

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Your attendance is requested at a meeting to be held at
The Jeffrey Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1
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on Tuesday, 17 November 2015

at 6:00 pm.

D Kennedy
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Deputations / Public Addresses**
5. **Matters of Urgency which by reason of special circumstances the chair is of the opinion should be considered**
6. **Polling Districts and Polling Places Review.**
(Copy herewith)
7. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

THE CHAIR TO MOVE:

“THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF SUCH CATEGORIES OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY SECTION 100(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS LISTED AGAINST SUCH ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH OF SCHEDULE 12A TO SUCH ACT.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

**Exempted Under Schedule
12A of L.Govt Act 1972
Para No:-**

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 October 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Parekh (Chair); Councillor Kilbride (Deputy Chair);
Councillors Aziz, Marriott, Sargeant, Shaw and Stone

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Russell.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

5. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were none.

6. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated Members on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. It was explained that the Electoral Commission had drafted guidance with regards to the forthcoming referendum on the membership of the European Union, having experienced a high turnout in the recent during Scotland's referendum. It was explained that the Commission had recommended that Local Returning officers should attempt not to exceed 1,500 votes in person and therefore, in the review there was an increased number of polling districts.

It was noted that during the review there had been some feedback and responses from Members of the public and Members and it was explained that the next round of consultation may include further suggestions for Polling Stations. It was explained that the consultation would be for 4 weeks in order to comply with statute and that the final recommendations from the review would be brought before the General Purposes Committee on the 17th November 2015.

In response to questions asked by the Committee, the Chief Executive confirmed that he was not aware of any research carried out that voting returns and proximity to polling stations. He also explained that there had been some strong representation from some schools who did not want to be used as polling stations and whilst efforts would be made to find alternative arrangements, ultimately, the Chief Executive could insist that they be polling stations.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the representations of the Local Returning Officer and the public consultation be noted.
- 2.2 That Committee members make comments on the Local Returning Officer's proposals that it would wish to inform the consultation.
- 2.3 That it be noted that the final recommendations would be brought to the meeting of the Committee on the 17th November 2015.

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The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Committee Meeting Date:	17 th November 2015
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Chief Executive

1. Purpose

1.1 To present to the Committee final recommendations from the Local Returning Officer relating to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places under The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 and seek the Committee's approval to adopt.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee approve the final representations of the Local Returning Officer.

2.2 That the Committee approves the amendments to be included in the register due to be published on 1st Dec 2015

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The introduction of The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires each local authority to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places every fifth year after 1st October 2013.

3.1.2 The initial review was completed but following representations made to the Electoral Commission that the review had not been completed fully, the Commission requested that a further full review be conducted as soon as possible.

- 3.1.3 The Local Returning Officer initiated a full review of Polling Districts and Polling Places immediately following the Parliamentary and Local Elections held on 7th May 2015.
- 3.1.4 The scope and methodology of the review and consultation was agreed by General Purposes committee on 7th July 2015
- 3.1.5 Since the meeting in July the draft Guidance on the holding of a Referendum on Membership of the European Union has been published. This recommends, based on experience at the Scotland Referendum in 2014, that Local Returning Officers should, for that purpose, seek to have Polling Districts with less than 1,500 voters in person as far as that is possible and practicable. This draft Guidance has been considered when drawing up the attached recommendations and has had the effect of increasing the number of Polling Stations likely to be required.
- 3.1.6 The attached proposals have also been shaped by representations made around the May 2015 elections, reports from Polling staff at the May 2015 elections, informal preparatory consultation, and inspections of existing and potential Polling Places. The process of consultation and inspection will continue during the rest of the review period.
- 3.1.7 The proposals have been subject to a full public consultation which ran from 7th October to 3rd November following approval from this committee on 6th October 2015.
- 3.1.8 Specific feedback from the consultations, which included representations from elected members, has been reviewed and any appropriate changes have been made to the original proposals. These are detailed in the attached final recommendations report, which also attaches the consultation responses received in summary.
- 3.1.9 The Committee is recommended to approve the proposals attached.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

- 4.1.1 Additional resources will be required to manage and run any additional Polling Stations required following proposed reductions in the size of some Polling Districts. European, National, Police, County and Parish elections, ballots and referendums are not funded by the Borough Council but costs are reclaimed from the responsible body. The Borough Council is responsible for its own elections and for specified local ballots such as Community Planning Referendums or any Mayoral Referendum.
- 4.1.2 Additional costs will be incurred by increasing the number of Polling Places. The proposals attached increase the numbers of Polling Districts and Polling Places, and also the number of mobile units which have a higher unit cost.

	May 2015	Proposed	Change
Polling Districts	100	124	+24%
Polling Places	80	94	+17.5%
Mobile Units	7	11	+57%
Polling Stations	106	Maximum 131	Up to +24%

4.1.3 The number of Polling Stations within each Polling Place is a matter for the discretion of the Returning Officer at each election. In the attached recommendations a number of Polling Districts are identified as potentially having two Polling Stations.

4.1.4 The costs of establishing a larger number of Polling Places, with attendant increase in Polling Stations, will depend on the nature and costs of the Polling Places used and the size of the Polling Stations. Under Electoral Commission guidance there are minimum staffing levels depending on the number of voters in person at each Polling Station. It does not therefore follow that one Polling Station becoming two is double the cost, it is usually less than double.

4.1.5 The arrangements proposed in this paper will be reviewed again in 2018/19 in preparation for the 2020 Parliamentary Constituency General Election, which will be on new boundaries.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 Formal guidance from the Electoral Commission is being followed for the review which ensures that all parts of the legislation are adhered to.

4.1 Equality

4.1.1 Advice has been sought from specialist groups and agencies relating to access needs of protected groups, specifically those with a disability.

4.1.2 Full inspections of Polling Places have taken place which included accessibility and incorporated any initial advice given by the groups above.

4.2 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.2.1 Consultation has been carried out both informally and formally with the general public, and specifically the groups mentioned in 4.2.2 below.

4.2.2 Compulsory consultees are stated in the guidance issued by the Electoral Commission and include the following:

- Candidates and agents for the parliamentary, local and Parish elections held on May 7th, 2015
- Elected representatives (County Councillors, MEP's etc)
- (Acting) Returning Officers from neighbouring authorities (e.g. South Northamptonshire)
- Electors
- Council officers with relevant experience

4.3 Other Implications

4.3.1 None

5. Background Papers

5.1 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places files and records, held by the Borough Secretary's department.

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER TO NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The following report outlines final proposals for Polling Districts and Polling Places in Northampton following formal consultation with the public and interested parties.

The proposals attached are presented to the Council's General Purposes Committee for the Committee to resolve upon.

Attached appendices show the recommended Polling Districts and Polling Places. The following narrative explains the reasons for these recommendations.

General Comments

The structure of Polling Districts used in any election needs to take account of the legal requirements laid down in Statute and the requirements of the Electoral Commission.

In addition, polling districts need to be set in such a way that the Electoral Register can be structured to deliver any individual election. Polling Districts are the basic building block of the Register and therefore are always the smallest division of electors in the Register.

This means that the boundaries of Polling Districts are firstly determined by the boundaries of the Borough, Parliamentary Constituencies, County Council Divisions, and then by Borough Council Wards, Parish Councils, and Parish Council Wards where applicable. It is not possible to establish a Polling District that, for example, crosses the boundary of a County Council Division as this would mean that the Register would not be, as required, capable of delivering a County Council election in those Divisions.

As a result, many Polling District boundaries are effectively determined by these higher-ranking geographies. Areas which fall between these boundaries may be sub-divided into Polling Districts on the decision of the Borough Council (subject to the right to appeal to the Electoral Commission) and this should be considered with due regard to making Polling Places and Polling Stations accessible and convenient for voters in person. The exact shape or size of a Polling District can be affected by the availability of suitable Polling Places.

Polling Places are locations within which a Polling Station is to be established by the relevant Returning Officer for an election. Polling Places may, if possible, contain more than one Polling Station and serve more than one Polling District.

The Electoral Commission has guided that no Polling Station may have more than 2,500 voters in person assigned to it. This does not mean that a Polling District cannot be larger than 2,500, but if so then it will need a number of Polling Stations, which may of course be in the same Polling Place.

In recent draft guidance relating to the forthcoming referendum on the nation's membership of the European Union, the Commission has drawn on experience in Scotland in 2014. In light of the very high turnouts achieved in Scotland and in consideration of planning for such in the EU Referendum, the Commission has suggested

at the Referendum Local Returning officers should try not to exceed 1,500 voters in person whilst recognising that on occasion this will be necessary and appropriate.

As mentioned above, public consultation has been carried out in preparing these draft recommendations. All comments have been considered where relevant and a summary of the comments made is attached in the appendices to this document.

In addition, a programme of inspecting actual and potential Polling Places has been undertaken in order to inform these recommendations. As far as possible, alternative proposals have been subjected to inspection.

Proposals are presented, for ease of reference, Borough Council Ward by Borough Council Ward. Details of Polling District boundaries and projected numbers of voters in person are contained within the Appendices.

