the consultation and the views of those residents who wished to respond on the proposals; and that, the responses show that in 5 of the 8 areas, the Working Group's alternative proposals were favoured overall. It is hoped that this data and comments from residents is considered useful by the LGBCE when determining the final borough-wide warding arrangements for the Borough of North Tyneside.

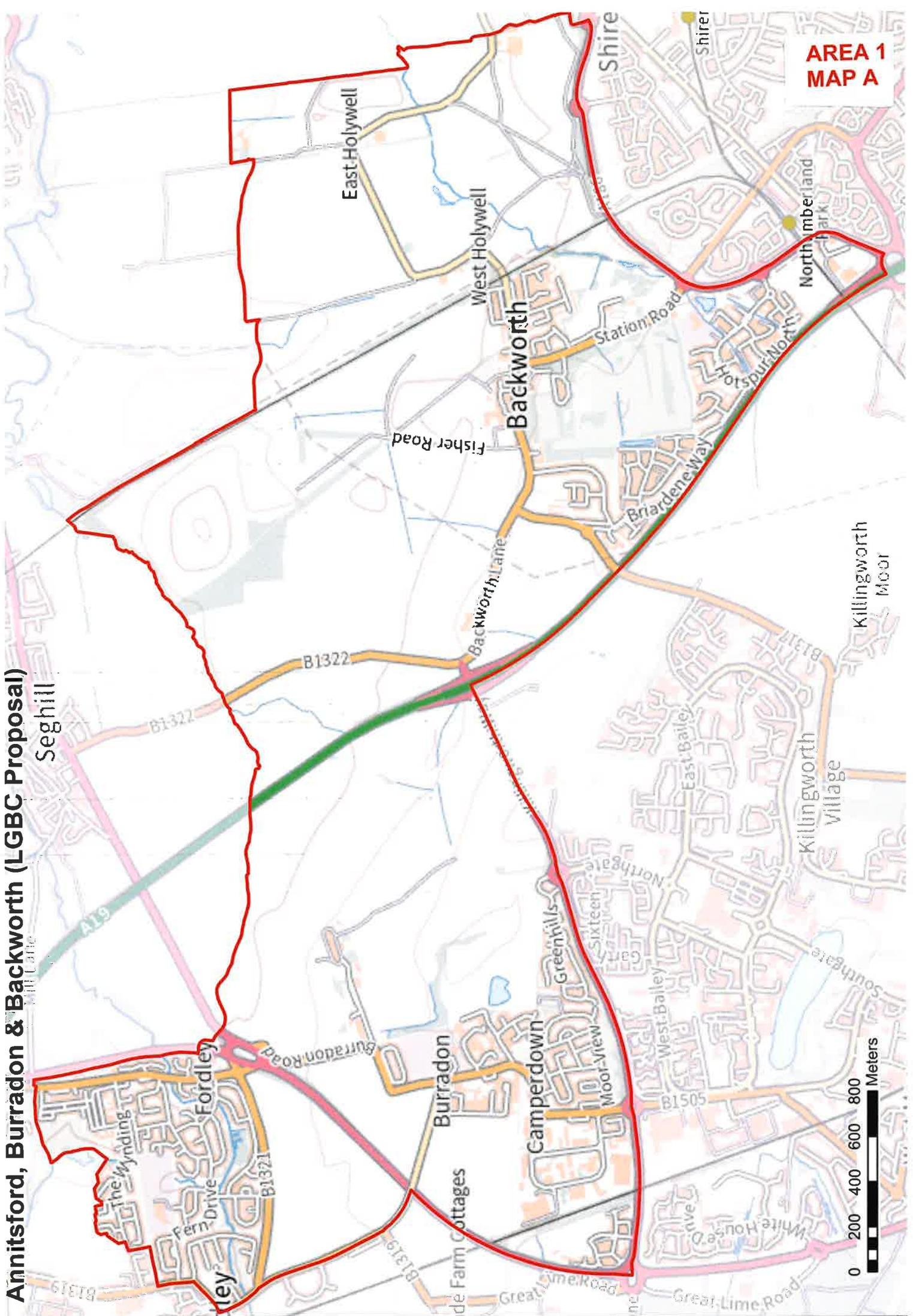
5 Concluding Remarks

- 5.1 The Elected Member Boundary Working Group would like to record its appreciation to residents who responded to the targeted consultation on proposed warding patterns, as summarised earlier in this paper and in Annex 5. All views are important and hence all views received have been included in this submission for the LGBCE's consideration.
- 5.2 The Working Group would also reiterate its comments regarding the complexity of balancing the statutory criteria used when establishing warding patterns. However, given the strong community considerations outlined earlier in this paper, specifically in the North West of the borough and in a discrete part of the Howdon / Wallsend area, the Working Group would commend the alternative warding patterns proposed by the Working Group in those areas to the LGBCE.

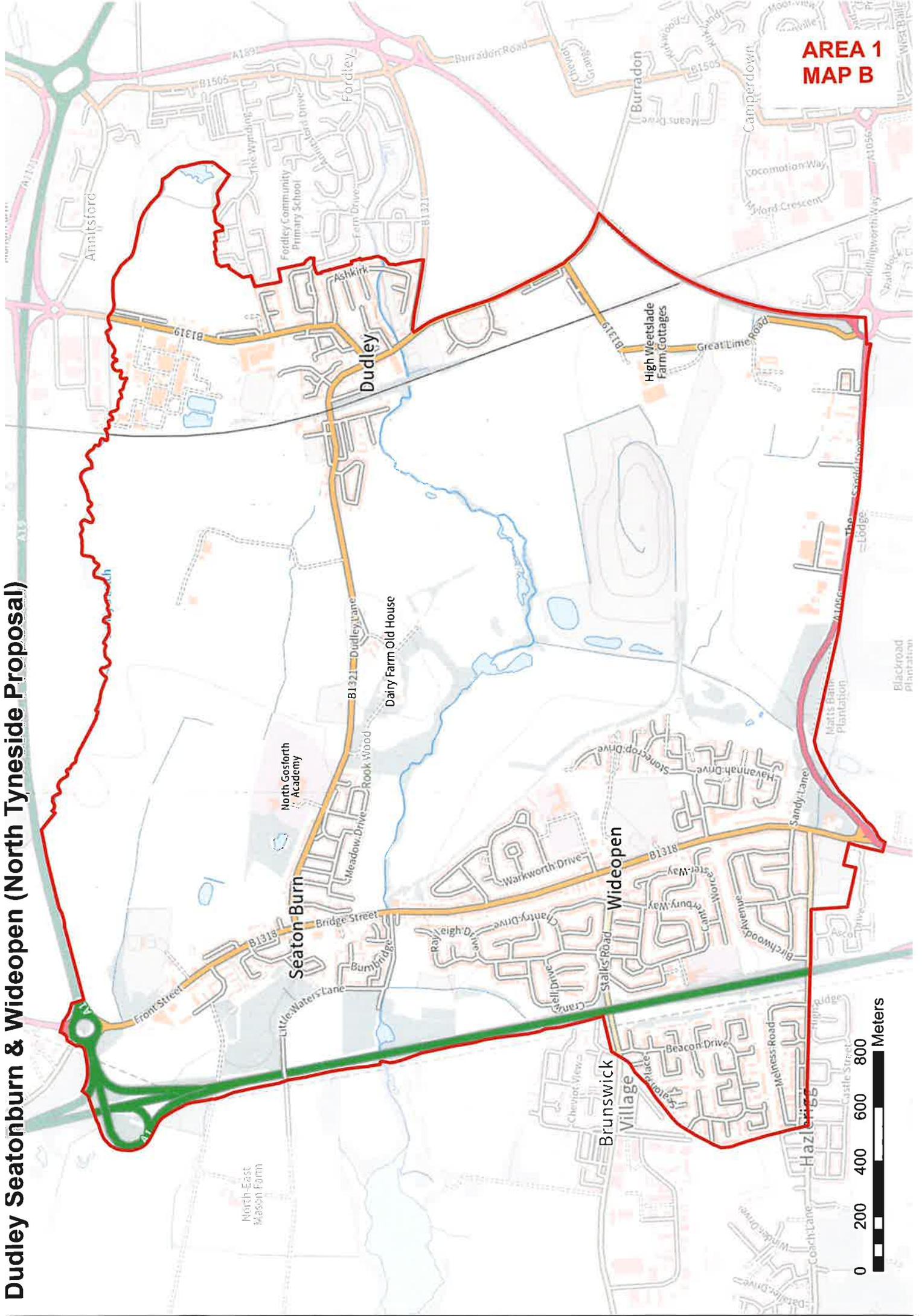
Annitsford, Burradon & Backworth (LGBC Proposal)

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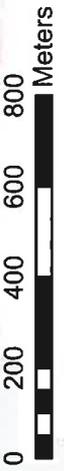
**AREA 1
MAP A**



Dudley Seatonburn & Wideopen (North Tyneside Proposal)

