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LGBCE review of Cambridge City Council electoral arrangements

REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES

Provisional warding arrangements

11 July 2018

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document provides details of the substantive ward boundary proposals discussed and agreed by the Member Working Group (MWG). Members of Civic Affairs are invited to review the proposals and agree to their presentation for formal adoption as the formal submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) by full Council.
- 1.2. Each ward is presented separately, in order that Members can see the changes proposed in each case.
- 1.3. Colours shown on maps are to highlight possible ward areas, and do not reflect community or political affiliations. Note that outlines on maps are approximate, and final maps will be ‘snapped’ to the exact existing boundaries or markers.
- 1.4. The MWG have agreed the boundaries for all 14 wards. These are presented in this document.

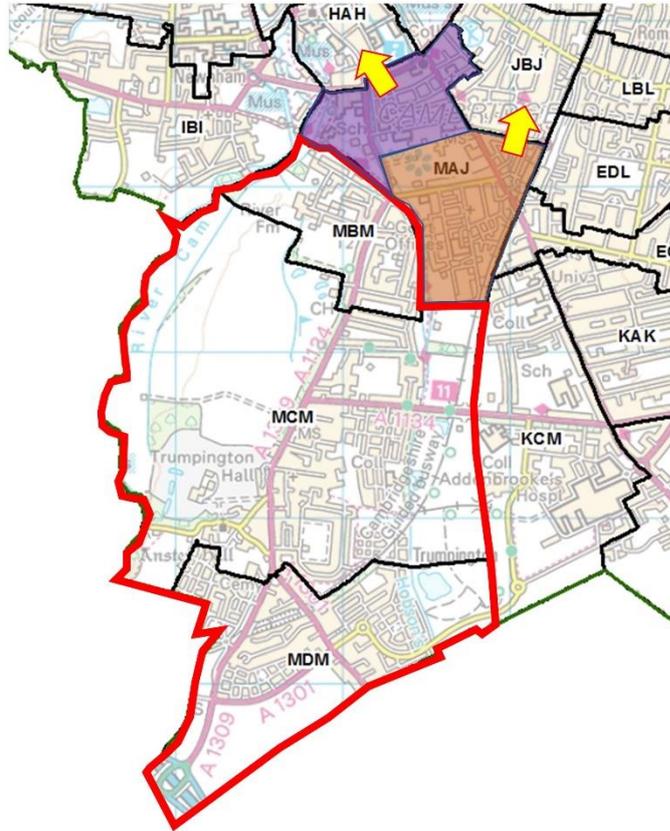
2. Ward proposals

- 2.1. Each ward is shown below.

Trumpington

Polling districts MBM, MCM and MDM remain in Trumpington.

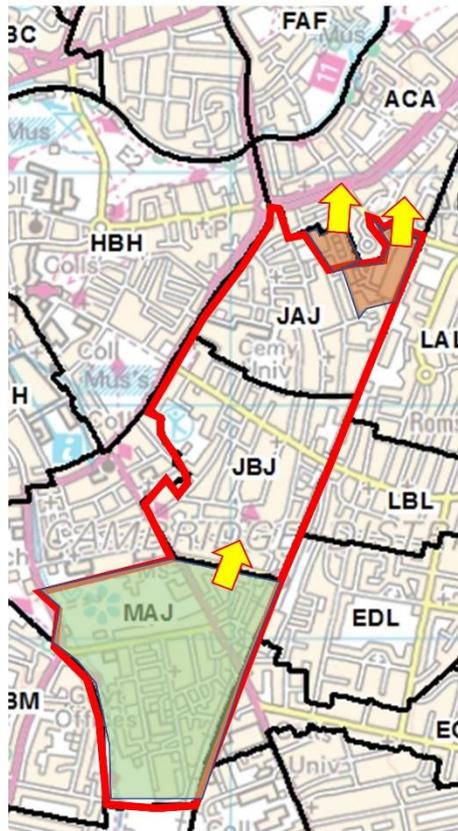
Polling district MAJ is moved from Trumpington, such that the entire Botanic Gardens and the area to the south and east move to Petersfield; the remainder of MAJ is moved to Market.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	10,091	+47.2%
Proposal	7,066	+3.0%

