

Warding proposals for Corby Town Council

There is an opportunity in the area of Corby Town Council to do something similar to what is proposed in parts of Kettering and create Town Council wards that reflect the differing communities that make up the larger North Northamptonshire Council wards. This proposal requires an increase in the number of town councillors to 18, up 1 from the proposed 17.

Oakley Ward

Oakley Ward comprises three very different communities. Danesholme, Great Oakley and Oakley Vale.

Danesholme is an estate largely developed in the 1970s and early 1980s. When built the majority of the estate was social housing for rent with a minority of the housing being private development. The estate is served by two schools, an infants and a junior school, it has a fully let neighbourhood shopping centre and a supermarket. There is a thriving community centre which boasts a wide range of activities and uniquely in Corby, a volunteer run library (the only other library in the town being the main library in the town centre, staffed by council employees). There are playing fields in the centre of the estate where local football teams play. The estate has in the past (although not currently) had a thriving Tenants and Residents Association. The demographic of the Danesholme estate differs from the other parts of Oakley Ward due to the age and origins of the housing.

Great Oakley is a privately built housing estate based around the village of Great Oakley which traces its history back several hundred years. The bulk of the housing at Great Oakley was developed in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s with further additions in the 2010s. The village has a thriving Village Hall where a wide range of activities can be accessed. There is also successful village cricket club.

Oakley Vale is a largely privately built urban extension to Corby developed mainly in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s. There is some social housing provided by housing associations. It is served by two primary schools and a secondary school (which draws its intake from across Corby and Kettering). It has a fully let neighbourhood shopping centre and a supermarket. There is a very successful community centre providing a wide range of activities for the local community. There are large playing fields in the centre of the estate where local sports teams play.

Proposal

Danesholme Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by Danesholme Road to the north, Oakley Road to the East and the western boundary of Oakley Ward.

Great Oakley Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by Oakley Road to the west, the southern boundary of Oakley Ward and to the East by a line drawn between Oakley Road and the southern boundary of Oakley Ward so that the line runs between Morrisons Supermarket and Barth Close, continuing on between Greeve Close and Garston Road, then between Thackley Green and Garston Road then following the walkway to the South East of Thackley Green that connects Garston Road to Lewin Road before heading south to the southern boundary of Oakley Ward on a route that puts Great Oakley Cricket Club and grounds, Oakley Park and the grounds of Oakley Hall in the Great Oakley Town Council Ward.

Oakley Vale Town Council Ward – a three member ward bounded by the Eastern boundary of Great Oakley ward as described above and the Eastern (running along the railway line), Northern (connecting the Eastern and Western Boundaries) and Western (running along Oakley Road from Morrisons to the Northern boundary) boundaries of Oakley Ward.

Kingswood Ward

Kingswood Ward comprises three separate communities. Beanfield, Hazel Leys and Kingswood.

Beanfield was largely developed in the 1960s and 1970s with some later additions to the West of the area. It is served by a two neighbourhood shopping centres at Greenhill Rise and Farmstead Road. The estate has two primary schools and a special school for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan. There is popular and well used community centre offering a variety of activities and also a long-standing Tenants and Residents Association.

Kingswood was largely developed in the 1960s and 1970s with some later additions. It was a prizewinning estate when first developed, much of it laid out as Radburn style development. In more recent years it has had its fair share of problems. There is a strong community spirit on the estate as a result. The estate is served by a primary school and a secondary school and contains one of Corby's areas of urban woodland, Kings Wood, after which the area is named. It has large thriving community centre and community café with adjacent playing field and a local shop.

Hazel Leys was developed in the 1950s and 1960s with a small amount of more recent development. It is older than the other parts of Kingswood Ward. It is served by two primary schools and has a neighbourhood shopping centre and a supermarket. There is a council run community centre on the estate that is well used.

Proposal

Beanfield Town Council Ward – a two member ward bounded by the Northern boundary of Kingswood Ward to its junction with Jubilee Avenue, Jubilee Avenue to its junction with Gainsborough Road, Gainsborough Road to its junction with Tower Hill Road and then a line from that point running between Spiers Close and the Kingswood School (secondary school) to a point where the line joins the Western boundary of Kingswood ward then back to join the Northern boundary at Four Ways roundabout.

Kingswood Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by Danesholme Road to the south, Oakley Road to the East between the Danesholme Road and Sower Leys Road junctions, Sower Leys Road to the East and then the Gainsborough Road boundary as described above.

Hazel Leys Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by Sower Leys Road to the West, Jubilee Avenue to the North, Oakley Road to the East between the Sower Leys Road junction running North to the junction with Westcott Way, then East to the junction with Jubilee Avenue.

Corby West Ward

Corby West Ward comprises some differing communities. The older Eastern part of the ward and the slightly newer western part of the ward which comprises Shire Lodge to the North and Lodge Park to the South.

Each community has its separate characteristics, schools and other community facilities.

Proposal

Shire Lodge Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by the Western boundary of Corby West Ward from the junction with Vian Way to the Rockingham Hill roundabout and Northern boundary from the same roundabout to the junction with Willowbrook Road, the Willowbrook Road to the junction with Shetland Way back to its junction with Vian Way.

Lodge Park Town Council Ward – a one member ward bounded by the Western boundary of Corby West Ward running from Vian Way south to the Four Ways roundabout, then west along the Southern boundary of Corby West Ward to the point where the woodland meets the road behind Surrey Close, then north along the boundary of the woodland to meet Rowlett Road at Chaucer Road, then West along Rowlett Road to the junction with Willowbrook Road, then south along Willowbrook Road to the junction with Fotheringhay Road, then following Fotheringhay Road round to the junction with Vian Way.

Hazelwood and Thoroughsale Town Council Ward – a two member ward consisting of the remainder of Corby West Ward not contained in the Town Council wards described above.

Lloyds and Corby Village Ward

Much of this ward has very similar characteristics with the exception of two parts, Corby Old Village and the Exeter estate.

Most of the ward consists of the Lloyds style housing developed in Corby in the 1930s and 1940s and has a distinctive characteristic all of its own. Corby Old Village is the original pre new town part of Corby and the Exeter estate was built in the 1950s and 1960s. Both Corby Old Village and the Exeter are served by their own primary schools, neighbourhood shops and community facilities.

Proposal

Exeter Town Council Ward – a one member ward comprising the Exeter estate and bounded by the railway line to the East. Oakley Road to the North, and West and the Southern boundary of Lloyds and Corby Village Ward to the South where it lies between the ward and Oakley Ward.

Corby Old Village Ward – a one member ward bounded by the boundaries of Lloyds and Corby Village Ward to the North, East and South to the points where the railway line meets those boundaries in the North and South so that the railway line forms the Eastern boundary.

Lloyds Town Council Ward – a two member ward consisting of the remainder of Lloyds and Corby Village Ward not contained in the Town Council wards described above.