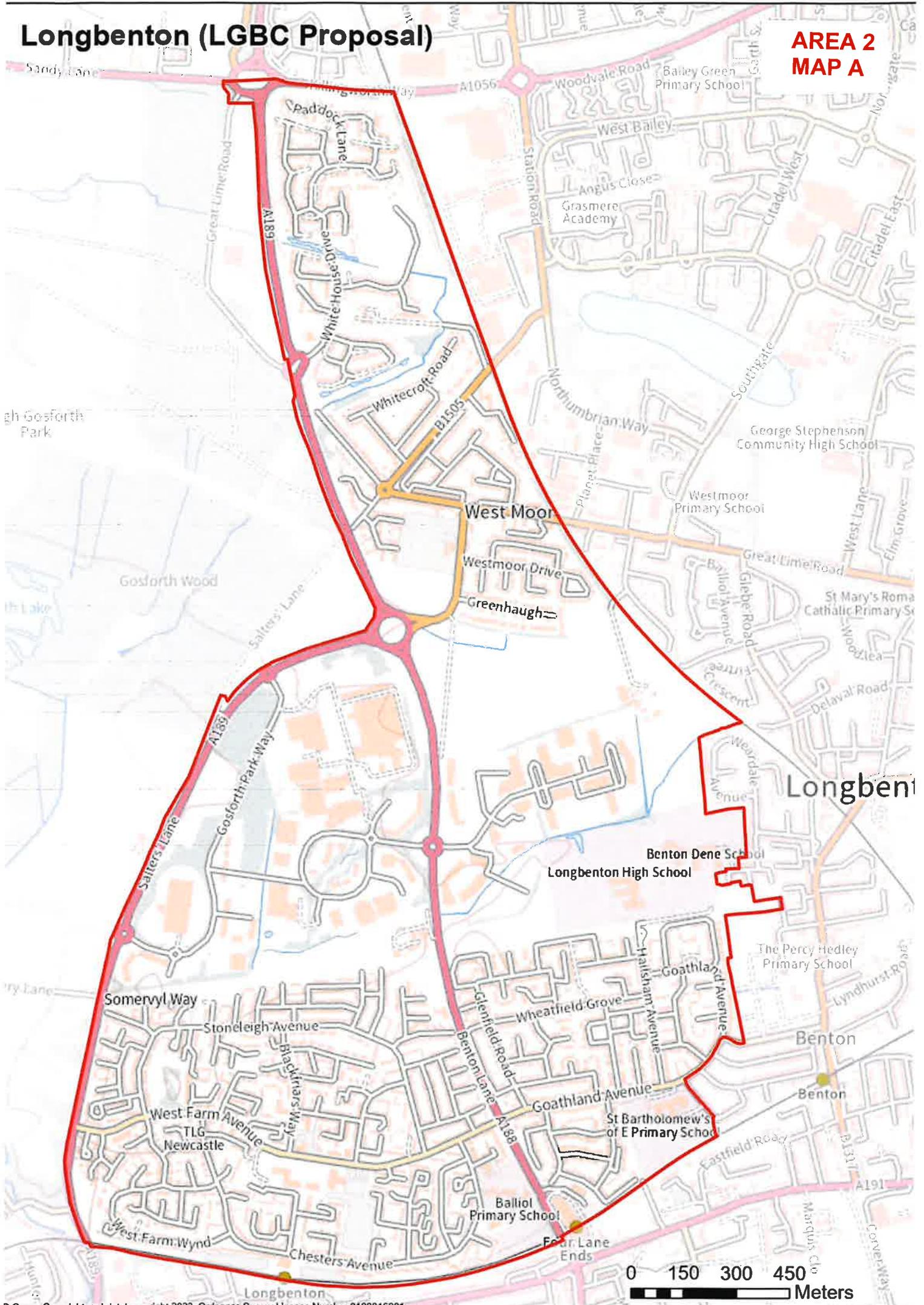


**AREA 1
MAP B**



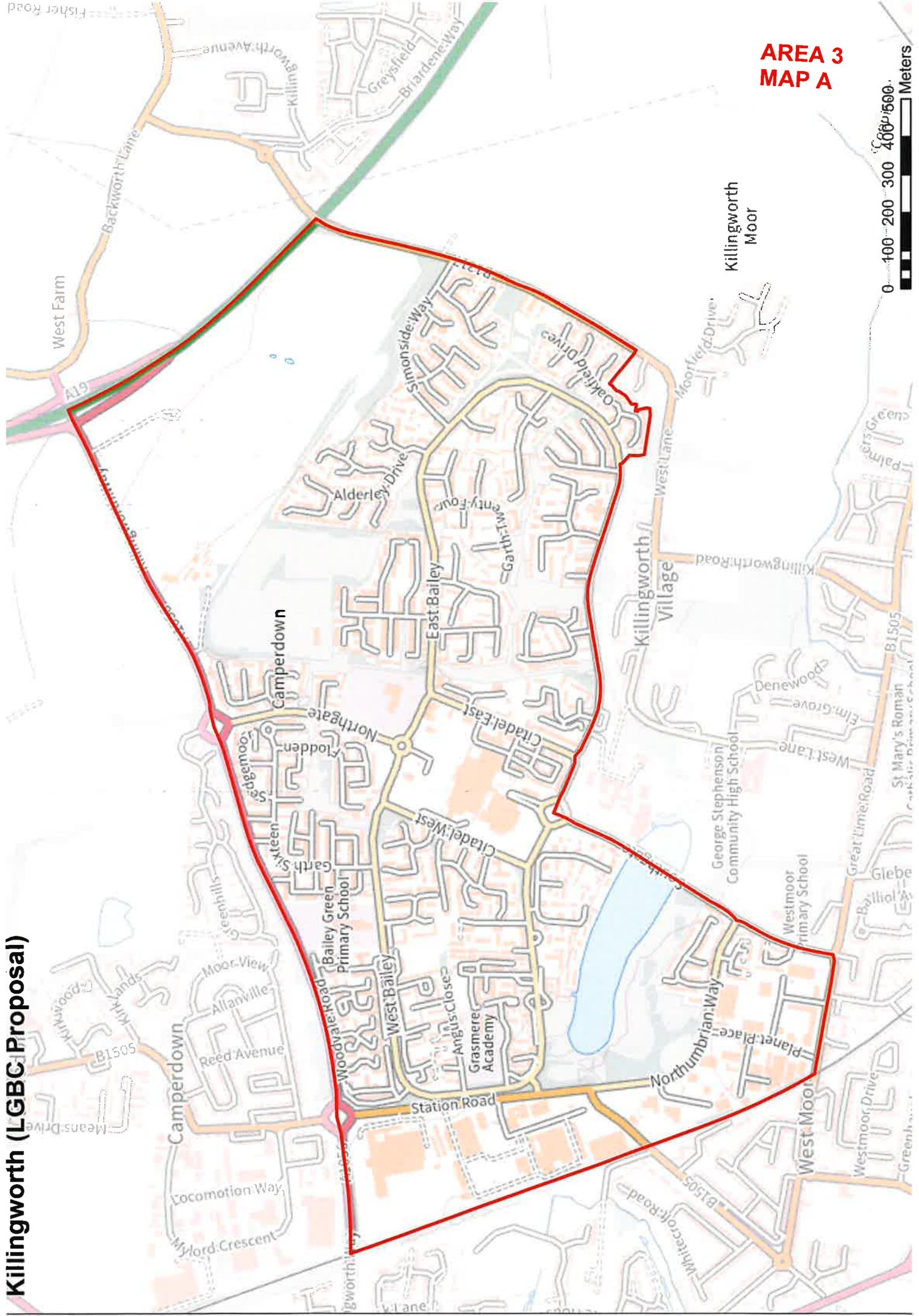
Longbenton (LGBC Proposal)