Changes to the recommendations are highlighted in Yellow

Abington Ward

Abington Ward currently has 5 Polling Districts. One Polling District falls within the Northampton South Constituency and has less than 1,000 projected voters in person in 2020.

It is proposed to reshape the other four Polling Districts into five in accordance with the attached ward map. The boundary changes are significant and intended to increase accessibility and balance numbers of voters better between Polling Places.

The proposed Polling Places are: Abington Avenue Reformed Church, Stimpson Avenue Academy (for 2 Polling Districts), Old Northamptonians, Barry Primary School, and Vernon Terrace Community Centre. All of these Polling Places are currently used at elections. In the case of the Old Northamptonians this use is currently for Rushmills Ward.

Representations have been made about the arrangements for a Polling Station within Barry Road Primary School (Gym Annex). A further inspection is taking place this week and further details will be reported to the Committee. At this stage it is not proposed to change Polling Place but to make sure that the arrangements are suitable for a Station within this Place.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Abington Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Billing Ward

Billing Ward contains a number of Parish Wards. As a result there is limited discretion as to the arrangements within this Ward.

There are currently four Polling Districts and four Polling Places in this Ward and it is proposed to make no changes to this. However it is noted that the projected voters in person in two Polling Districts will exceed 1,500 in 2020.

The proposed Polling Places are: the Institute in Great Billing, St. Andrew's CEVA Primary School, Bellinge Community Centre, and All Saints Church. All of these Polling Places are currently used at elections.

The Polling District served by the Institute in Great Billing is projected to reach around 1,650 voters in person in 2020. The Polling Place is not considered able to hold two Polling Stations but no suitable alternative has been located. Representations have been received that Bernard Weston Pavilion could be a suitable alternative. Having considered this location it is recommended that as it is further from the South of this District it should be discounted on accessibility grounds.

The Polling District served by St Andrew's CEVA Primary School is project to reach around 1,900 voters in person in 2020. Inspection shows that, should it be considered necessary by the Returning Officer, it possible to host two Polling Stations in this Polling Place.

The proposed arrangements are considered to be the best possible in Billing Ward and recommended on that basis.

Boothville Ward

Boothville Ward currently contains two Polling Districts with two Polling Places.

It is proposed to retain these arrangements but adjust the boundary between the two Polling Districts to improve convenience for voters. After this adjustment one Polling District is projected to have around 1,700 voters in person in 2020. The Polling Place for this Polling District could, if required, hold two polling stations serving this Polling District.

The Polling Places in this ward are: King's Meadow School and Boothville Community Centre, both currently in use at elections.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Boothville Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Brookside Ward

Brookside Ward currently contains three Polling Districts at three Polling Places.

It is proposed to retain these arrangements as they match the geography of the Ward very well. One Polling District is projected to reach just under 1,800 voters in person in 2020. The Polling Place, Lings Primary School, could accommodate two Polling Stations if considered necessary at an election, although the School would prefer not to be used. It has not been possible to identify another suitable premise to serve this area as a Polling Station.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Brookside Ward and recommended on that basis.

Castle Ward

Castle Ward currently contains five Polling Districts and five Polling Places.

Projections of numbers of voters in person in 2020 demonstrate that two of the existing Polling Stations would exceed 2,200 by then. It is proposed therefore to reshape the Polling Districts into seven in accordance with the attached ward map. The boundary changes are significant and intended to increase accessibility and balance numbers of voters better between Polling Places.

The proposed Polling Places are: Castle Community Hub (in place of Spring Lane Primary School), The Guildhall, Victoria Road Congregational Church, Mounts Baths, Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust (for 2 Polling Districts), and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Two of these Polling Places are not currently designated as Polling Places. Castle Community Hub and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church are new.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Castle Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Delapre and Briar Hill Ward

Delapre and Briar Hill Ward currently contains of four Polling Districts served by four Polling Places with a total of six Polling Stations.

Delapre and Briar Hill is a geographically dispersed and large ward. Projections of numbers of voters in person in 2020 demonstrate that two of the existing Polling Stations would exceed 2,000 by then. In order to provide more local access it is proposed to reshape the Polling Districts into eight in accordance with the attached ward map and increase the number of Polling Places. The boundary changes are significant and intended to increase accessibility and balance numbers of voters better between Polling Places.

A key change is to include the area to the west of Briar Hill as a distinct Polling District with a more local Polling Place. This can only be achieved by the use of a mobile unit, and a location has been identified at the junction of Hunsbarrow and Ironstone Road. The area to the east will continue to be served by Briar Hill Community Centre.

The area to the south of the ward has also been adjusted in order to manage the number of voters in person at Gloucester Avenue Nursery School. A new Polling District with a Polling Place at Abbey Primary School is proposed.

To the north-east of the ward is an area of planned new development at Ransome Road and the University Campus. It is proposed to establish a Polling District which serves some existing housing and these planned development sites, served by a Polling Place at a mobile unit in Asda's Car Park on London Road/Ransome Road. Should development happen faster than expected then it would be possible to accommodate a second Polling Station at Asda. At next review in 2018/19 it should be possible to consider a location at the University.

The remaining three Polling Districts are proposed to be served by a Polling Place at Far Cotton Recreation Centre, with one of these Districts projected to just reach 1,500 voters

in person in 2020. Whilst the Centre could accommodate four Polling Stations it is not considered likely that this will be needed before next review.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Delapre and Briar Hill Ward and are recommended on that basis.

East Hunsbury Ward

East Hunsbury Ward contains six Polling Districts with four Polling Places.

Following representations from a local councillor, a review of the boundaries of Districts was undertaken and this have been adjusted to better match the geography of the Ward.

Representations from the same councillor that Danes Camp Leisure Centre would have accessibility issues if used as a Polling Place, has been responded to by placing that Polling Place at Abbey Centre Baptist Church which will revert to holding two Polling Districts.

In relation to the Polling Place at the Pro-Shop, Collingtree Golf Club, we have been informed that the Pro-Shop may not be available in the future, but there are other locations within the Golf Club. Therefore the Polling Place is now stated as Collingtree Golf Club.

The other Polling Place is East Hunsbury Primary School which is currently used.

The proposed arrangements are considered to be the best possible in East Hunsbury Ward and recommended on that basis.

Eastfield Ward

Eastfield Ward has two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

One Polling District is projected to reach just over 2,000 voters in person in 2020. It is proposed to retain the existing boundary to this area but to split that Polling District into two with both new Polling Districts being served by St Albans Jubilee Hall which sits on the boundary between the two Districts, as the Polling Place.

The other Polling District is proposed to remain unaltered and served by Eden Close Community Room as the Polling Place.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in Eastfield Ward and recommended on that basis.

Headlands Ward

Headlands Ward has two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

The current arrangements in this ward work well, and it is proposed not to make any changes. One Polling District is projected to reach over 1,600 voters in person in 2020 and if this becomes significant the Polling Place is able to accommodate a second Polling Station.

The two Polling Places are Headlands United Reformed Church and Abington Community Centre.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Headlands Ward and recommended on that basis.

Kings Heath Ward

King's Heath Ward has two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places operating three Polling Stations.

One Polling District covers the King's Heath Estate and Dallington Heath. The other covers the Ryehill area. These arrangements match the topography of the area and the location of the Polling Place on the Estate is a good central location for that District, containing two Polling Stations.

The only proposed change is that the area designated in the Local Plan for new Housing on Dallington Heath be included in the Polling District that contains Ryehill. This is proposed as it will better reflect the current expected development phasing on the sustainable urban extension.

The two Polling Places are Montague Crescent Community Room and King's Heath Community Centre, both of which are currently used.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in King's Heath Ward and recommended on that basis.

Kingsley Ward

Kingsley Ward currently has three Polling Districts operating from three Polling Places.

One of these Polling Districts is projected to reach over 1,800 voters in person by 2020. Therefore it is proposed to adjust the boundaries between two Polling Districts to balance numbers more evenly between them.

In addition, this Ward contains an area that falls in a different County Division. The land involved is currently undeveloped and expected to remain so. This Polling District will therefore have no voters in person and for technical purposes only will be allocated to the Polling Place at a Mobile Unit in Fulford Drive.

The other two Polling Places are: Kingsley Primary School and Kingsley Park Methodist Church. All the Polling Places in this ward are currently used.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in Kingsley Ward and recommended on that basis.

Kingsthorpe Ward

Kingsthorpe Ward currently consists of two Polling Districts at two Polling Places. The boundary between these Polling Places is determined by a County Council Division boundary.

It is proposed to retain the current arrangements with the facility to have two Polling Stations at Kingsthorpe Community Centre if necessary at any election. The Polling District at that Polling Place is projected to have around 1,900 voters in person in 2020.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Kingsthorpe Ward and recommended on that basis.

Nene Valley Ward

This ward is geographically widely spread. It currently contains five Polling Districts with three Polling Places and six Polling Stations.

