

## APPENDIX 3 – PROPOSALS FOR NEW DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

### ASHFIELD

Proposals for Ashfield are based on the new polling districts and wards arising from Ashfield's own boundary review and seek to address the significant electoral imbalances in the current County Divisions of Kirkby South and North and, to a lesser extent, those in Sutton. The proposals have also sought to recognise the distinct local communities of Hucknall, Selston, Kirkby and Sutton. For example, to endeavour to deal with electoral imbalance in Kirkby South Division some thought was given to extending the boundaries of Hucknall and Selston Divisions into Kirkby South, however, it was clear that there was no affinity or community links that would justify this approach. The proposals result in all Divisions being within +/- 10% of the average across the County.

New Divisional boundaries are, therefore, recommended as detailed below (all Divisions to be represented by 1 Councillor unless otherwise stated):-

**Hucknall Division** – to continue as a 3 Councillor/Member Division based on current boundaries to reflect well established community links and the discrete nature of the town centre. Total electorate is 26806, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1: 8935, that is -6% of the average and allows scope for further future development.

**Selston Division** – to now include all of the District ward of Underwood (i.e. add in UND6) so that the Division is now co-terminous with the District wards of Selston, Underwood and Jacksdale. At 10522 the electorate is +10% of the average.

**Kirkby South Division** – to comprise the new District wards of Kirkby Cross & Portland and Annesley & Woodhouse. At 9428, the electorate is -1% of the average.

**Kirkby North Division** – to comprise the new District wards of Summit, Abbey Hill and Kingsway. At 10,474, the electorate is +10% of the average.

**Sutton North Division** – to include the new District wards of Skegby, Dales and Stanton Hill & Teversal. At 9909 the electorate is +4% of the average.

**Ashfields Division** – to include the new District wards of Larwood, Leamington and Ashfields. At 9124 the electorate is -4% of the average.

**Sutton West Division** – to include the new District wards of Huthwaite & Brierley, St Mary's and part of Carsic (CAR1 polling district). At 10225 the electorate is +7% of the average.

**Sutton Central and East Division** – to include the new wards of Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood, Central and New Cross and part of Carsic (CAR 2 and 3 polling districts). At 9170 the electorate is -4% of the average.

## **BASSETLAW**

Proposals for Bassetlaw are based on the existing polling districts and wards and seek to address the significant electoral imbalances in the current County Divisions of Misterton and Worksop North. Whilst proposals still result in one Division being more than +10% of the average, this variance level is less significant than the forecast levels for Misterton and Worksop North. It is also felt that overall arrangements for Bassetlaw have been improved upon in terms of community identity and providing for more coherent future development. The proposals for new Divisional boundaries recommended below enable all Divisions to continue to be represented by a single Councillor.

**Misterton Division** – the existing Division without the District ward of Beckingham (polling districts AA, AB and AC) which would transfer to Tuxford Division. At 9662 the electorate is +1% of the average.

**Blyth and Harworth Division** – no changes are proposed. At 10,447 the electorate is +10% of the average.

**Retford East Division** – no changes are proposed. At 9046 the electorate is -5% of the average.

**Retford West Division** - no changes are proposed. At 9046 the electorate is -5% of the average. By making no changes to the Retford Divisions, the integrity of the Retford community is maintained and allows scope for future development which is expected within the life of this scheme.

**Tuxford Division** – the existing Division including the District ward of Beckingham (from Misterton Division) and without the parishes of Carburton, Clumber and Hardwick and Elkesley (polling districts CT, CU, CW and CX) which it is proposed be transferred to Worksop East and Cuckney, Holbeck, Nether Langwith, Norton and Welbeck (polling districts CV, CY, CZ, DA and DB) which it is proposed be transferred to Worksop West. At 10,809 the electorate is +13% of the average.

**Worksop West Division** – the existing Division with the inclusion of the parishes of Cuckney, Holbeck, Nether Langwith, Norton and Welbeck (polling districts CV, CY, CZ, DA and DB) from Tuxford Division. At 9855 the electorate is +3% of the average.

**Worksop East Division** - the existing Division with the inclusion of the parishes of Carburton, Clumber and Hardwick and Elkesley (polling districts CT, CU, CW and CX) from Tuxford Division. At 10,477 the electorate is 10 % of the average.