**AREA 2
MAP A**



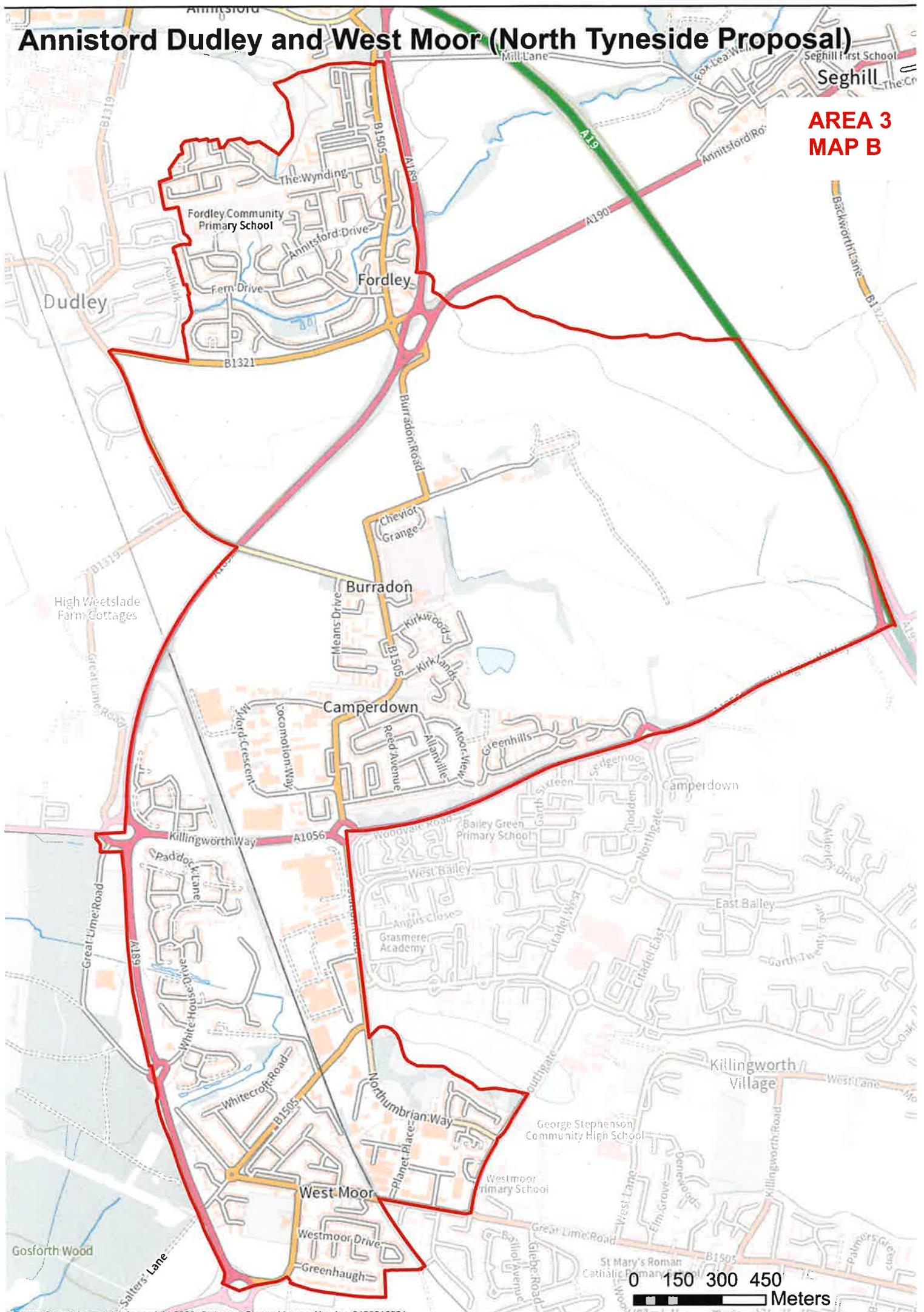
Killingworth (LGBC Proposal)

AREA 3 MAP A



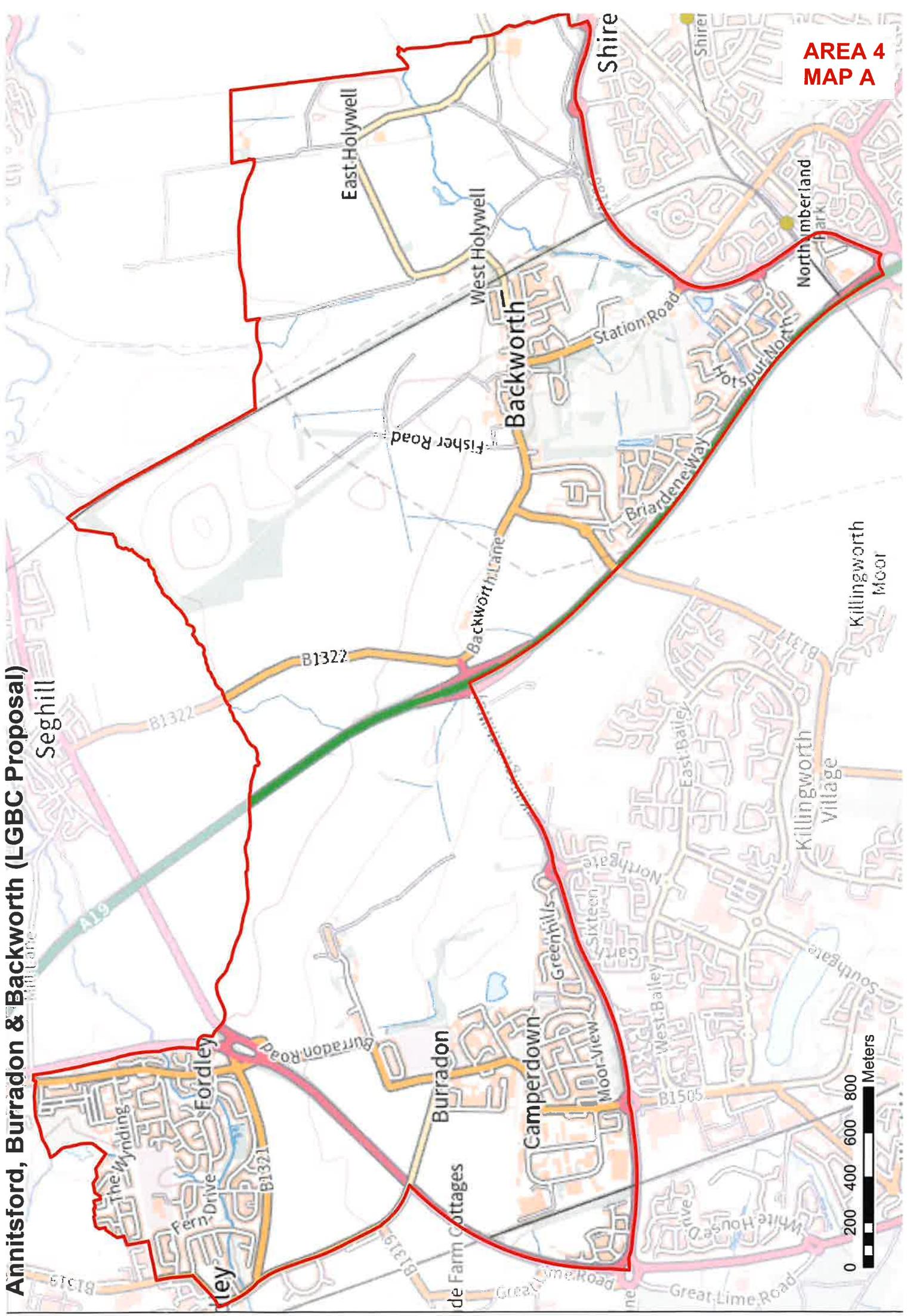
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**AREA 3
MAP B**



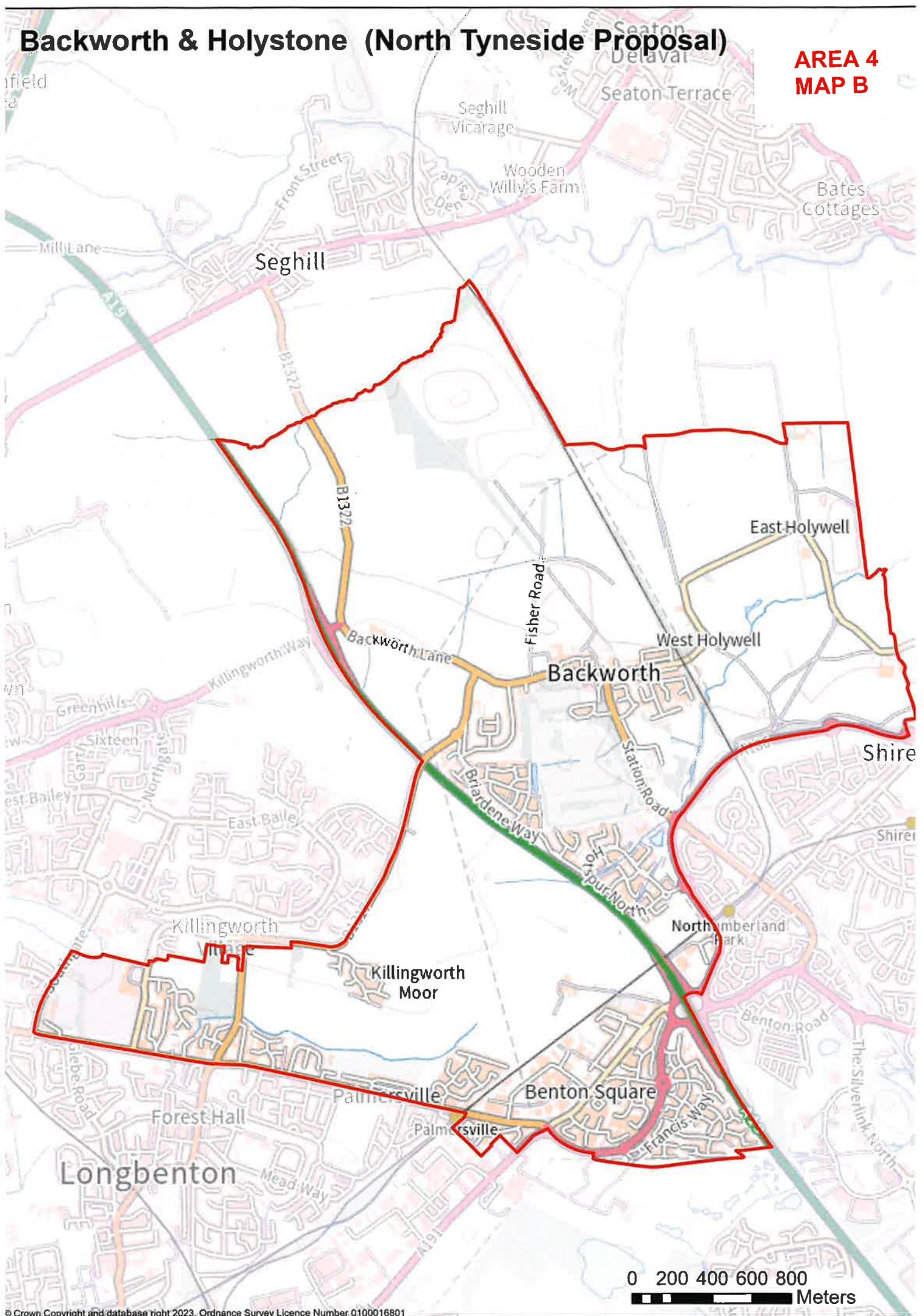
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AREA 4 MAP A