For Parish election reasons, and for accessibility, there are Polling Districts at Hardingstone and at Collingtree which will need to remain in place. Hardingstone is currently projected to have just under 1,500 voters in person in 2020. Should development of housing proceed within the Hardingstone Parish it may in time be necessary to consider a second Polling Station there.

Following representations from a local councilor that Wootton Memorial Hall is not sufficiently accessible as a location for a Polling Place, it is proposed to revert to the existing arrangement whereby four Polling Districts all vote at Wootton Community and Sports Centre. The recommendation of this review is to establish four Polling Districts, with all having Wootton Community and Sports Centre as the Polling Place.

The Polling Place at Hardingstone is the Village Hall, and at Collingtree the Village Room. Both are currently used. Representations were received from the Parish Council that Collingtree Village Room/Hall is very suitable.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Nene Valley Ward and are recommended on that basis.

New Duston Ward

New Duston Ward currently has seven Polling Districts, the boundaries of which are largely determined by Parish and County Council boundaries, served by four Polling Places.

It is proposed to retain the Polling Districts in their current configuration. This reflects the different boundary requirements and also the geography of the ward. Two Polling Districts are projected to have over 1,700 voters in person in 2020. If necessary at elections it would be possible to locate double Polling Stations at the Polling Places for these Districts.

The Polling Places proposed are: Mobile Unit on Errington Park (2 Districts), Mobile Unit at Bordeaux Close, Mobile Unit at Park Lane Island, Duston Community Centre, and Duston Eldean Primary School (2 Districts). All these Polling Places are current although Duston Community Centre is currently only used for Old Duston Ward in which it is located. This recommendation transfers a Polling District away from the Primary School and thereby would create space for when two Polling Stations are considered necessary for one District served by the School.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in New Duston Ward and recommended on that basis.

Obelisk Ward

Obelisk Ward contains two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places. One District, covering mainly the Park Campus of the University, is determined by County Council Division boundaries.

There are no proposed changes to the arrangements for this ward. However it should be noted that, whilst Reynard Way Evangelical Church is a very well located and accessible central point in the Polling District that includes it, that District is projected to have around 1,900 voters in person in 2020. The Polling Place can take two Polling Stations and this may be necessary at some elections.

The other Polling Place is the Sunley Management and Conference Centre at the University.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Obelisk Ward and recommended on that basis.

Old Duston

Old Duston Ward currently has four Polling Districts, the boundaries of which are largely determined by Parish and County Council boundaries, served by three Polling Places.

One of the existing Polling Districts is projected to increase to nearly 2,000 voters in person by 2020. As a result the review proposes that the number of Polling Districts be increased to five.

In response to consultation proposals were made for use of the new St Luke's Community Centre as a Polling Place and it is proposed to have the Centre serve two Polling Districts. Two further Polling Districts are proposed to be served by the Duston Community Centre (which will, with New Duston, serve three Districts), then one at Chiltern Primary School which is currently not used, and finally at Lyncrest Primary School.

Representations have been made about accessibility issues at Lyncrest Primary School. This has been reinforced by comments from a local councilor in the consultation.

The Polling District it serves is defined by County Council Division and Parish boundaries, and is bounded by major roads. The only premises identified in this District are those at the Primary School. It is intended to discuss how to improve accessibility further with the School to see how this can be improved. A meeting has been arranged with the Head Teacher for the morning of the 16th November to discuss how a Polling Station will operate in this school, and a verbal report will be available to the Committee.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Old Duston Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Park Ward

Park Ward currently has two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

It is proposed to make a minor change to the Polling District boundary to balance voters in person between them. Each is projected to have around 1,500 voters in person in 2020. Otherwise no changes are proposed and the Polling Places are proposed to remain as at present: St Peter's Church Hall, and Bridgewater Primary School.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in Park Ward and recommended on that basis.

Parklands Ward

Parklands Ward currently has two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

Representations have been made about an area off Talavera Way to the north of this Ward which is served by Parklands Community Centre as its Polling Place. This is considered by the people making the representation to not provide sufficient accessibility.

Having considered these representations it is proposed that a third Polling District is established to the north of the ward incorporating the Darnell Way area. The Polling Place is proposed as Boothville Community Centre as there are no suitable alternatives within the District.

The remainder of the Ward is proposed to be two Polling Districts as at present with a small adjustment to the boundary to assist balance between them.

The other two Polling Places are proposed to be as now: Parklands Community Centre and Parklands Nursery School and Childrens Centre.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Parklands Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Phippsville Ward

Phippsville Ward is divided into two Polling Districts with the boundary between them determined by a County Council Division. These are served by two Polling Places.

No changes are proposed to Polling Districts and Polling Places. The larger of the two Polling Districts is projected to have around 1,900 voters in person by 2020. It is proposed that this District will be served by two Polling Stations within the existing Polling Place, which has the capacity and good accessibility.

The Polling Places are: St Matthew's Parish Centre, and Cedar Road Primary School. There was representation that the school should not be used due to disruption to its operation but no suitable alternatives have been identified.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Phippsville Ward and recommended on that basis.

Rectory Farm Ward

Rectory Farm Ward is currently made up of three Polling Districts. One is determined by Parliamentary Constituency boundaries. These are served by two Polling Places.

It is proposed to adjust the borders between the two Polling Districts served by Rectory Farm Community Centre as their Polling Place, to balance the number of voters in person projected in 2020 to around 1,400. No other changes are proposed.

The other Polling Place is Blackthorn Good Neighbours and Childrens Centre. Although concerns were expressed about this Polling Place before the last elections, problems were not experienced on the day and no better alternative location has been identified.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in Rectory Farm Ward and recommended on that basis.

Riverside Ward

Riverside Ward currently consists of two Polling Districts served from a single Polling Place, Standens Barn Community Centre.

Projections of voters in person have indicated that one of the two Polling Districts would reach over 1,900 voters in person by 2020. In light of this it is proposed to split the ward into three Polling Districts all served from the same existing Polling Place which is near the meeting point of all three Polling Districts.

It would be possible to adjust the boundaries between the two existing Polling Districts but this would have created two each with about 1,500 voters in person each in 2020. On balance a set of three Districts is preferred.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in Riverside Ward and recommended on that basis.

Rushmills Ward

Rushmills Ward is currently divided into four Polling Districts. One District is determined by the Parish of Great Houghton and a Parliamentary Constituency boundary. These are served by four Polling Places. The ward is geographically widespread.

Following comments in response to the initial consultation it is proposed to use Old Scouts as the Polling Place for one District, replacing Old Northamptonians which is now proposed to be used in Abington Ward.

It is also proposed to reallocate part of the District that vote at Old Northamptonians to the District that votes at Vernon Terrace Community Centre for convenience and accessibility reasons.

The existing Polling District served by Bridgewater Primary School is still proposed to have the School as its Polling Place but in the further consultation we would ask for further comments on potential alternative Polling Places, for accessibility and convenience reasons.

The Polling Place at Great Houghton is Parsons Memorial Hall and is not proposed to change.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Rushmills Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Semilong Ward

Semilong Ward currently contains four Polling Districts, significantly affected by Parliamentary Constituency and County Council Division boundaries. These are served by three Polling Places.

No changes are proposed to these arrangements. One Polling District is projected to have around 1,500 voters in person by 2020.

The Polling Places for Semilong Ward are Holy Trinity Church Hall (2 Districts), Semilong Community Centre and Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Semilong Ward and recommended on that basis.

Spencer Ward

Spencer Ward currently contains two Polling Districts, each using Spencer Dallington Community Centre as the Polling Place.

In order to provide better accessibility to the north west of this Ward it is proposed to establish a Polling District there served by the Dallington Lawn Tennis Club. The remainder of the Ward is proposed to be two Polling Districts served by Spencer Dallington Community Centre.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Spencer Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Spring Park

Spring Park Ward currently contains two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

On current projections, one Polling District would have around 1,800 voters in person in 2020. This Polling District is served by The Pastures Community Centre and if necessary at elections in the future will have two Polling Stations. No changes to boundaries or Polling Places are proposed. The other Polling District is served by St Mark's Church Hall.

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Spring Park Ward and recommended on that basis.

St David's Ward

St David's Ward currently contains two Polling Districts each based at one Polling Place.

Representations were made at and after the 2015 elections that the topography of this ward requires a different arrangement with more Polling Places and by implication Polling Districts. As one of the current Polling Districts is projected to have around 1,700 voters in person in 2020, there is a case to make changes on these grounds and in response to representations.

It is therefore proposed to create three Polling Districts with three Polling Places. The Polling Places would be the Liburd Community Room, the Kingsthorpe Grove Lower School and the currently used St David's Church Room. The former two are not current Polling Places and views are sought on the suitability of these Places. It has not yet been possible to inspect Kingsthorpe Grove Lower School, but this will take place over the next few weeks.

The locations of these three Places, at the lower, middle, and upper part of the ward respond to the comments made regarding accessibility.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in St David's Ward and are recommended on that basis.

St James Ward

St James Ward currently consists of two Polling Districts at two Polling Places.