The proposals for the Worksop West and East Divisions place both Clumber Park and the A60 road south of Worksop into 1 Division, which is felt to be important in terms of highway links to future developments in the area and also assisting cross-border issues with Derbyshire.

**Worksop North East and Carlton Division** – the existing Division with the addition of part of the DK polling district (1006 electors from a total of 2117) from Worksop North Division. At 10229 the electorate is +7% of the average.

**Workshop North Division** - the existing Division minus part of the DK polling district which would become part of Workshop North East and Carlton Division, as referred to above. At 10,166 the electorate is +7% of the average.

## **BROXTOWE**

The current Divisional structure in Broxtowe consists of 8 Divisions returning 10 Councillors. All current Divisions have an electorate less than the Councillor:electorate ratio and, in 3 Divisions, these imbalances are significant, being more than -10% of the average. In addition, as referred to in the substantive report, it is proposed that Broxtowe should have 1 less Councillor than is currently the case based on electorate projections.

Proposals have sought, therefore, to accommodate this reduction in the number of Councillors and have regard to the distribution of new wards from the Borough's own recently concluded boundary review. In addition, wherever possible, new ward boundaries have been used in their entirety and only split where this has been deemed to be necessary to achieve electoral equality.

For the above reasons, significant changes are proposed in terms of the distribution of Divisions across the Borough with 7 Divisions returning 9 Councillors. The issues of electoral equality have been generally resolved with only 1 Division now being +13% of the average.

New Divisional boundaries are, therefore, recommended as detailed below (all Divisions to be represented by 1 Councillor unless otherwise stated):-

**Toton, Chilwell and Attenborough Division** – a 2 Councillor Division, comprising the Borough wards of Toton & Chilwell Meadows, Chilwell West, Attenborough and Chilwell East together with part of Beeston West ward (BEW1 and BEW4). Total electorate is 20,479, giving a Councillor:elector ratio of 1:10,239, that is +7% of the average.

**Beeston Central and Rylands Division**– comprising the Beeston Rylands wards, together with part of Beeston West ward (BEW2 and BEW3). At 9646 the electorate is +1% of the average.

**Bramcote and Beeston North Division** – comprising two of the Bramcote wards (BCT1 and 2), and the Beeston North wards (BEN1,2 and 3). At 9050 the electorate is -5% of the average.

**Stapleford and Broxtowe Central Division** – a 2 Councillor Division, comprising the Stapleford and Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell wards together with part of the Nuthall East and Strelley ward (NES3) and the remaining part of the Bramcote ward (BCT3). Total electorate is 18,179, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1:9089, that is -5% of the average.

Being below the average allows scope for the significant housing development within the area that is anticipated in the life of this scheme.

**Eastwood and Brinsley Division** – comprising the Borough wards for Eastwood (with the exception of the EHA2 Eastwood Hall ward) and Brinsley (BRY1). At 10,791 the electorate is +13% of the average. Although not currently part of the Eastwood County Division, it is recognised that the inclusion of EHA2 would have had the benefit of retaining a discrete Eastwood Division, co-terminus with Borough arrangements and also provide an electorate within the acceptable variance. To adopt this, however, would have created significant electoral imbalances in other proposed Divisions to the extent that the proposed scheme would have been compromised. It is felt therefore, on balance, that the proposal for this Division is justified in the interests of the proposals for Broxtowe as a whole.

**Kimberley and Giltbrook Division** – comprising the Borough wards of Kimberley and three of the Borough wards of Greasley (GRE2,3 and 4). At 9600 the electorate is +1% of the average.

**Nuthall and Broxtowe North Division** – comprising the Borough wards of Nuthall (NES1,2 and 4), the remaining Greasley wards (GRE1 and 5), Watnall and Nuthall West (WNW1 and 2) and the remaining part of Eastwood Hall ward (EHA2). At 10,329 the electorate is +8% of the average.

## **GEDLING**

Proposals for Gedling are based on the existing polling districts and wards and seek to address the electoral imbalances in the current County Divisions of Calverton and Newstead (13% and 11% respectively below the average). The outcome results in all Divisions being within +/- 10% of the average across the County.