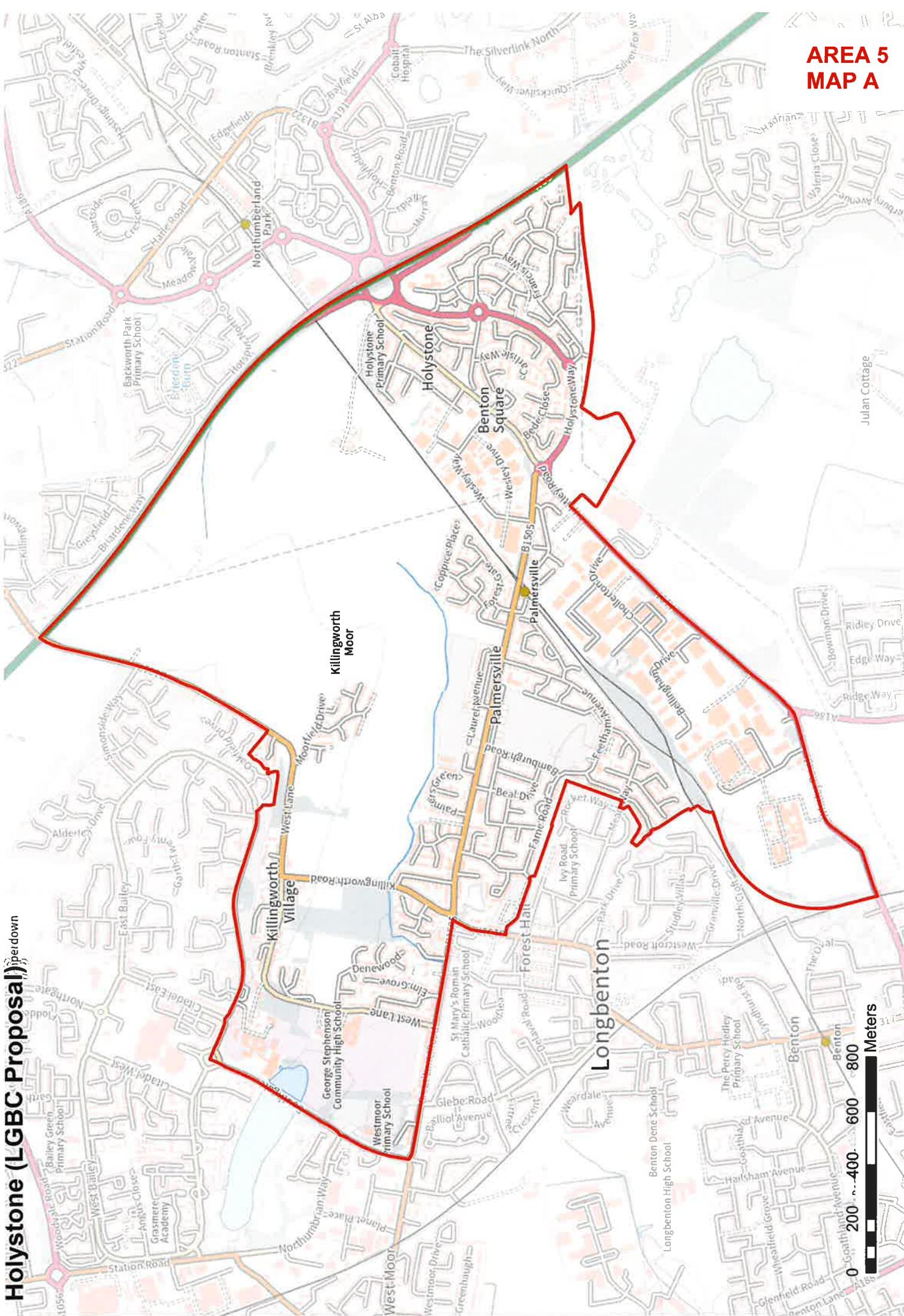
Backworth & Holystone (North Tyneside Proposal)

**AREA 4
MAP B**



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AREA 5 MAP A



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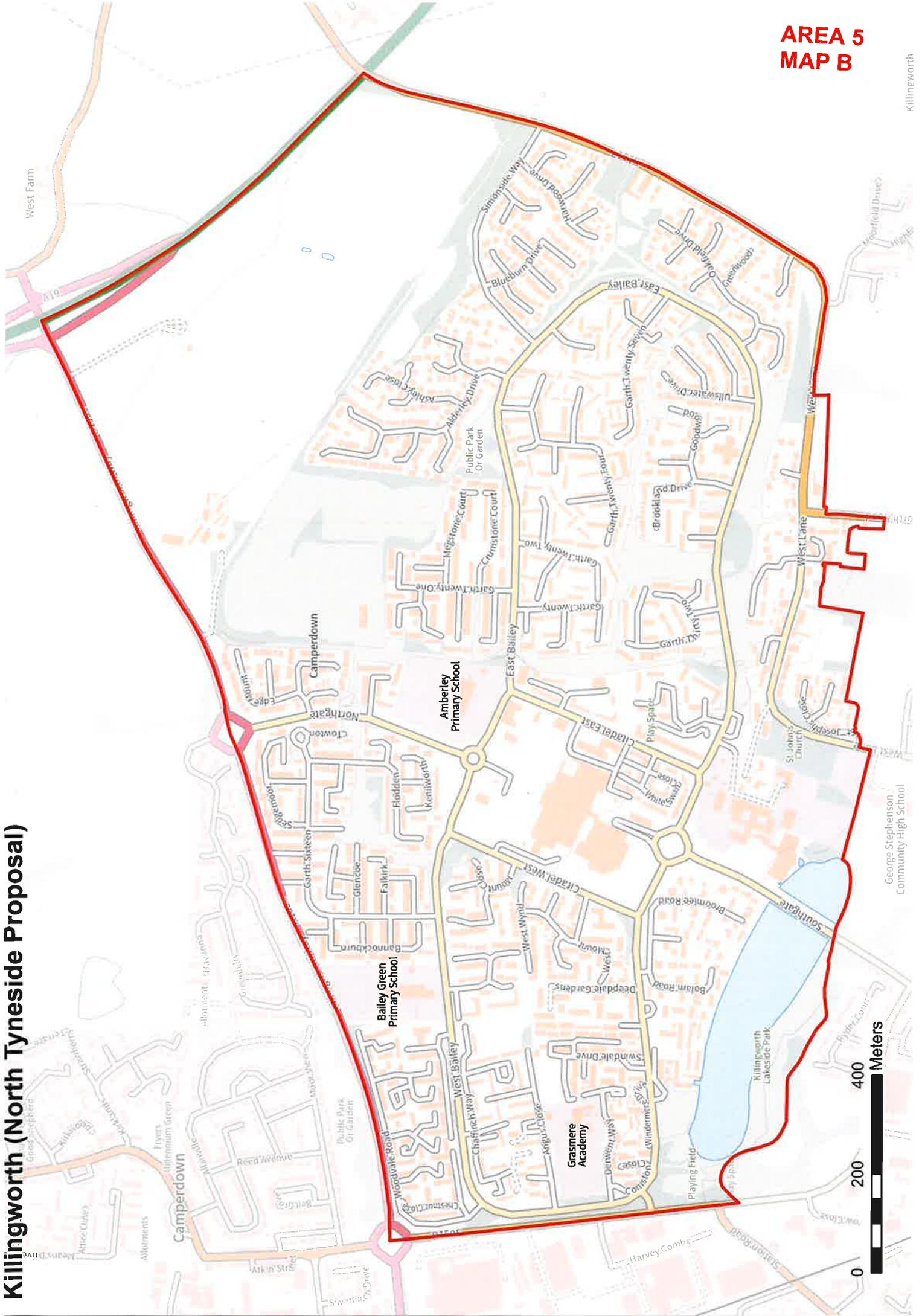
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Killingworth (North Tyneside Proposal)