There is new development of housing planned in this Ward at Sixfields that is remote from the Polling Place for that District. It is therefore proposed to establish a new Polling District at the west end of this Ward. Initially this District will have no voters in person. However once voters register in this area, the proposed Polling Place that they will vote in is proposed to be Sixfields Stadium. This could include a mobile option for a Polling Station within the Stadium Car Park.

The remainder of the Ward is proposed to be unchanged as the arrangements work well and the Polling Places are suitable and accessible. One District is projected to have just over 1,800 voters in person by 2020 and thus there may be an additional Polling Station at Franklins Gardens, which is the Polling Place. The other Polling Place is the Doddridge Centre.

The proposed arrangements, which involve minimal change, are considered to be the best possible in St James Ward and recommended on that basis.

Sunnyside Ward

Sunnyside Ward currently consists of two Polling Districts served by one Polling Place. One Polling District is determined by the County Council Division boundary.

Representations were made that the Polling Place at Hinton Road Community Rooms was too small and inaccessible at the time of the elections. The point on accessibility is not accepted, but it is recognised that the level of use of this Polling Place with two Polling

Stations is relatively high for its size. It also needs to be noted that the projected number of voters in person in one existing Polling District in 2020 is around 2,000.

It is therefore proposed to increase the number of Polling Districts to three, with three Polling Places. The proposed Polling Places are the Sunley Management and Conference Centre at the University, Hinton Road Community Rooms and a proposed mobile unit at Bective Road.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Sunnyside Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Talavera Ward

Talavera Ward currently consists of five Polling Districts served by five Polling Places. One Polling District is required to meet Parliamentary Constituency boundaries and the Ward is also affected by County Council Divisions.

Representations have been made that the current arrangements, particularly with regard to the Polling District served at Goldcrest Community Rooms are not sufficiently accessible. It is therefore proposed to move to six Polling Districts served by six Polling Places and in particular to move the Polling Place in the Goldings area. The existing Polling District is proposed to be split along Lings Way, with the western part served in the future by Lodge Farm Community Centre, and the eastern part served in the future by a mobile unit at Goldings Shopping Centre.

The other Polling Places are proposed to be unchanged as: Thorplands Primary School, Southfields Community Centre, Blackthorn Good Neighbours and Childrens Centre, and Rectory Farm Community Centre.

Two Polling Districts, served by Southfields Community Centre and Thorplands Primary School, are projected to have over 1,700 voters in person in 2020. Given the geography of the Ward this cannot be mitigated by boundary changes without compromising accessibility.

In consulting on this Ward, comments are particularly welcome with regard to potential alternatives to Thorplands Primary School where accessibility has been an issue in the past.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Talavera Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Trinity Ward

Trinity Ward currently consists of two Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

The current arrangements work well and it is not planned to make any changes.

The Polling Places are: The Newton Building at the University Avenue Campus, and Holy Trinity Church Hall

The proposed arrangements, which involve no change, are considered to be the best possible in Trinity Ward and recommended on that basis.

Upton Ward

Upton Ward currently consists of three Polling Districts served three Polling Places. This is an area of significant expected housing growth over the next few years. The boundary of one Polling District is affected by a Parish boundary.

Development is taking place at an area called Dragonfly Meadows to the south of this ward. Existing Polling Places are not accessible from this estate. Therefore an additional Polling District served by a Polling Place in the form of a mobile unit on the slip road to the Park is proposed. The projected numbers of voters in this District is very low initially and the form of mobile unit will reflect this.

To the north of Weedon Road, substantial housing growth requires consideration of an additional Polling District and one served by St Crispin Social Club is proposed, as a new Polling Place. The remainder of the area north of Weedon Road will continue to be served by St Crispin Retirement Village, and the remaining area to the south of Weedon Road will continue to be served by the Elgar Centre.

The proposed arrangements are intended to deal with growth and to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Upton Ward and are recommended on that basis.

West Hunsbury Ward

West Hunsbury Ward consists of two Polling Districts served by Parsons Mead Community Room and a mobile unit at Ladybridge Park.

Amendments to the boundary between the two Polling Districts are proposed in order to better reflect the geography of the Ward. This will create a larger Polling District to be served by Ladybridge Park, and will require two Polling Stations. Locations for a Polling Place to the north-west of this Ward have been sought, but without success. A representation was made by the Chair of the Parish Council that the ward should have only one Polling Place but this would not meet accessibility requirements. It was also suggested that the Community Centre be used but again this would reduce accessibility.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in West Hunsbury Ward and are recommended on that basis.

Westone Ward

Westone Ward currently consists of three Polling Districts served by two Polling Places.

To improve accessibility it is proposed to assign a third Polling Place at Headlands United Reformed Church, and reshape the Polling Districts accordingly.

The other Polling Places are: Weston Favell Parish Hall, and a mobile unit at Northampton College.

The proposed arrangements are intended to provide more accessible voting arrangements for electors in Westone Ward and are recommended on that basis.

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David Kennedy

Local Returning Officer

Borough of Northampton

November 2015

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Ward/Map Ref	New District Code	Polling Place	2020 - Projected Total Electorate	2020 - Projected In Person
Abington			7859	6665
1	NNAB1	Abington Avenue Utd. Reformed Church	1787	1512
2	NNAB2	Stimpson Avenue Academy	1444	1227
3	NNAB3	Stimpson Avenue Academy	1318	1116
4	NNAB4	Old Northamptonians Association	1224	1039
5	NNAB5	Barry Primary School - Gym Annexe	1221	1034
6	NSAB6	Vernon Terrace Community Centre	865	737
Billing			7166	5751
1	NSBL1	The Institute	2054	1653
2	NSBL2	St Andrew`s CEVA Primary School	2392	1918
3	NSBL3	Bellinge Community Centre	1130	905
4	NSBL4	All Saints Church	1590	1275
Boothville			3660	2884
1	NNBV1	Kings Meadow School	2150	1695
2	NNBV2	Boothville Community Centre	1510	1189
Brookside			4171	3423
1	NNBR1	Lumbertubs Primary School	1410	1161
2	NNBR2	Lings Primary School	2173	1779
3	NNBR3	Arlbury Road Community Room	588	483

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Castle			9558	8192
1	NSCT1	Castle Community Hub (New)	1591	1368
2	NSCT2	The Great Hall	1372	1183
3	NSCT3	Victoria Road Congregational Church	1174	1006
4	NSCT4	Mounts Baths	1328	1134
5	NSCT5	Northamptonshire Music Trust	1323	1133
6	NSCT6	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (New)	1470	1253
7	NSCT7	Northamptonshire Music Trust	1300	1115
Delapre & Briar Hill			10733	8921
1	NSDB1	Mobile Unit - Hunsbarrow/Ironstone Rd (New)	1351	1126
2	NSDB2	Briar Hill Community Centre	1599	1337
3	NSDB3	Far Cotton Rec Centre	809	672
4	NSDB4	Mobile Unit - Far Cotton Asda (New)	1521	1263
5	NSDB5	Far Cotton Rec Centre	1092	906
6	NSDB6	Far Cotton Rec Centre	1828	1515
7	NSDB7	Gloucester Nursery School	1197	994
8	NSDB8	The Abbey Primary School (New)	1336	1108
East Hunsbury			8384	6652
1	SNEH1	Collingtree Golf Club (New)	363	290
2	SNEH2	Blackymore Community Centre	1458	1157
3	SNEH3	Blackymore Community Centre	2303	1825
4	SNEH4	East Hunsbury Primary School	1287	1021
5	SNEH5	Abbey Centre Baptist Church	1775	1409
6	SNEH6	Abbey Centre Baptist Church	1198	950

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Eastfield			3664	2946
1	NNEF1	St Albans Jubilee Hall	1476	1181
2	NNEF2	St Albans Jubilee Hall	1132	913
3	NNEF3	Eden Close Community Room	1056	852
Headlands			3829	3143
1	NNHD1	Headlands United Reformed Church	2026	1661
2	NNHD2	Abington Community Centre	1803	1482
Kings Heath			3509	3009
1	NSKH1	Montague Crescent Community Room	592	509
2	NSKH2	Kings Heath Community Centre	2917	2500
Kingsley			4241	3482
1	NNKG1	Mobile Unit - Fulford Drive	874	719
2	NNKG2	Kingsley Primary School	1614	1326
3	NNKG3	Kingsley Park Methodist Church	1753	1437
4	NNKG4	Mobile Unit - Fulford Drive	0	0
Kingsthorpe			3979	3109
1	NNKT1	The Pastures Community Centre	1561	1218
2	NNKT2	Kingsthorpe Community Centre	2418	1891
Nene Valley			8780	7002
1	SNNV1	Hardingstone Village Hall	1854	1477
2	SNNV2	Wootton Community & Sports Centre	2426	1937
3	SNNV3	Wootton Community & Sports Centre	1189	945
4	SNNV4	Wootton Community & Sports Centre	1587	1265
5	SNNV5	Wootton Community & Sports Centre	1160	928
6	SNNV6	Collingtree Village Room	564	450