Petersfield

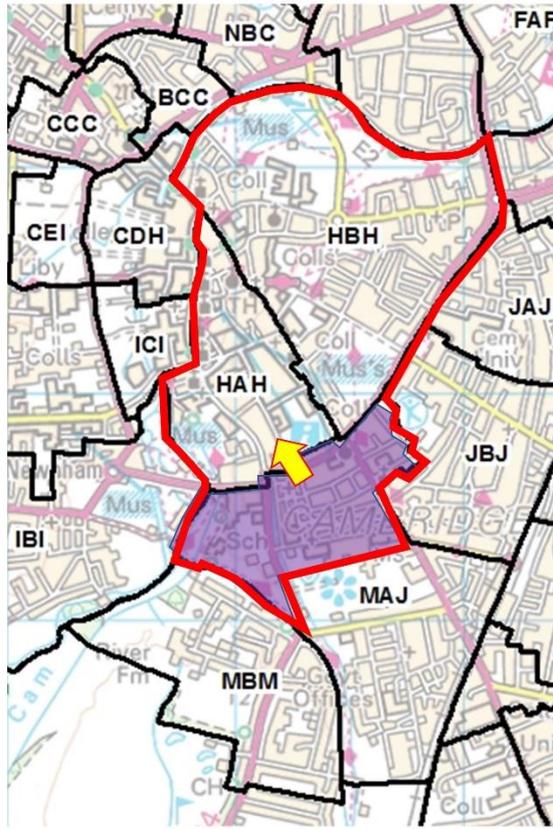
Petersfield will gain from Trumpington, as noted above. In addition, St Matthew's Gardens and the properties in that corner (112-118 New Street and 150-178 York Street) will move to Abbey. In addition, the boundary will be adjusted such that The Beehive is moved to Abbey ward. This provides a tidier boundary, as The Beehive is otherwise isolated from the rest of its ward (in terms of vehicular access). If this change, which affects no residential properties, is not made then it is possible the LGBCE may recommend it to resolve what is otherwise a somewhat convoluted boundary.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	5,691	-17.0%
Proposal	7,205	+5.1%

Market

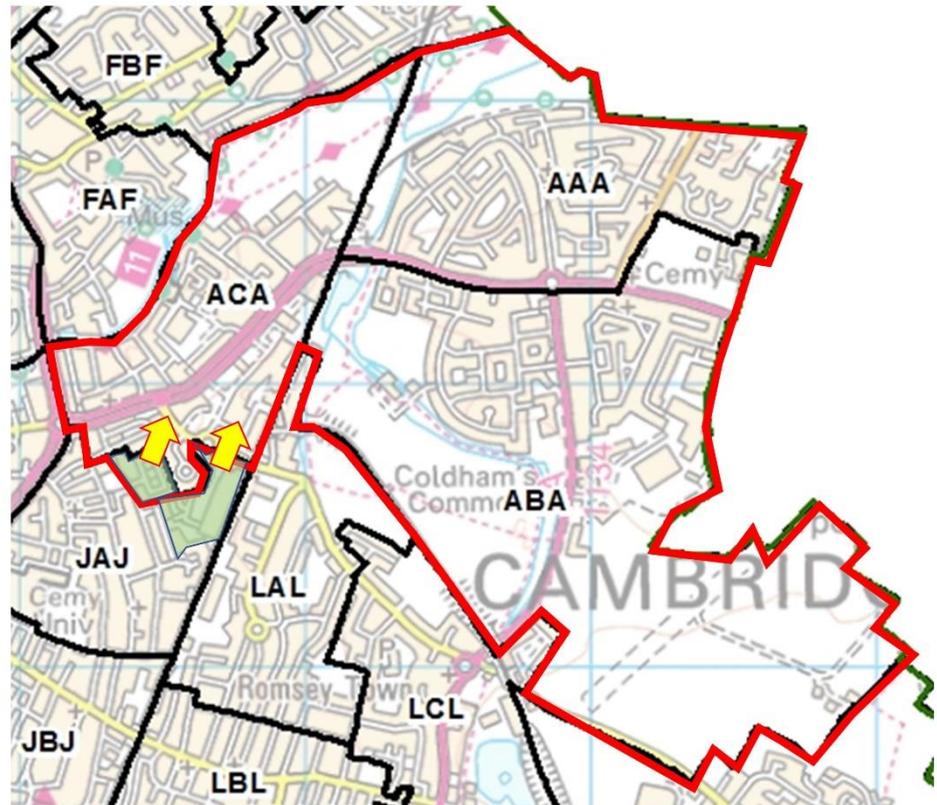
Market will gain part of the existing Trumpington ward, as noted above.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	5,806	-15.3%
Proposal	7,014	+2.3%