**Arnold North Division** – a 2 Councillor Division based on existing boundaries without the polling district M2, Lambley, which would move to Calverton Division. Both Lambley polling districts would then be in the same County Division which is not the case at the present time. Total electorate is 18,241, giving a Councillor:elector ratio of 1:9120, that is -4% of the average.

**Arnold South Division** - a 2 Councillor Division with no changes to existing boundaries proposed. The total electorate is 18,950, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1:9475, that is at the average Councillor: elector ratio.

**Carlton East Division** - a 2 Councillor Division with no changes to existing boundaries proposed. The total electorate is 17,634, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1: 8817, that is -7% of the average.

**Carlton West Division** - a 2 Councillor Division with no changes to existing boundaries proposed. The total electorate is 17,445, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1: 8722, that is -8% of the average.

**Calverton Division** – a single Councillor Division based on existing boundaries with the addition of polling district M2, Lambley, from Arnold North Division. For the reasons set above, it is felt that this would provide a sensible solution on both

electoral equality and community grounds. At 9547 the electorate is now at the average Councillor: elector ratio.

**Newstead Division** – a single Councillor Division with no changes. At 8594 the electorate is now -10% of the average Councillor: elector ratio.

## **MANSFIELD**

The situation in Mansfield is very different from that faced in all other District areas in that the electorate projections show that in 2020 all current Divisions will remain within the average Councillor: elector ratio. On this basis and also given that the current arrangements (operated since the last review in 2002/03) seem to have worked well in terms of community identity and in delivering effective and convenient local government, no changes to the existing arrangements are proposed. For the sake of completeness, these arrangements are re-produced below:-

**Mansfield West Division** – a 2 Councillor Division. The total electorate is 17,583, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1: 8791, that is -8% of the average.

**Mansfield South Division** - a 2 Councillor Division. The total electorate is 20,643, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1:10321, that is +8% of the average.

**Mansfield North Division** - a 2 Councillor Division. The total electorate is 18,069, giving a Councillor: elector ration of 1: 9034, that is -5% of the average.

**Mansfield East Division** - a 2 Councillor Division. The total electorate is 19,225, giving a Councillor: elector ratio of 1: 9612, that is +1% of the average.

**Warsop Division** – a single Councillor Division. At 9665 the electorate is +1% of the average.

## **NEWARK AND SHERWOOD**

Proposals for Newark and Sherwood are based on existing polling districts and wards and seek to address the significant electoral imbalances existing in 4 of the 10 current County Divisions. The proposals below reflect this objective and, consequently, involve changes to other Divisions. The outcome results in all Divisions being within +/- 10% of the average across the County (all Divisions to be represented by 1 Councillor):-

**Balderton Division** – based on existing boundaries with the inclusion of the parish of Hawton (polling district HHHH6) from Farndon and Muskham Division. At 10,442 the electorate for this revised Division is +10% of the average.

**Blidworth Division** – based on existing boundaries. At 8647 the electorate for this Division is -9% of the average.

**Collingham Division** – based on existing boundaries without the polling district AAAA3 (from the Beacon parish ward), which it is proposed be incorporated in

Newark West Division. At 8990 the electorate for this revised Division is -6% of the average.

**Farndon and Muskham Division** – based on existing boundaries without the parish of Hawton (polling district HHHH6 - now proposed to be in Balderton). At 9458 the electorate is -1% of the average.

**Farnsfield and Lowdham Division** – based on existing boundaries with the inclusion of Bilsthorpe (polling district KKKK2) from the former Rufford Division. At 9910 the electorate is +4% of the average.

**Newark East Division** - no changes are proposed to existing boundaries. At 9067 the electorate is -5% of the average.

**Newark West Division** – based on existing boundaries with the inclusion of the polling district AAAA3 (from the Beacon parish ward in Collingham). At 9461 the electorate for this revised Division is -1% of the average.

**Ollerton Division** - no changes are proposed to existing boundaries. At 9522 the electorate is at the average Councillor: elector ratio.

**Sherwood Forest Division** – based on the existing boundaries of the former Rufford Division, without the Bilsthorpe polling district KKKK2, now proposed to be incorporated in Farnsfield and Lowdham Division. At 10,148 the electorate is +5% of the average. It is proposed that the name of the Division be changed from Rufford to Sherwood Forest as it is felt that this better reflects the commonly held history of the general area.