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New Duston			8398	6687
1	NSND1	Mobile Unit - Bordeaux Close	2247	1793
2	NSND2	Mobile Unit - Errington Park	675	538
3	NSND3	Mobile Unit - Park Lane Island	1635	1299
4	NSND4	Duston Eldean Primary School	2207	1755
5	NSND5	Mobile Unit - Errington Park	799	637
6	NSND6	Duston Community Centre	835	665
7	NSND7	Duston Eldean Primary School	0	0
Obelisk			2612	2205
1	NNOL1	Reynard Way Evangelical Church	2284	1928
2	NNOL2	Sunley Conference Centre	328	277
Old Duston			7131	5778
1	NSOD1	Duston Community Centre	1394	1128
2	NSOD2	Chiltern Primary School (New)	1614	1306
3	NSOD3	St Lukes Community Centre (New)	1211	979
4	NSOD4	St Lukes Community Centre (New)	1314	1072
5	NSOD5	Lyncrest Nursery School	1598	1293
Park			3968	3020
1	NSPK1	St Peter`s Church Hall	1980	1507
2	NSPK2	Bridgewater Primary School	1988	1513
Parklands			3978	3006
1	NNPL1	Parklands Community Centre	1710	1293
2	NNPL2	Parklands Nursery School & Childrens Centre	1982	1496
3	NNPL3	Boothville Community Centre -awaiting inspection	286	217

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Phippsville			3355	2744
1	NNPH1	St Matthew`s Parish Centre	2411	1971
2	NNPH2	Cedar Road Primary School	944	773
Rectory Farm			3997	3210
1	NSRF1	Rectory Farm Community Centre	1689	1356
2	NSRF2	Rectory Farm Community Centre	1769	1421
3	NNRF3	Blackthorn Good Neighbours and Childrens Centre	539	433
Riverside			3644	2954
1	NSRV1	Standens Barn Community Centre	1170	945
2	NSRV2	Standens Barn Community Centre	1198	972
3	NSRV3	Standens Barn Community Centre	1276	1037
Rushmills			3530	2816
1	SNRM1	Parsons Memorial Hall	551	444
2	NSRM2	Bridgewater Primary School	1463	1167
3	NSRM3	Old Scouts (New)	761	604
4	NSRM4	Vernon Terrace Community Centre	755	601
Semilong			3736	3224
1	NNSM1	Holy Trinity Church Hall	620	536
2	NNSM2	Holy Trinity Church Hall	214	185
3	NSSM3	Semilong Community Centre	1126	970
4	NSSM4	Alliston Gardens Youth & Community Centre	1776	1533
Spencer			3898	3097
1	NSSP1	Dallington Lawn Tennis Club	1486	1187
2	NSSP2	Spencer Dallington Community Centre	1075	852
3	NSSP3	Spencer Dallington Community Centre	1337	1058

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Spring Park			4058	3252
1	NNSP1	The Pastures Community Centre	1171	937
2	NNSP2	The Pastures Community Centre	1298	1042
3	NNSP3	St Mark`s Church Hall	1589	1273
St Davids			3488	2844
1	NNSD1	Kingsthorpe Grove Lower School (New)	1272	1033
2	NNSD2	St David`s Church Room	1307	1065
3	NNSD3	The Liburd Rooms (New)	909	746
St James			3678	3043
1	NSSJ1	The Saints "Heroes Room"	2219	1836
2	NSSJ2	Doddridge Centre	1459	1207
3	NSSJ3	Sixfields Stadium (New)	0	0
Sunnyside			3469	2778
1	NNSU1	Sunley Conference Centre	887	714
2	NNSU2	Hinton Road Community Room	1599	1279
3	NNSU3	Hinton Road Community Room	983	785
Talavera			8296	6760
1	NNTV1	Thorplands Primary School	2136	1742
2	NNTV2	Southfields Community Centre	2106	1717
3	NNTV3	Lodge Farm Community Centre (New)	911	743
4	NNTV4	Mobile Unit - Goldings Shopping Centre (New)	1736	1415
5	NNTV5	Blackthorn Good Neighbours and Childrens Centre	1088	885
6	NSTV6	Rectory Farm Community Centre - Mobile in Car Park	319	258
Trinity			3286	2717
1	NNTR1	The Newton Building (rear entrance)	1719	1423
2	NNTR2	Holy Trinity Church Hall	1567	1294

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Upton			5192	4187
1	SNUP1	Mobile Unit - Banbury Lane	935	753
2	SNUP2	Mobile Unit - Dragonfly Meadows, sliproad to Park (New)	14	12
3	SNUP3	The Elgar Centre	1890	1526
4	SNUP4	St Crispin Retirement Village	1582	1273
5	SNUP5	St Crispin Social Club (New)	771	623
West Hunsbury			3826	2986
1	SNWH1	Parsons Mead Community Room	1430	1117
2	SNWH2	Mobile Unit - Ladybridge Park	2396	1869
Westone			3846	2961
1	NNWT1	Mobile Unit - St Gregory Street	849	656
2	NNWT2	Headlands United Reformed Church	1137	876
3	NNWT3	Weston Favell Parish Hall	1860	1429
Grand Total			166919	135448

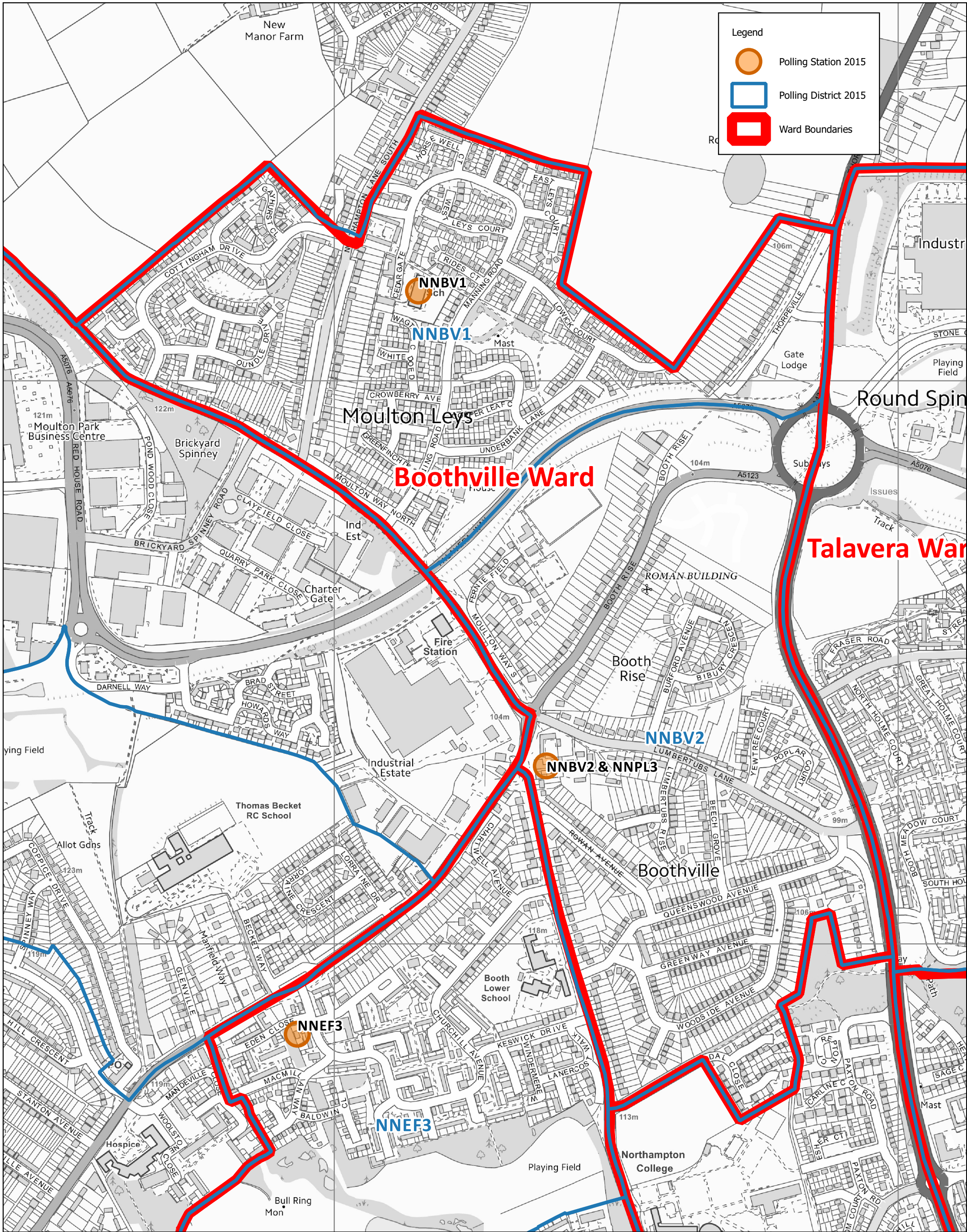
Name	Position	Ward/Constituency	Polling Place	Comments	Issues?
Mike Hallam	Borough Councillor	Parklands		As a Borough and County Councillor I am happy with the current arrangements in both my Borough Ward and County Division and would be reluctant to change these, given the changes made the other year.	Yes
Danielle Stone	County Councillor	Abington	Barry Road - Gym Annex	Thank you for all the work the has been to date on the Polling Stations review. I will encourage the Labour Cllrs. to respond. My comment re Abington is please can we look again at Barry Road? The very long walk down from the road to the gym behind the school means it is not accessible for people with mobility issues.	Yes
David Mackintosh	MP	Northampton South		Many thanks for your email and for sending me details of the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. I have reviewed those in wards within my constituency of Northampton South and have no issues to raise with you. Should I notice any issues following future elections then I will bring them to the attention of the Returning Officer for future reviews.	No
29 Tim Hadland	Borough Councillor	Old Duston	Lyncrest School	If the access is retained as previously, it is steep and unlit, and entirely unsuitable for the elderly or disabled who wish to vote in person	Yes
Phil Larratt	Borough Councillor	East Hunsbury	Danes Camp Leisure Centre	As Borough Councillor for East Hunsbury and County Councillor for Nene Valley I have a few observations on the proposals for these areas. Firstly, East Hunsbury. Can I please suggest that Polling Districts SNEH5 and SNEH6 are merged. SNEH6 was only established as it used to be in West Hunsbury Ward and was a separate ward within Wootton & East Hunsbury Parish Council – Grange Ward. As this is all now East Hunsbury Ward and is not a ward within East Hunsbury Parish it is not necessary and should be a part of SNEH5. I note you propose that SNEH5 vote at Danes Camp Leisure Centre, while SNEH6 vote at the Abbey Centre. I'm not very happy about the use of Danes Camp Leisure Centre as the car park there gets very full and congested at certain times during the day. People arriving to vote by car may well be put off doing so if they cannot easily access the car park. The Abbey Centre has more parking and does not get as congested as Danes Camp. My alternative suggestion for both The Abbey Centre and Danes Camp Leisure Centre would be Simon de Senlis Primary School that is central to Polling Districts SNEH5 and SNEH6.	Yes