Abbey

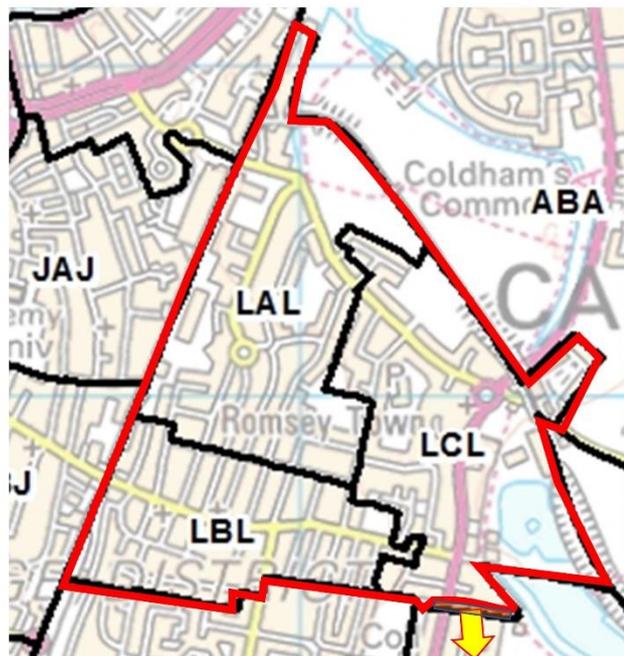
Abbey will gain from Petersfield, as noted above. In addition, the boundary with Romsey ward will be adjusted, such that the entire of Brickyard Industrial Estate on Coldhams Lane is moved within Romsey ward. The only vehicular access is to the south, via Romsey. No residential properties or planned developments are affected by this change.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,660	-2.9%
Proposal	6,963	+1.5%

Romsey

In addition to the minor adjustment with Abbey ward, a small 'tidying-up' is proposed between Romsey and Coleridge, such that all properties in Budleigh Close and Trefoil Terrace are within the same ward (Coleridge). The move will also include 195, 200 and 200B Perne Road in Coleridge ward, as moving the boundary to just north of these properties is a more natural break (as there are no further properties on Perne Road until after the next side roads). This includes the neighbours along Perne Road in the same ward. Numbers 116-118 Rustat Road will be moved to Coleridge ward.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,725	-1.9%
Proposal	6,711	-2.1%

Coleridge

In addition to the proposed changes with Romsey, the following will be included in Queen Edith's ward, moving from Coleridge ward, such that they are in the same ward as adjacent neighbours.

- 135-141 and 160 Blinco Grove
- 120-122 Hartington Grove
- 1, 2, 3, 5 Hinton Avenue
- 160 Mowbray Road
- Burton House, 2a Rock Road
- 17 Rock Road

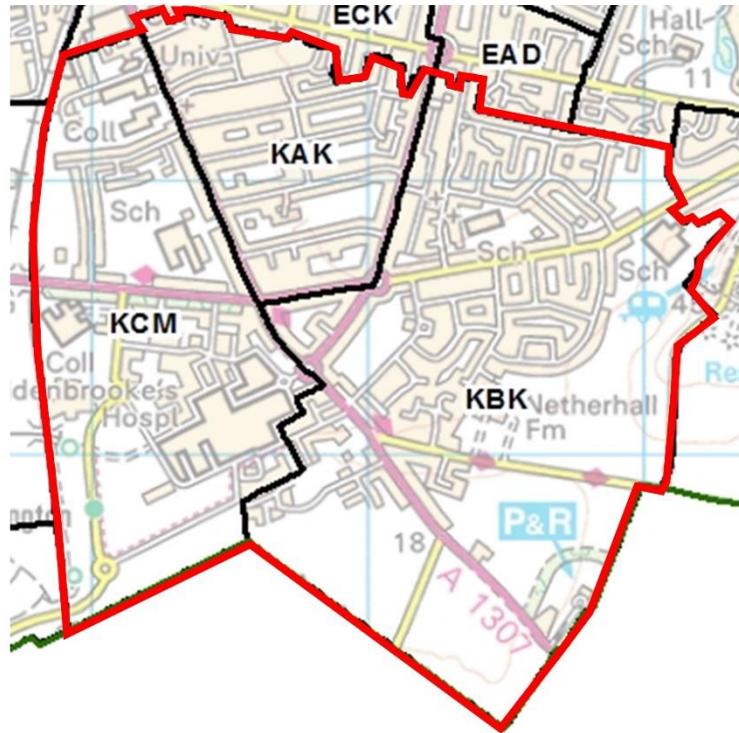
The Mill, Rathmore Road and Boundary Court will be moved to Coleridge, moving from Queen Edith's. The only vehicular access to these properties is from the north (Coleridge), with posts preventing access from Queen Edith's ward. As a result, it improves convenience of local government to include them in Coleridge ward.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,815	-0.6%
Proposal	6,835	-0.3%