AREA 5 MAP B

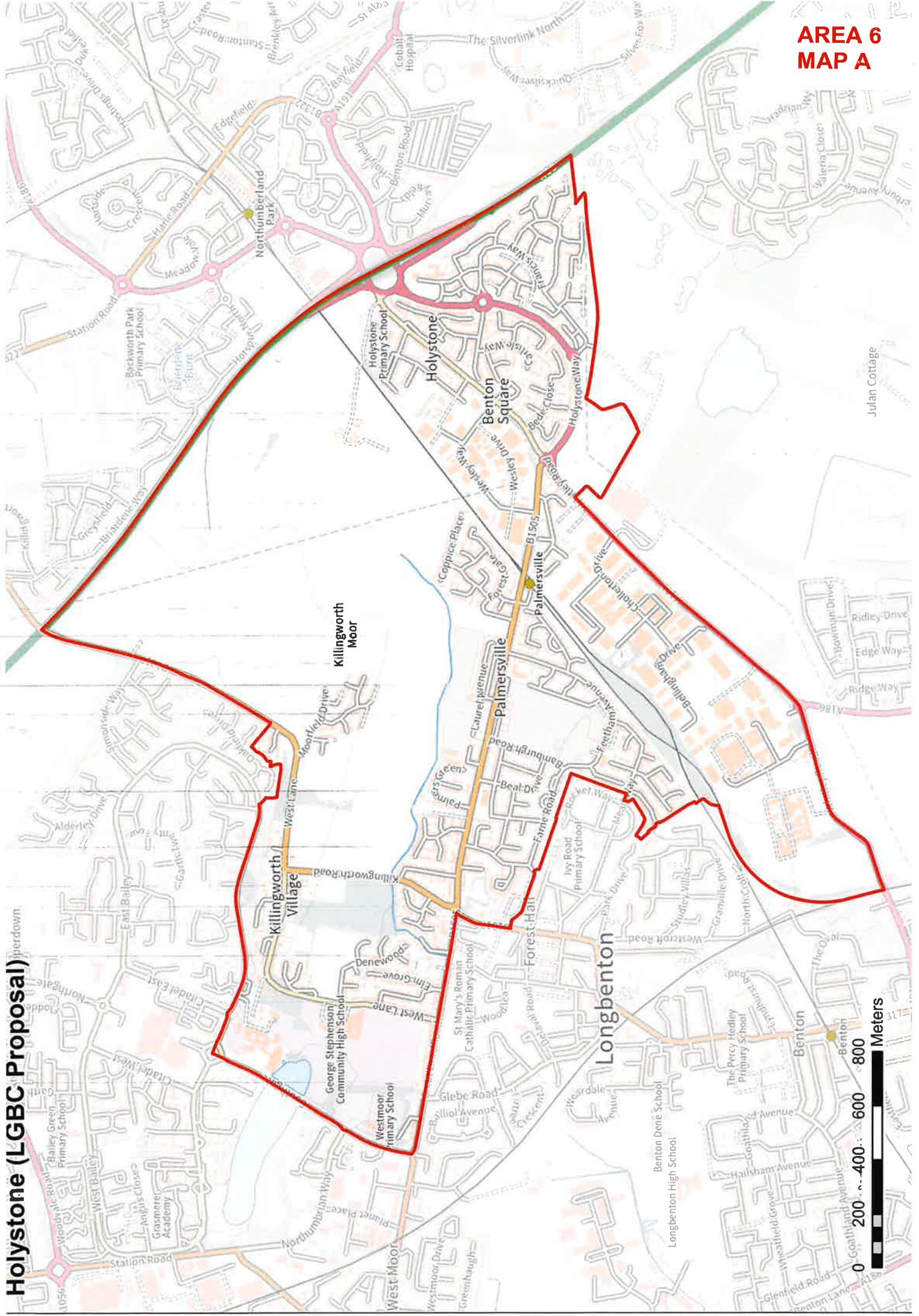
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Community High School

**AREA 6
MAP A**

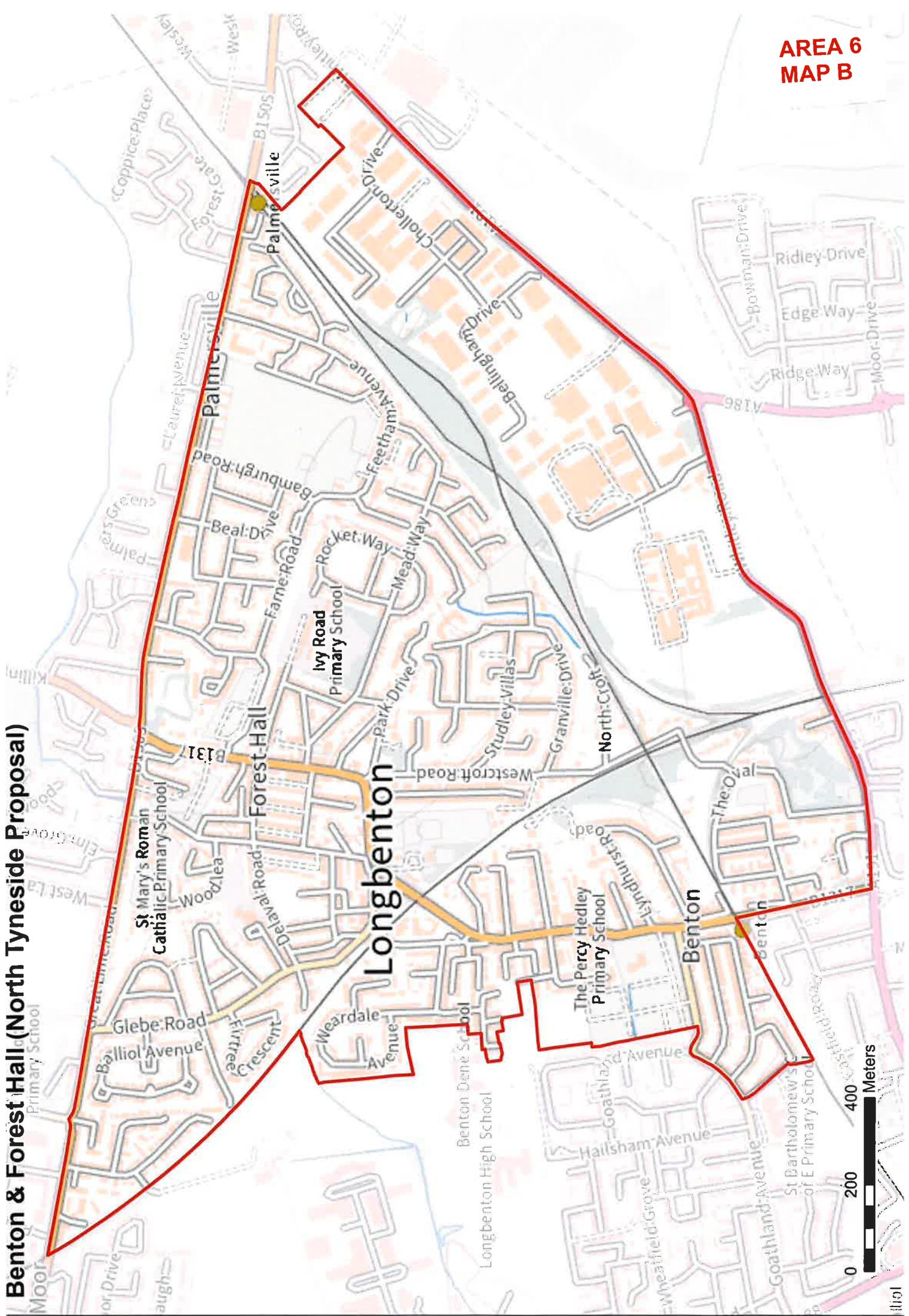
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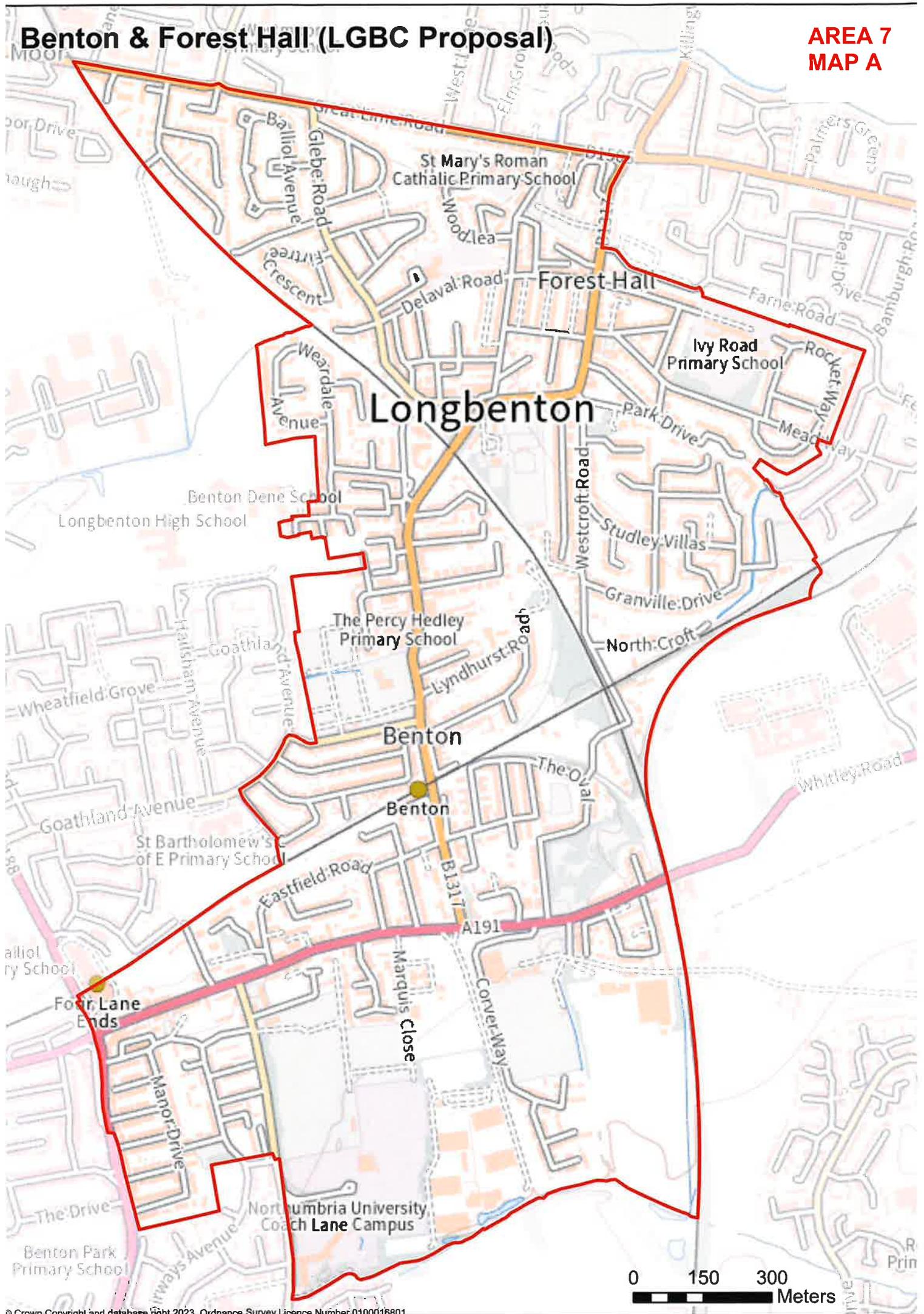
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Benton & Forest Hall (North Tyneside Proposal)