Name	Position	Ward/Constituency	Polling Station	Comments	Issues?
Phil Larratt	County Councillor	Nene Valley	Wootton Memorial Hall	<p>As to Nene Valley. I note that you have re-introduced Wootton Memorial Hall as a Polling Station. A significant number of electors in SNNV2 that will vote there come from Simpson Manor and Turners Court off Newport Pagnell Road. Many people voting at the Polling Station from these areas will therefore go by car as it is a fair distance to walk and parking in the vicinity of the Memorial Hall is extremely poor, especially at the start and end of the school day with pupils being dropped off and picked up from Wootton Primary School. The Memorial Hall is only 200 yards away from the Community Centre where there is significant parking available and it is within easy walking distance. I would therefore suggest that all four Polling Districts SNNV2, SNNV3, SNNV4 and SNNV5 all vote at Wootton Community Centre. There is a new development off the western end of Berry Lane. (I'm afraid I can't remember the name of the road!). Berry Lane is in SNNV2, but the development off it will fall into SNNV5. It should be in SNNV2 as it is part of the Berry Lane community and has no connection with SNNV5. The boundaries of these two Polling Districts need to be amended to allow for this. I also wonder why there is the need for so many Polling Districts covering Wootton Fields and would suggest that SNNV3 and SNNV4 could easily be merged.</p>	Yes
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Stephen Tomlinson	Chairman Parish Council	West Hunsbury	Parsons Meade and Ladybridge Park	<p>Our Clerk has asked councillors to feedback to you their views on this review – these are my personal thoughts – if nothing else may stimulate some discussion Elections are I guess costly events and we should bear this in mind with any suggestions. West Hunsbury is a fairly compact area and routinely has 2 polling stations - One at Parsons Meade Centre which is a building - One in Ladybridge park which needs temporary buildings and toilet facilities The area has a very high [proportion of postal voters It may be worth looking at the possibility of consolidating the 2 stations into one to minimise costs - Possibly the Parsons Meade centre but perhaps slightly more accessible would be the Community Centre behind the Hill Shop or possibly even use the Ironstone Railway facilities.</p>	No

Name	Position	Ward/Constituency	Polling Station	Comments	Issues?
*redacted	Northampton Resident	Billing	The Institute	<p data-bbox="1478 212 2644 275">Thank you for your letter of 9th October referring to the above subject to which I have a short point to make in response.</p> <p data-bbox="1478 323 2644 583">At the last election I thought the Station in Great Billing, the Church Hall had deteriorated somewhat and was, in my opinion not entirely fit for purpose. Basically the rooms have seen better days, in need of refurbishment perhaps, and on the latest occasion to be used as a polling station, the main door remained locked closed with voters expected to enter and leave through the back door, through the kitchen area. For those from the further reaches of the ward or visiting whilst "in transit", parking could also be better, there is no designated parking associated with this building, only (narrow) on street parking.</p> <p data-bbox="1478 632 2644 737">As a suggestion, perhaps Billing Parish Council could be approached for use of the Bernard Weston Pavilion for future elections. There is plenty of parking, plenty of space in the well kept building, with adequate facilities and connected by safe walkways to the area.</p> <p data-bbox="1478 785 2644 848">I hope this helps but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get back to me.</p>	Yes

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Please tell us the name of your ward and proposed polling station (if known) or enter your postcode below:	Will the proposal change the location where you would go to vote in-person on polling day?	Is the proposed polling place for your area suitable for you to go to vote in-person on polling day?	Please explain...	If your proposed polling station is not suitable, please suggest alternate location(s) :	Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposals?	Are you responding as an individual, or on behalf of a group or organisation?	Please tell us the name of the group / organisation.
Nene Valley - Collingtree Village Hall	No	Very suitable				Organisation	Collingtree Parish Council
NN4 9UR	Don't know	Don't know	I duno wer it iz	Me house	I duno	Individual	
					Suggest its not split into e.g. Cherwell DC. Have worked on many elections & this year the admin was a jumble ! NBC do it well, better to keep it with the people who can manage it well.	Individual	
NN4 6BE	Don't know	Don't know	Couldn't see Wootton on the list so presume it is not changing? The information is not clear at all		Would be nice to know if only those with proposed changes are listed - a statement saying if ward not listed then will be remaining the same would have made thing much clearer	Individual	
SNNV6	No	Very suitable	Has always been used as the polling station and is fine			Individual	
kingsthorpe nn2	No	Suitable	Although would be nice to be able to go to the pastures community centre where there is adequate parking and its just up the road. The kingsthorpe community centre has really inadequate parking and difficult to cut accross traffic.			Individual	
	No	Very suitable				Individual	
NN1 5HP	No	Very suitable	Very close to home address, plenty of space to queue, plenty of space to place vote, friendly & helpful local volunteers.	n/a		Individual	
Phippsville	No	Very suitable			My comment is not in relation to my polling station, which is fine (St Matthew's Parish Church). I wish to request that the other polling station in the division Cedar Road Primary School is not used as a polling station as it necessitates the closing of the school for the day. As a working parent, this is a considerable inconvenience. There are many other buildings in the immediate area that would be equally suitable.	Individual	
NN3 9TL	yes	Suitable	I suggest using the Bernard Weston Pavilion in Great Billing in place of the catholic church rooms. This has easy access and car parking spaces. The building has good heating, toilet and kitchen facilities.			Individual	
Old Duston Lyncrest School I am a Ward Councillor, Tim Hadland	Don't know	Very unsuitable	If the access is retained as previously, it is steep and unlit, and entirely unsuitable for the elderly or diabled who wish to vote in person	Provide an alternative access to the same Polling Station		Individual	