Queen Edith's

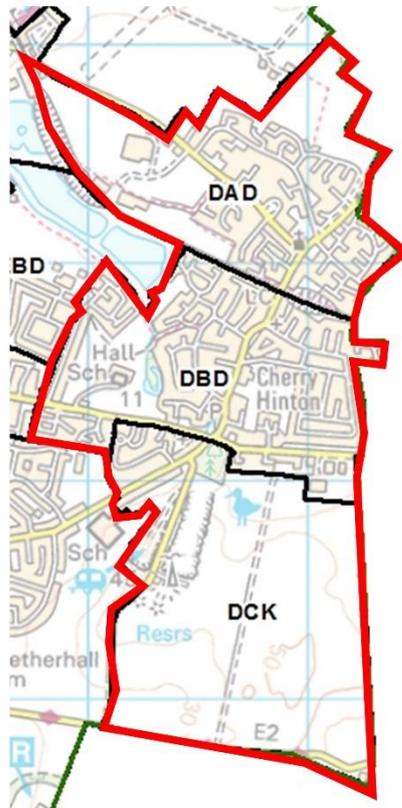
No further changes are proposed for this ward, other than those noted above.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	7,176	+4.7%
Proposal	7,170	+4.6%

Cherry Hinton

No changes are proposed for this ward.

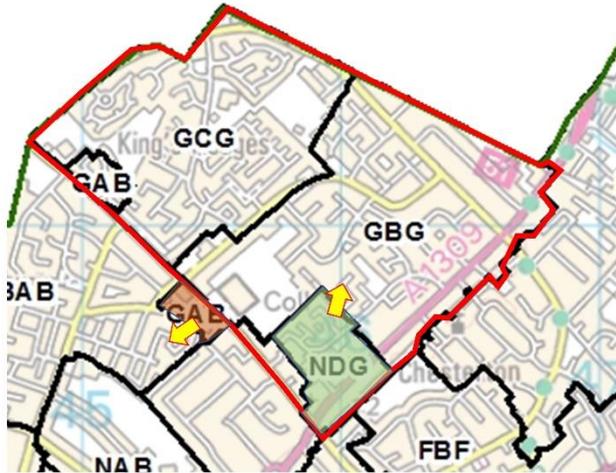


	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	7,002	+2.1%
Proposal	7,002	+2.1%

King's Hedges

if no changes are made to this ward it will have a variance of around -11% in 2024. There is no major development expected in this ward, and East Chesterton already has a negative electoral variance. The MWG have discussed and considered a number of options, including amending the boundaries along the Arbury Road and Milton Road (in both cases, it was agreed that the existing boundary better reflects the communities and artificially separating them by creating a dividing line down the centre of the road would be unhelpful). Two changes will take place in King's Hedges. Polling district NDG will move from West Chesterton to King's Hedges; this represents a distinct and separate community from the rest of West Chesterton. Arbury Court, which is on the south-western side of Arbury Road, will move to Arbury ward.