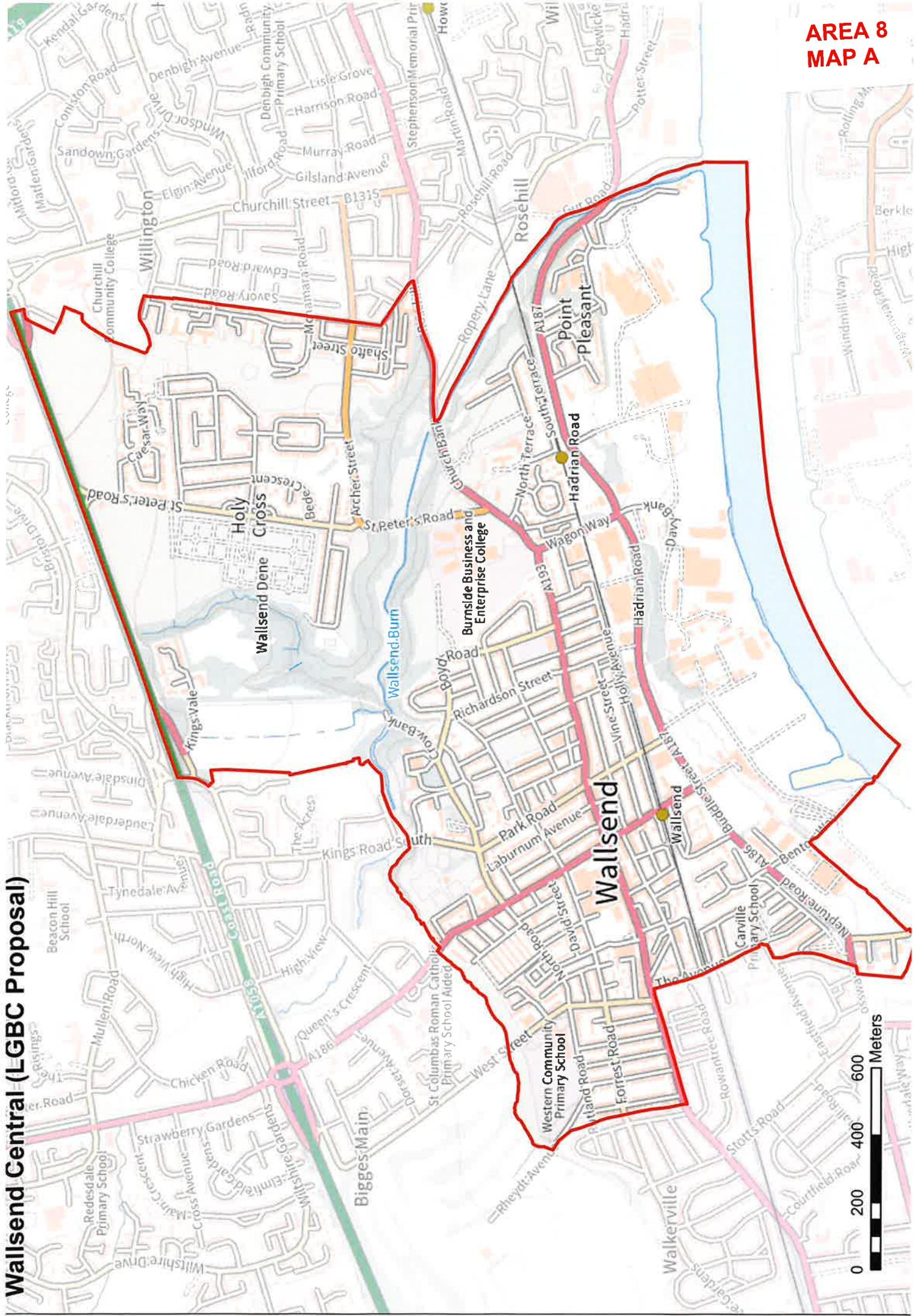
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**AREA 7
MAP A**



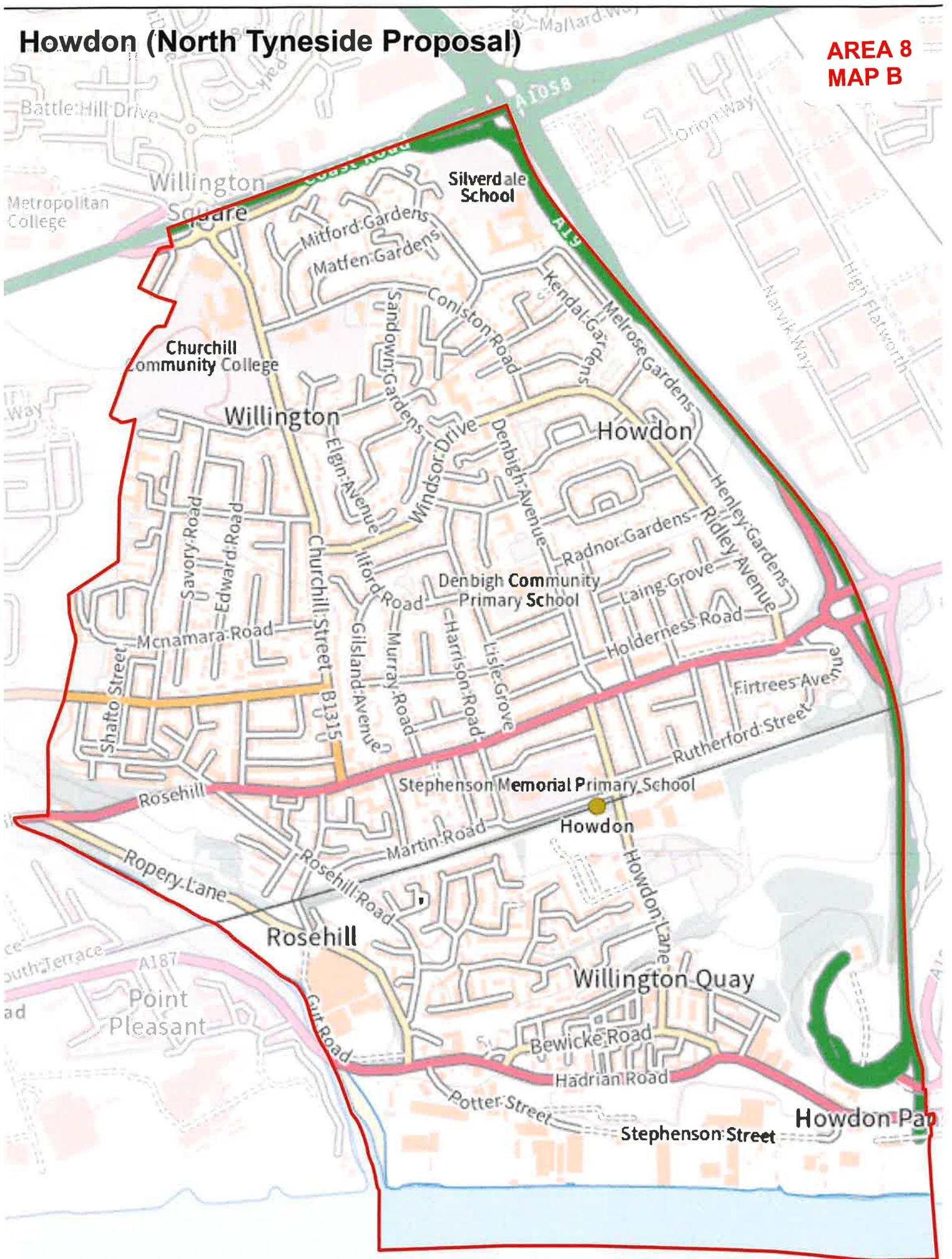
**AREA 8
MAP A**

Wallsend Central (LGBC Proposal)