**Southwell and Caunton Division** - no changes are proposed to existing boundaries. At 10,001 the electorate is +5% of the average.

## **RUSHCLIFFE**

Proposals for Rushcliffe are based on the new polling districts and wards arising from Rushcliffe's own boundary review and seek to address the significant electoral imbalances existing in the majority of the current County Divisions. In addition, as referred to in the substantive report it is proposed that Rushcliffe should have an additional Councillor based on electorate projections and this brings added complexity to the task.

The Borough is for the most part a rural area with a number of market towns and villages each with their own community identity, schools and other services. The exception to this is West Bridgford, a more urban area with the largest population concentration in the Borough. For this latter reason, it is proposed that the additional Councillor be located in the West Bridgford area. Revisions to other Divisions have endeavoured to continue to reflect the rural community identity, where it is strongest, balanced against the need to provide electoral equality in the proposals.

10 new single Councillor Divisions are, therefore, recommended as detailed below with Divisional boundaries as indicated:-

**Ruddington Division** – a revised Division, incorporating the whole of the new Borough ward of Ruddington (RUCA, RUEA, RUFL and RUMA polling districts), Barton-in-Fabis (GOBA polling district), Thrumpton (GOTH) and Gotham (polling district GOGO). At 9203, the electorate is -3% of the average.

**Leake and Soar Valley Division** – the existing Division minus Gotham, Thrumpton and Barton-in-Fabis, as detailed above, and adding in Costock (BUCO) from the current Ruddington Division. At 8691, the electorate is at -9% of the average.

**Keyworth Division** – the existing Division plus Bunny (BUBU) and Bradmore (BUBR), both in the current Ruddington Division. At 9429 the electorate is at -1% of the average.

**Cotgrave Division** – the existing Division plus the Whatton-in-the-Vale (CWRHA) and Granby-cum-Sutton (THGR) polling districts from the current Bingham Division. At 10311 the electorate is +8% of the average.

**Bingham Division** – the current Division without the Whatton-in-the-Vale (CWRHA) and Granby-cum-Sutton (THGR) polling districts, now proposed to be in the Cotgrave Division. At 10773 the electorate is +13% of the average. It is acknowledged that this figure is beyond a variance of 10%. For the reasons referred to in the introduction to the Rushcliffe proposals it is argued that this is acceptable as Bingham is the largest of the market towns in the Borough and has a distinct sense of community in that it has its own schools, libraries, sports and other facilities. In addition, in striving for more electoral equality in Bingham there is a risk of creating similar issues in adjacent Divisions whilst also undermining the community identity of the town.

**Radcliffe-on-Trent Division** – the existing Division without the Holme Pierrepont polling district (GNHP) which it is proposed be incorporated into a new Division of West Bridgford South and Tollerton; and the Adbolton polling district (LBAD) from the Borough ward of Lady Bay which it is proposed be incorporated into a new Division of West Bridgford North. At 10170 the electorate is +7% of the average.

**West Bridgford North Division** – a new Division incorporating the Lady Bay and Trent Bridge Borough wards and one polling district from the Lutterell Borough Ward (LUB1). At 8549 the electorate is -10% of the average.

**West Bridgford West Division** – a new Division incorporating the Compton Acres Borough ward, two of the polling districts (LUB3 and LUB4) from the Lutterell Borough ward and one of the polling districts (MUB3) from the Musters Borough Ward. At 8835 the electorate is -8% of the average.

**West Bridgford East Division** - a new Division incorporating the Abbey Borough wards, one of the polling districts (EDB1) from the Edwalton Village Borough ward the remaining polling district (LUB2) from the Lutterell Borough ward, the remaining polling districts (MUB1 & MUB2) from the Musters ward and one of the two polling districts (GSB1) from the Gamston South Borough ward. At 8552 the electorate is -10% of the average.

**West Bridgford South and Tollerton Division** – a new Division incorporating the remaining polling district (EDB2) from the Edwalton Village Borough ward, the Gamston North Borough ward, the Tollerton Borough ward and the remaining polling district (GSB2) from Gamston South ward. At 8574 the electorate is -10% of the average.