

Local Government Boundary Commission
Warding Pattern submission for Gedling Borough

Draft proposal from Gedling Borough Council

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New ward working title	Projected electorate @2018	No of members	Variance %	Fit with LGBCE criteria
Newstead Abbey	6704	3	1.2	<p>Based fully on parish boundaries of the four communities. Reflects large proportion of current County Council division. Good existing links between villages, especially Linby and Papplewick (which share Village Hall and some events) and between Ravenshead and Newstead (Abbey Park). Bus 141 connects the communities. Newstead Village relatively isolated but too small for separate ward. Good connectivity between Ravenshead, Linby, Papplewick and Abbey Park area of Newstead – connectivity to Newstead Village is poor irrespective of electoral arrangements. As three member ward, potential workload issues around working with various PCs are addressed.</p>
Bestwood St Albans	4296	2	-2.8	<p>Substantially reflects the parish boundary, plus area to the east which forms part of current ward and county electoral division. Allows for proposed new development on former Metallifacure site to fall wholly within one ward. Though the parish includes two separate communities (village and Top Valley urban area), they are brought together and share identity around the Country Park that is between the two. Bringing together in one ward builds on Parish Council efforts to bring parish together, for example by holding meetings alternately in the two communities. Urban area does not link well to any part of the Borough – this option is felt to work better than the current ward which bolts this area onto an Arnold ward and splits the parish electorally.</p>

Calverton	6054	3	-8.6	Includes entire parish, plus parts of Woodborough parish that relate more to Calverton than Woodborough and use Calverton facilities. Secondary school, leisure centre and public transport all focus on Calverton. Falls wholly within a county electoral division. Requires warding of Woodborough parish to allow for inclusion of the part of that parish that looks to Calverton to be included in this ward.
Dumbles	2302	1	4.2	Brings together two existing village communities of Woodborough and Lambley and their surrounding parishes, sharing similar socio-economic characteristics and identity. Public transport links the two communities. Similar geography. Small area from Woodborough parish to be moved into Calverton wards – for electoral equality and to better reflect community i/d (see Calverton above).
Trent Valley	4424	2	0.1	Builds on existing ward made up of two similar parish areas – and adds in parts of current Gedling ward which share many characteristics and services (in terms of housing mix; secondary school; public transport). Former mineral railway line forms clear boundary on western edge.
Daybrook	4580	2	3.7	Based substantially on current ward, adding in similar socio-economic area from current Bonington ward. Strong boundary along borough boundary to south and west, and along Nottingham Road and Cross Street to east and north respectively. Groups together similar communities.
Redhill	4658	2	5.4	Builds on current St Mary's ward, adding parts of Bonington which share characteristics with it. Focal points include St Mary's Church and Redhill Academy. Loses part of Arnold Town Centre to allow all of town centre to be in one ward (see Ernehale). Clearly defined boundaries, especially to west and

				north. Accommodates growth from Stockings Farm development. Includes part of historic heart of Arnold.
Coppice	4561	2	3.2	Centres around Killisick estate area, but also brings in surrounding areas, with some similar social economic characteristics. Coppice Road provides solid boundary to south and suggested ward title. Allows for new development off Howbeck Road.
Ernehale	4679	2	5.9	Town centre and immediately surrounding areas are focal point. Very strong boundaries along Nottingham Road; Coppice Road; Rolleston Drive and Arno Vale Road respectively. Mix of communities with town centre at heart. Ward title reflects name for the historic heart of Arnold, much of which is included here, as are schools which share the name .
Plains	6814	3	2.8	Builds largely on current Mapperley Plains ward, adding in 1960s/1970s housing from Woodthorpe, similar to Plains Estate already included. Adds in non-parished parts of Lambley ward which relate far more in service and community terms to Mapperley Plains than to Lambley, and land from Gedling ward to south east, to accommodate any future development as this also relates far more to this area than to Gedling ward. Boundary here reflects likely boundary for Gedling Country Park. Crosses Mapperley Plains road, bridging previous divide between constituent UDCs but better reflecting modern identities and service use patterns.
Woodthorpe	4499	2	1.8	Substantially based on current ward, but adds parts of current Kingswell ward with similar type/tenure of housing and loses later housing E of Somersby Road. Strong boundary based on former railway to north; borough boundary to south and west and Somersby Road to east. Areas immediately adjacent to Mapperley shopping area move to Mapperley ward, reflecting stronger links with Mapperley

				area (and bridging former UDC boundaries).
Porchester	6575	3	-0.8	Based largely on current Porchester ward, with parts of Woodthorpe added to bridge former UDC boundary and focus strongly on Mapperley shopping centre and related facilities and transport patterns.
Carlton Hill	6618	3	Less than 0.01	Based largely on current Carlton Hill ward adding parts of current Carlton ward to south of Carlton Hill shops to create strong geographic focus around that shopping area.
Carlton	4396	2	-0.5	Based largely on current Carlton ward but better using Carlton Hill as more consistent northern boundary, with adjustments to west and east to reflect communities looking more to Carlton Hill and Netherfield respectively. Uses City boundary to west and railway line to south as strong boundaries. Reflects road network and travel patterns well.
Netherfield	4324	2	-2.1	Focuses on Netherfield town centre and surrounding areas that look to Netherfield. Loses Colwick to separate ward, largely for the parish, but adds in similar communities from current Gedling ward to north and current Carlton ward to north east. Largely uses Burton Road as northern boundary, making clear distinction with Gedling ward (which current pattern does not).
Cavendish	4131	2	-6.5	New ward, using Cavendish Road and surrounding areas as focal point. Better reflects community identity than current warding pattern – Carlton Academy at centre. Good transport links to Carlton and beyond. Use of Westdale Lane as NE boundary largely differentiates between those with “Carlton” address and those with “Gedling” address.

Gedling	4342	2	-1.7	Based largely on current Gedling ward, with Gedling village at its heart, but loses areas E of mineral railway line and south of Burton Road (which largely relate better to new wards) but adds in areas at eastern end of Westdale Lane, which are addressed as "Gedling" and relate more to Gedling village. Small shopping parade at bottom of Westdale Lane a local feature.
Phoenix	4252	2	-3.8	Takes much of current Phoenix ward and adds "Gedling" parts of St James ward. Removes current split between these areas to reflect better community facilities and usage. Gedling School at heart of community.
Colwick	2216	1	0.3	Largely reflects the parish area, with industrial estate outside of parish up to Grantham railway line. Currently no electors in non-parished area.
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Summary of LGBCE criteria

Electoral Equality

For 41 member Council

Cllrs	Single member	2 members	3 members
-10%	1,988	3,976	5,964
Exact	2,209	4,418	6,627
+10%	2,430	4,860	7,290

Community Identity

- Practical examples are important:
 - Shared community events
 - Shared amenities and facilities
 - public facilities such as doctors' surgeries, hospitals, libraries or schools.
 - What defines it and marks it out as a distinct community(s).
 - Show how facilities provide a focus for community interaction

Effective and Convenient Local Government

- The impact of proposals on councillor workload
- Wards are coherent
 - Clearly identifiable boundaries
 - Reflect transport and communication links
 - Electors can engage in the affairs and activities of the ward without having to travel through an adjoining ward.