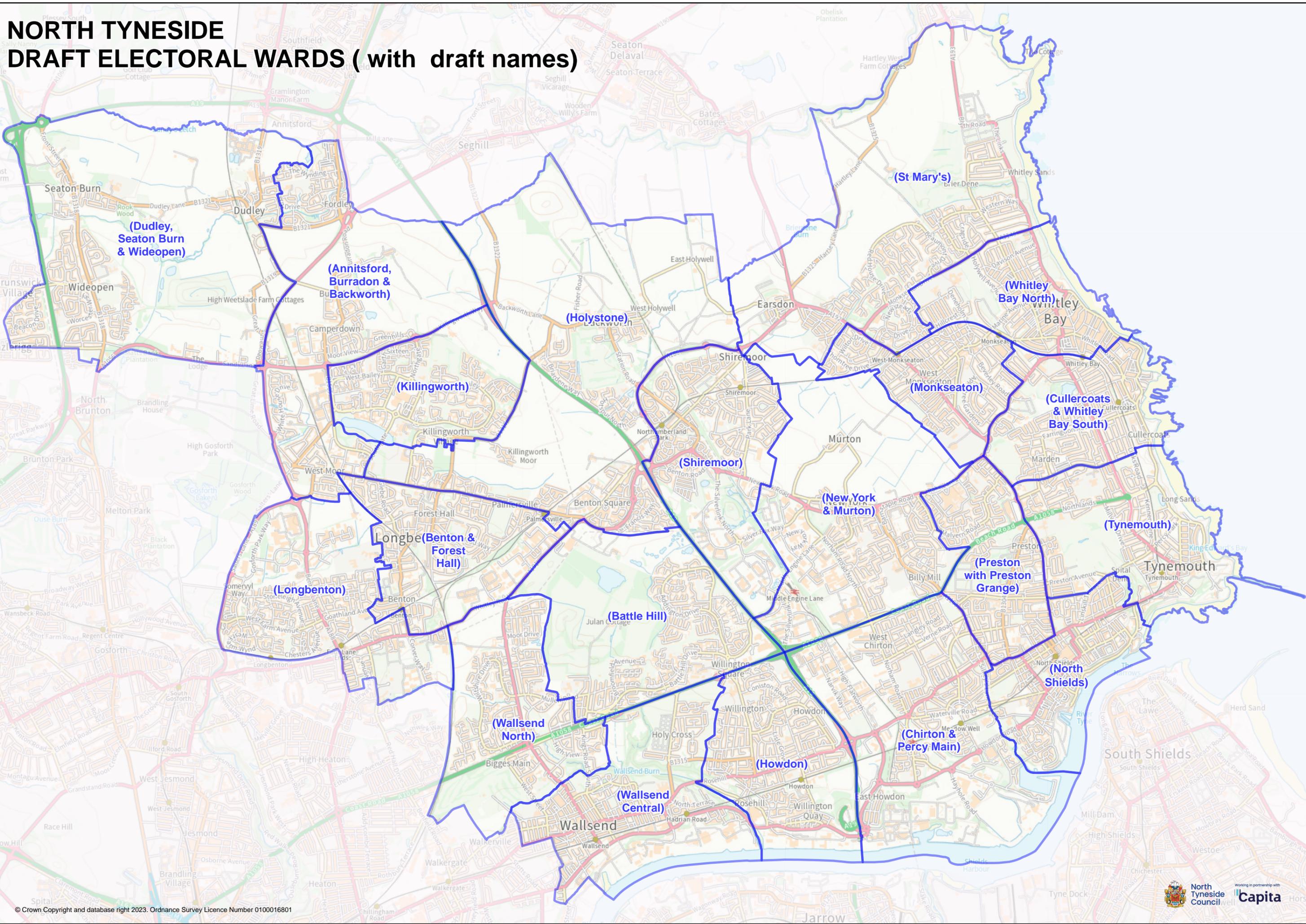


Howdon (North Tyneside Proposal)

**AREA 8
MAP B**



NORTH TYNESIDE DRAFT ELECTORAL WARDS (with draft names)



Annex 3: Analysis of Electoral Equality impacts arising from the Working Group Alternative Proposal

Analysis of Electoral Equality impacts arising from the Working Group Alternative Proposal															
			Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6	Area 7	Area 8					
	LGBC Electorate	Variance	Ashkirk	West Moor	Ryer Court	Backworth	Killingworth Village	Forest Hall / Palmerston	Benton	West Farm Road		New electorate	Change	Per councillor	Variance
Dudley, Seaton Burn	7443	-10.0%	545								Dudley, Seaton Burn	7988	545	2663	-3.4%
Annitsford, Burradon, Backworth	7721	-6.6%	-545	1948	324	-2291					Annitsford, West Moor	7157	-564	2386	-13.4%
Holystone	7540	-8.8%				2291	-348	-1866			Holystone and Backworth	7617	77	2539	-7.9%
Killingworth	7696	-6.9%			-324		348				Killingworth	7720	24	2573	-6.6%
Longbenton	8063	-2.5%		-1948					1614		Longbenton and Benton	7729	-334	2576	-6.5%
Benton and Forest Hall	7538	-8.8%						1866	-1614		Forest Hall	7790	252	2597	-5.8%
Wallsend Central	8562	3.6%								-638	Wallsend Central	7924	-638	2641	-4.2%
Howdon	8744	5.8%								638	Howdon	9382	638	3127	13.5%



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Dear Resident,

As you may know, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is conducting a review into the electoral wards in North Tyneside. This is to make sure local councillors all represent a similar number of electors. You can comment directly on the LGBCE's consultation at consultation.lgbce.org.uk

North Tyneside Council intends to respond to the LGBCE's proposals, suggesting some changes.

This includes a possible change to the electoral ward covering the area you live in. We would like to know which of the attached maps you consider best reflects your community and why. 'Map A' is the LGBCE's proposal, and 'Map B' is our proposal.

You can give your feedback by scanning this QR code or going to the link, answering a couple of questions, and telling us if you prefer A or B. The feedback form will close at midnight on 10 April 2023.

If you require further assistance to submit your feedback, you can contact us on the telephone number at the top of this letter.



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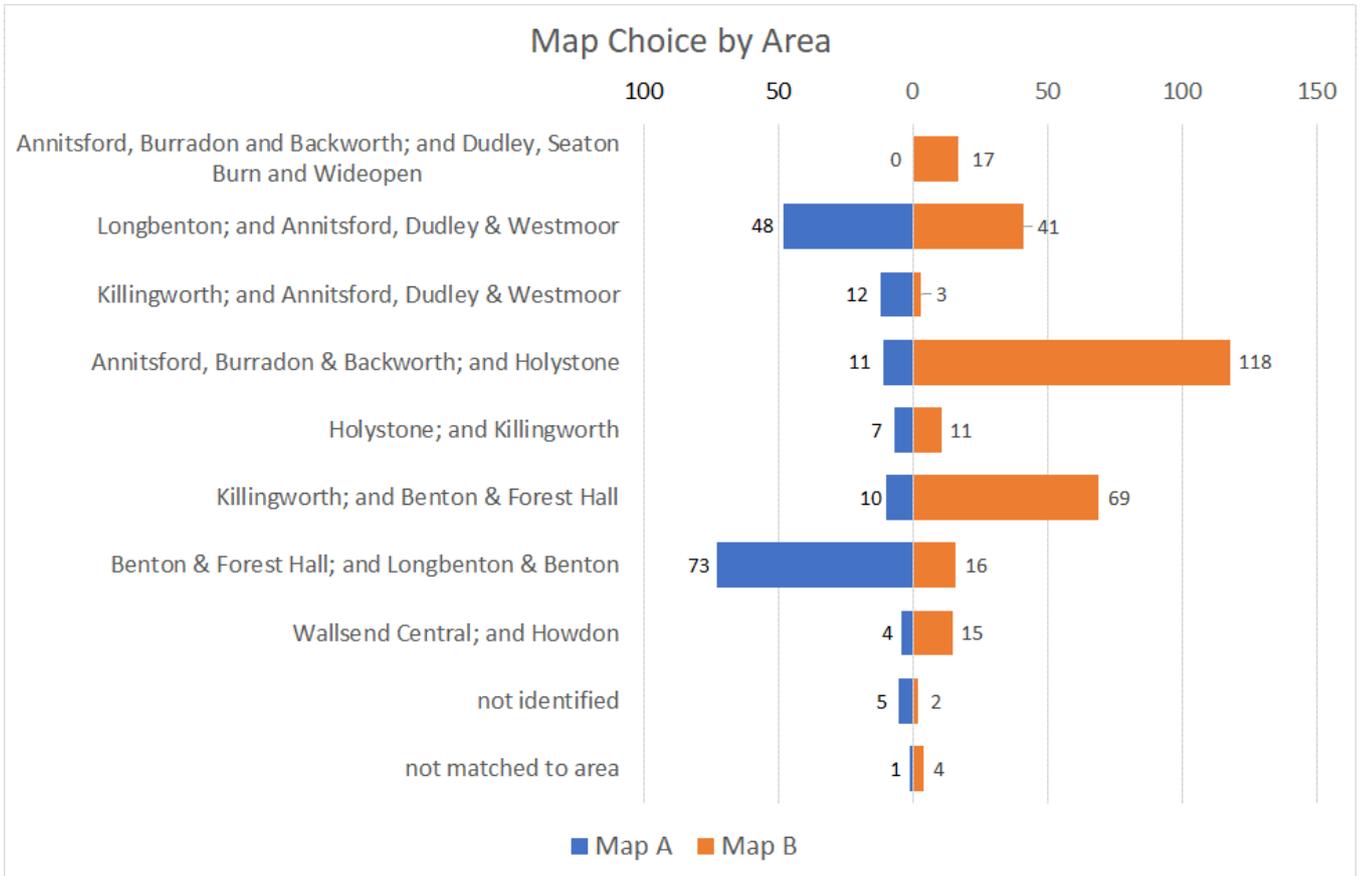
Thank you.