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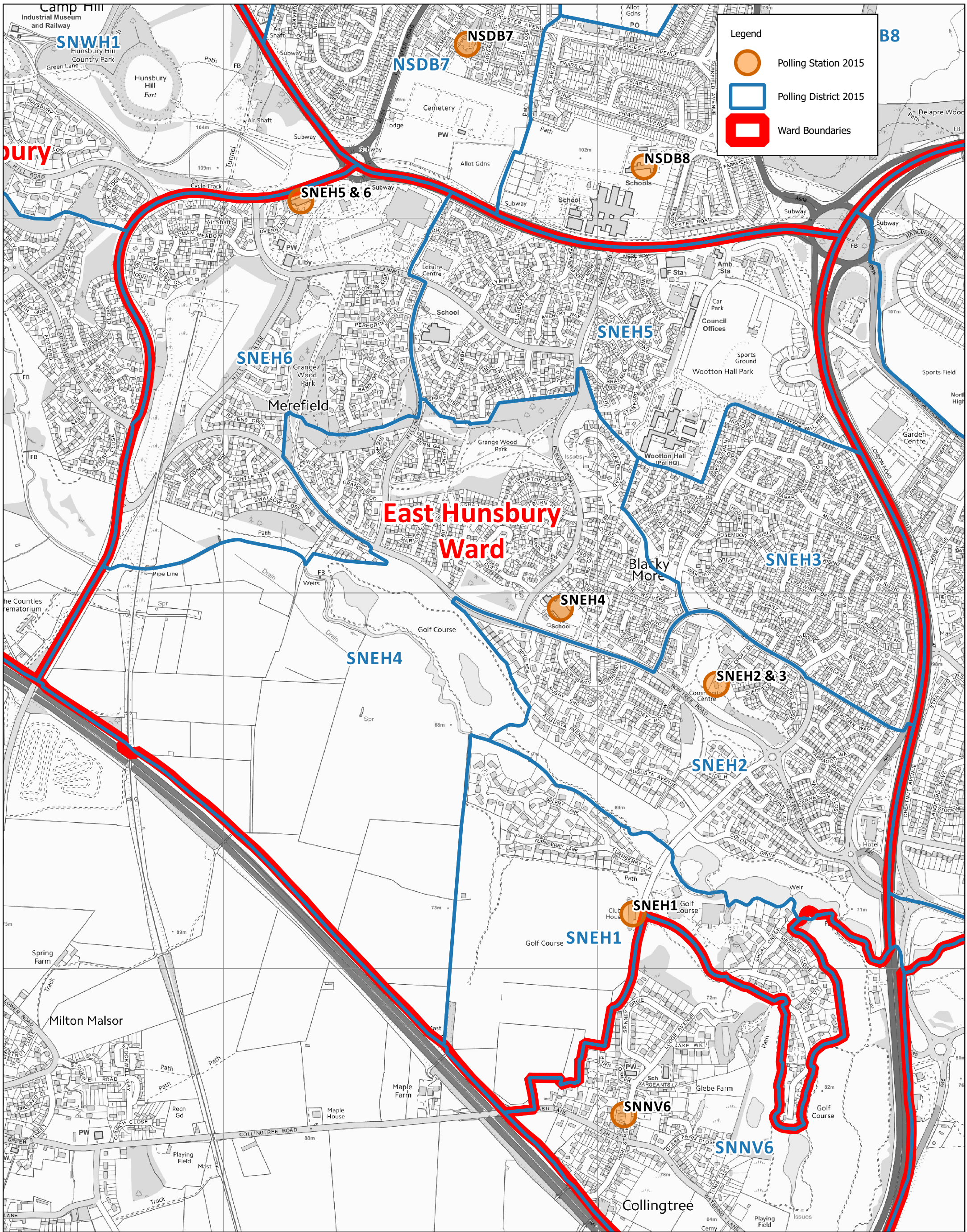
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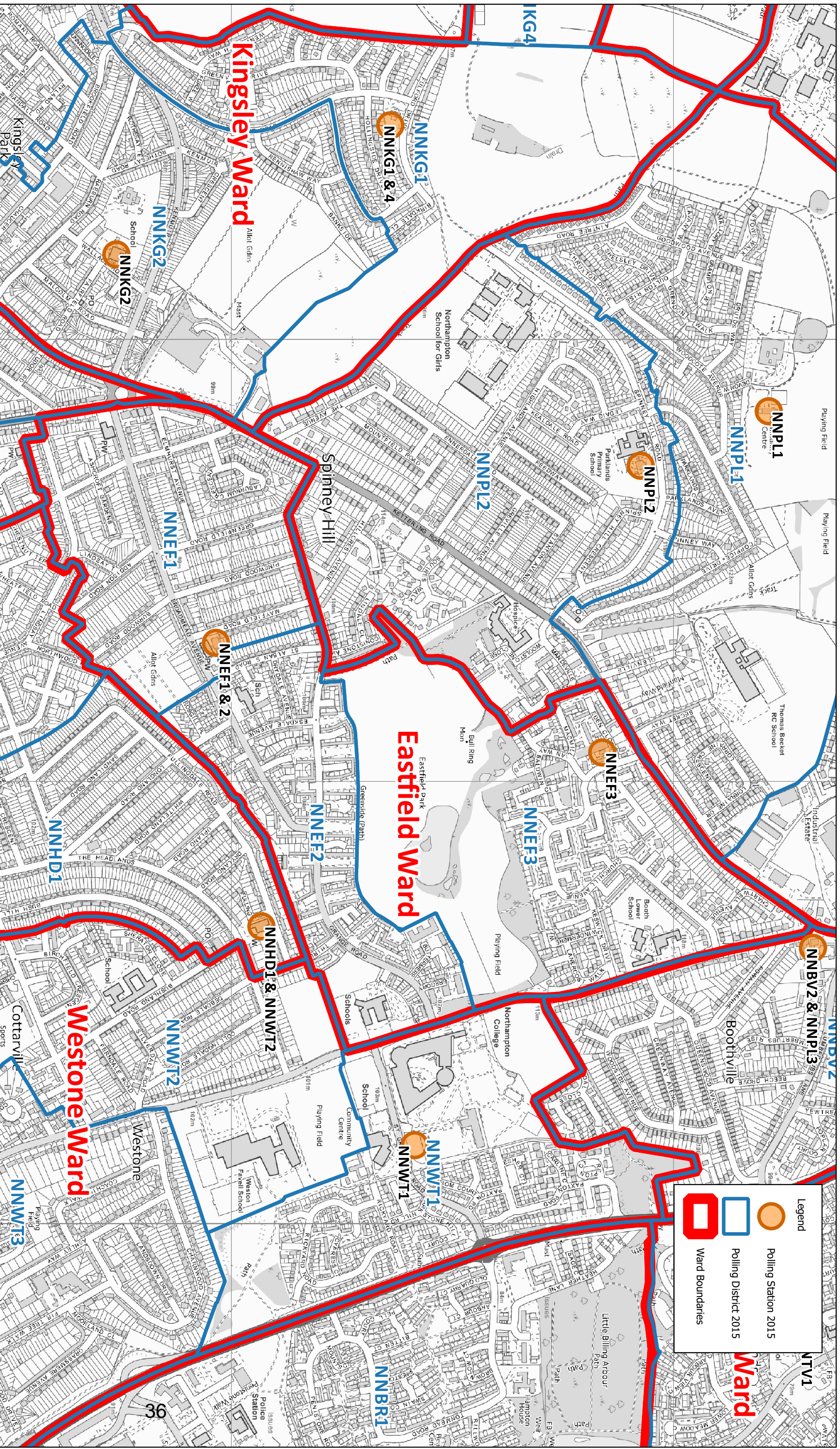
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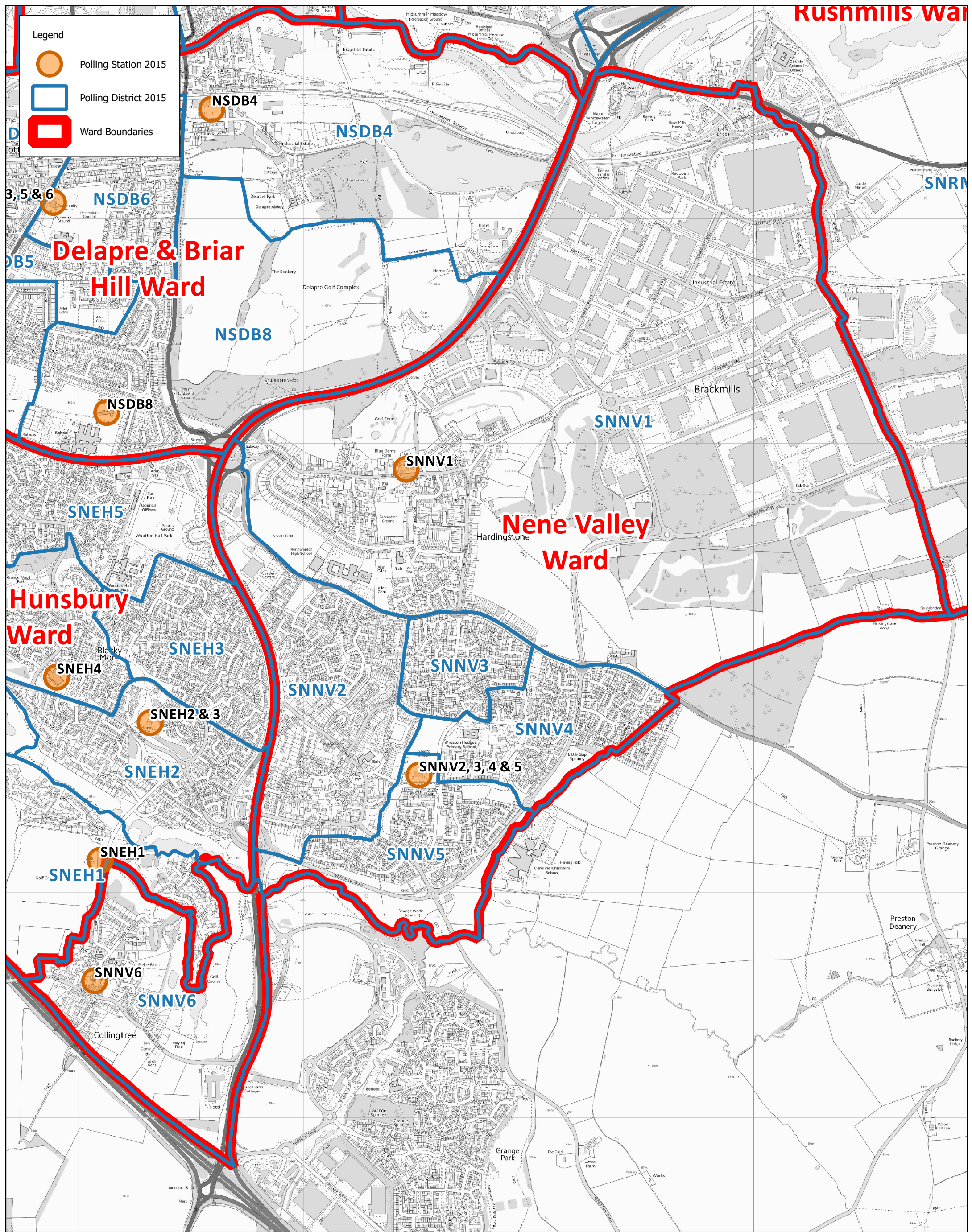