[Redacted Signature]

Jon Ritchie

Director of Resources

Annex 5:
Analysis of Responses (and all comments received)
in response to consultation (March–April 2023)



Area 1

Annitsford, Burradon and Backworth; and Dudley, Seaton Burn and Wideopen

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	17
Number Preferring Map A	0
Number Preferring Map B	17

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	0	9
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	0	13
It reflects where I go to use public transport	0	11
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	0	13
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	0	5
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	0	2
Other	0	1

Other Responses:

Map B

- Ashkirk and Brookside have always been regarded as part of Dudley, NOT part of Annitsford or Fordley which are seen locally as different communities. 2. The sole access to both Ashkirk and Brookside is from Market Street in Dudley (the Weetslade Ward). 3. Why does the LGBC map (A) show Ashkirk, Brookside and the western part of Fern Drive (incl Elizabeth Crescent) as part of Camperdown ward yet they have excluded Meadowbank, it defies logic. 4. It seems to me that some faceless civil servant who has never been north of Watford has made boundary change proposals purely on the basis of voters per hectare regardless of the residents wishes or how they feel. Note that the North Tyneside map (B) needs a slight modification, I'm sure that the residents of Clarke's Terrace would prefer to remain in Dudley too.

Area 2

Longbenton; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	89
Number Preferring Map A	48
Number Preferring Map B	41

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	27	22
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	33	32
It reflects where I go to use public transport	26	15
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	25	20
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	16	24
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	8	6
Other	2	4

Other Responses:

Map A

- Childcare is in map A
- We seldom head any further north than Burradon, so wouldn't include Fordley etc as "where we live". Whereas we do often head south of West Moor, via Salters Lane and Benton Lane to go to work at Quorum, get the metro, go for walks, and head into Gosforth/Heaton/Jesmond/Town.

Map B

- AS I GET OLDER IT FELECTS WHERE WE GO MORE
- Map A includes an area that increases my car insurance, or even limits who will insure me!
- Map B is not dominated by Longbenton and reflects the new housing estates beside Gosforth Park
- West Moor feels closer to burradon / camperdown than longbenton

Area 3

Killingworth; and Annitsford, Dudley & Westmoor

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	15
Number Preferring Map A	12
Number Preferring Map B	3

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	8	3
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	10	3
It reflects where I go to use public transport	8	2
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	11	2
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	8	1
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	3	2
Other	2	1

Other Responses:

Map A

- It's where I walk my dogs twice a day and know fellow dog walkers and neighbors. It's where I visit the gym three times a week and have made friends with people from the area.
- It's never made sense to me why this estate is grouped with Camperdown. The community it is part of is clearly Killingworth

Map B

- It incorporates more of the West Moor area where I grew up and spend more of my time.

Area 4
Annitsford, Burradon & Backworth;
and Holystone

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	129
Number Preferring Map A	11
Number Preferring Map B	118

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	8	84
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	4	80
It reflects where I go to use public transport	1	53
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	4	79
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	2	47
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	0	33
Other	0	8

Other Responses:

Map B

- I work within the area of map B
- I've never been to the places on map a I didn't even know some if them
- It is a neighbouring area and a lot of my friends and family live there. Plus it is that close I can walk to the local bars.
- Map A is far to separated and remote. It does not represent the locality of the post code. Map B preferred.
- Map B make more sense than map A for being similar type of area. And it is still all part of North Tyneside.
- Parts of map B have no natural links or connecting to our area.
- Similar housing is planned for the Moor which will create further estates similar to ours and also provide a high school my children are likely to use
- There is no affinity with burradon/annitsford

Area 5

Holystone; and Killingworth

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	18
Number Preferring Map A	7
Number Preferring Map B	11

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	2	8
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	5	6
It reflects where I go to use public transport	4	6
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	3	8
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	6	9
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	3	6
Other	2	3

Other Responses:

Map A

- After discussing this within our house hold and considering the composition/mix of residents (new from recent developments and old established ones), age, economics, amenities, environment, green spaces etc we support the LGBC Holystone proposal. It is a more balanced mix and would reflect a true balance view of its local residents. The plan being put forward by North Tyneside Council for a single Killingworth Ward, although "simpler", its does not reflect this balance..
- Killingworth is way down the priority list for NorthTyneside Council except where the building of new-build housing on the remaining green spaces that we need to have a zero emission area to breathe in.

Map B

- I believe that Killingworth - including Killingworth Village should be treated as a distinct unit so that it is served by the same set of councillors who know the area used by all the residents.t
- It reflects the history of the locality. To seperate Killingworth Village and its residents from the community of Killingworth is a preposterous proposal and shows no respect for the identity of the people who live there.

- Killingworth village is the heart of the Community for Killingworth New Town developed in the late 60s. The new town developed on the periphery of the farming lands of the village. The proposed map highlighting Palmersville, Benton Sq and Holystone identify settlements that were and are clearly defined and different communities to Killingworth.

Area 6

Killingworth; and Benton & Forest Hall

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	79
Number Preferring Map A	10
Number Preferring Map B	69

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	1	48
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	6	50
It reflects where I go to use public transport	5	39
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	9	50
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	3	22
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	2	25
Other	1	11

Other Responses:

Map A

- It's the routes I take for work, my education etc.

Map B

- It includes local shops and schools and also encompasses all of forest hall rather than cutting it in half.
- It is an established residential area with established facilities such as schools and doctors. The proposed new area would obviously have a huge expansion in new housing and increase in population leaving the existing residents at a disadvantage due to the lack of services
- it is the best one that represent the residents
- it represents the residents
- It works fine as it is, why change it.
- Killingworth is not part of my community, Killingworth Moor will soon become a huge housing development and again will not form part of my community where as Forest Hall is.
- Killingworth was a 'new town' I don't class Forest Hall as part of that.

- Map B includes Forest Hall Social Club within Forest Hall and I live closer to Forest Hall than the club.
- No logical reason to change boundaries.
- The Map B boundary reflects the sense of community wellbeing with all local facilities being within easy walking distance.
- Where i was brought up..

Area 7

Benton & Forest Hall; and Longbenton & Benton

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	89
Number Preferring Map A	73
Number Preferring Map B	16

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	45	4
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	62	10
It reflects where I go to use public transport	44	6
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	53	8
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	28	1
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	15	3
Other	10	0

Other Responses:

Map A

- A good cross-section of social groups
- Conservation area of Benton shared with Forest Hall. Your letter was very vague. I feel the consistency of present councillors suit Benton better than Map B.
- Have always thought Benton and Forest Hall complemented each other in various ways
- It makes sense in terms of class needs rather than trying to serve a vastly different social scale that map B would suggest
- It's where I use parks, green spaces
- Minimal change to existing and no connection to map B
- My child's nursery is inside the boundary of map A
- Never have reason to cross A186. Why change what works.
- Nursery location for child
- Royal Mail Delivery Centre Church

Area 8

Wallsend Central; and Howdon

Table 1: Overview

Total number of households contacted	19
Number Preferring Map A	4
Number Preferring Map B	15

Table 2: Reasons for choosing either Map A or Map B

responses	Map A	Map B
It makes sense because of the local boundaries created by local roads, rail lines, green spaces or different housing and commercial estates	2	7
It reflects where I belong or feel part of the community	3	7
It reflects where I go to use public transport	3	9
It reflects where I shop, visit the doctor, go to the pub or take part in sports and leisure activities	4	12
It reflects where I'm part of a community or residents' group	2	4
It reflects where my local school or place of worship is	1	2
Other	1	1

Other Responses:

Map A

- I live in Wallsend area not howdon

Map B

- I haven't considered myself being part of Wallsend Community as we are far out. I also go to Aldi Howdon a lot as it's nearer.