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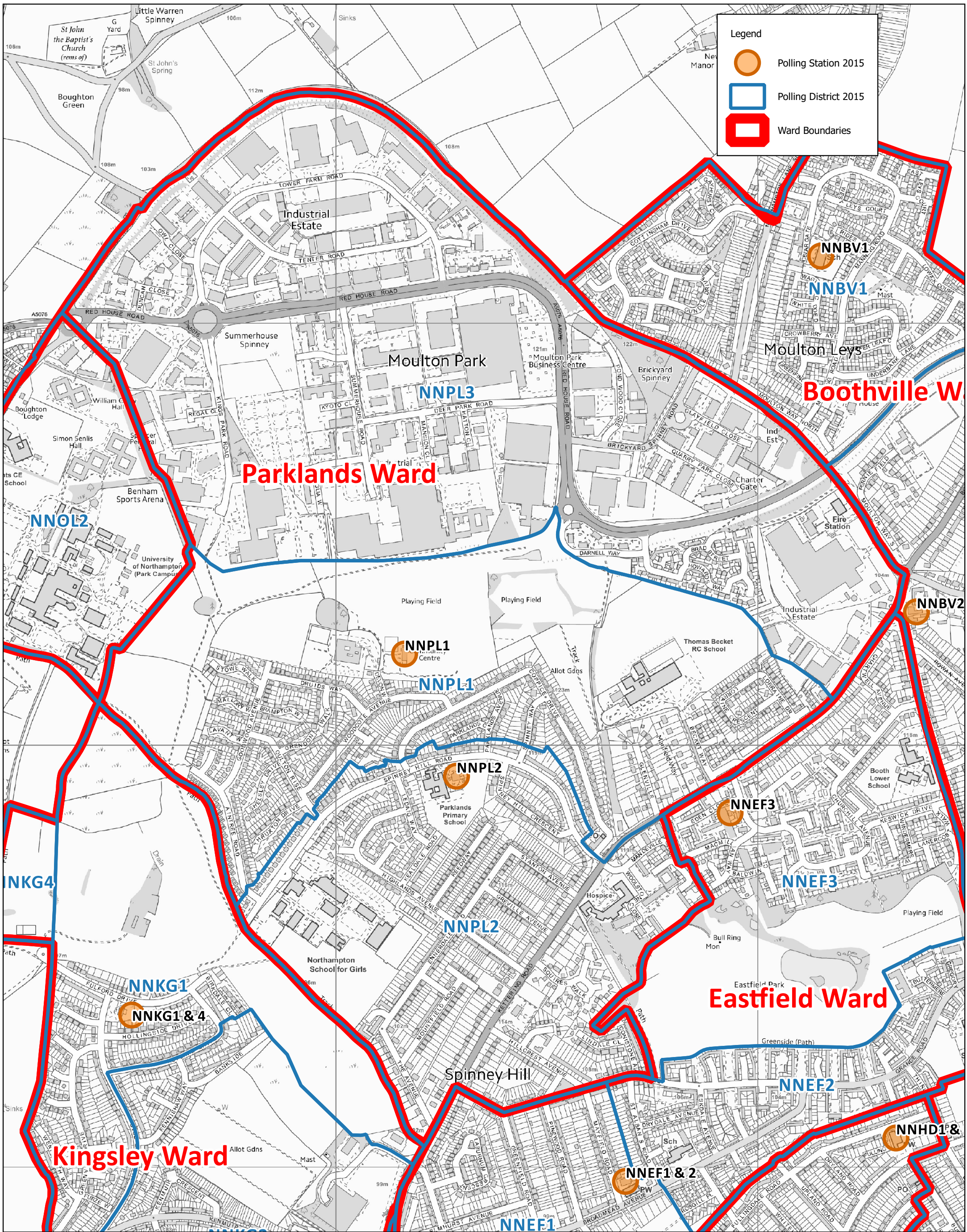
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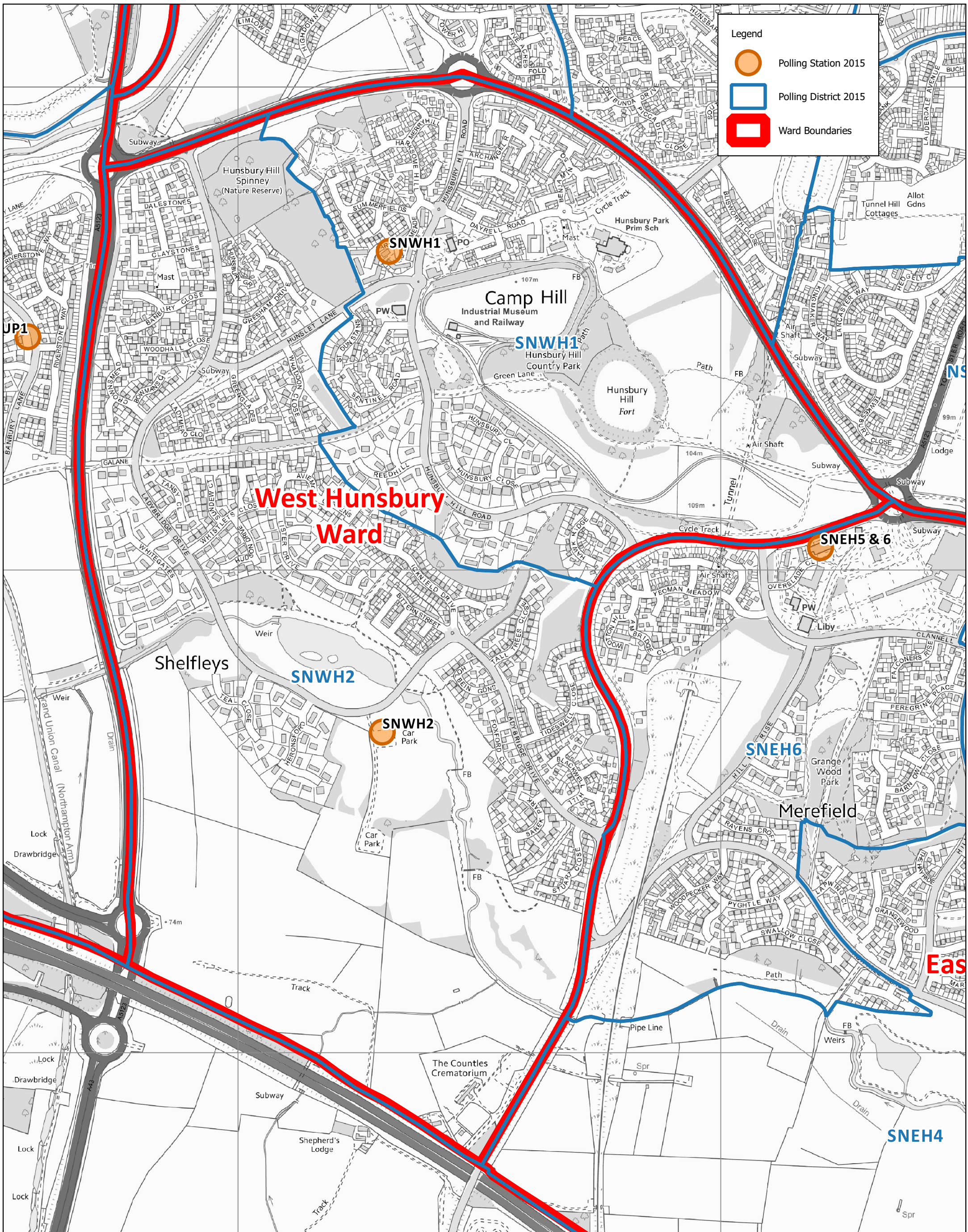
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Legend

- Polling Station 2015
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- Ward Boundaries



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