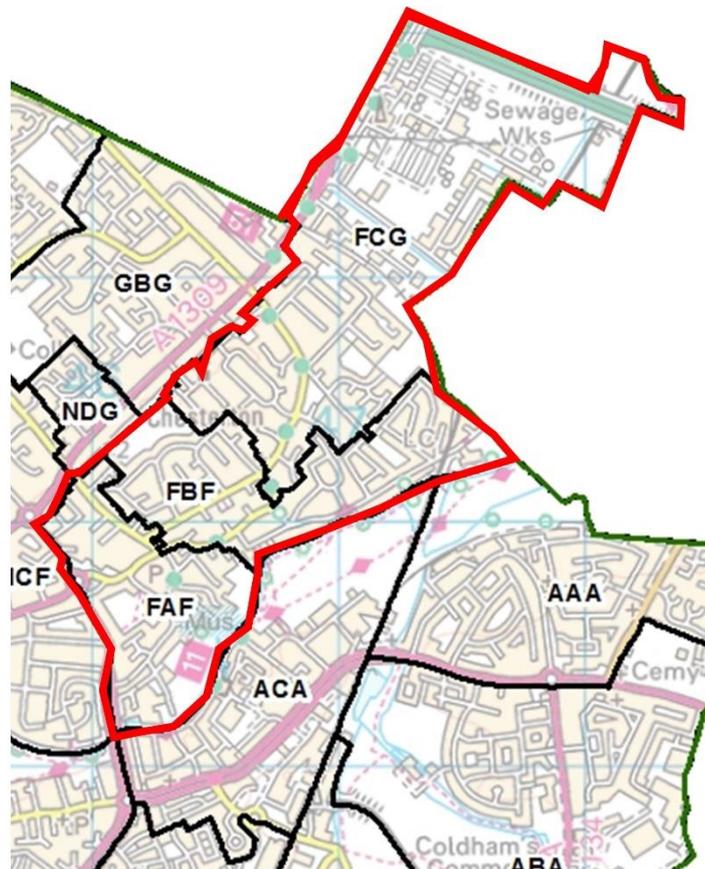
In addition, two minor boundary changes are proposed, which will tidy-up the boundary and ensure neighbours are included in the same ward: both 1A Kendal Way and 100 Kendal Way will be included in East Chesterton (rather than King's Hedges) to better reflect the identity of the community, and 4 Green End Road will be included in East Chesterton rather than King's Hedges.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,105	-11.0%
Proposal	6,574	-4.1%

East Chesterton

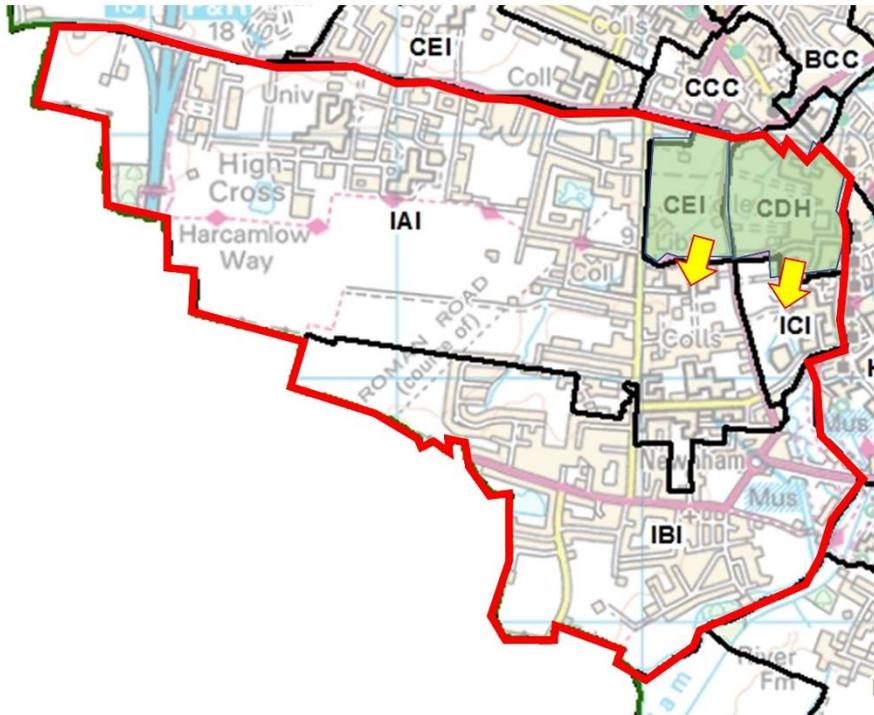
With no changes to the boundary, East Chesterton will have a variance in 2024 of around -6%. A number of options have been considered by the MWG, but none reflect the community as well as the current boundary. No changes are therefore proposed other than the tidying-up noted above.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,440	-6.1%
Proposal	6,442	-6.1%

Newnham

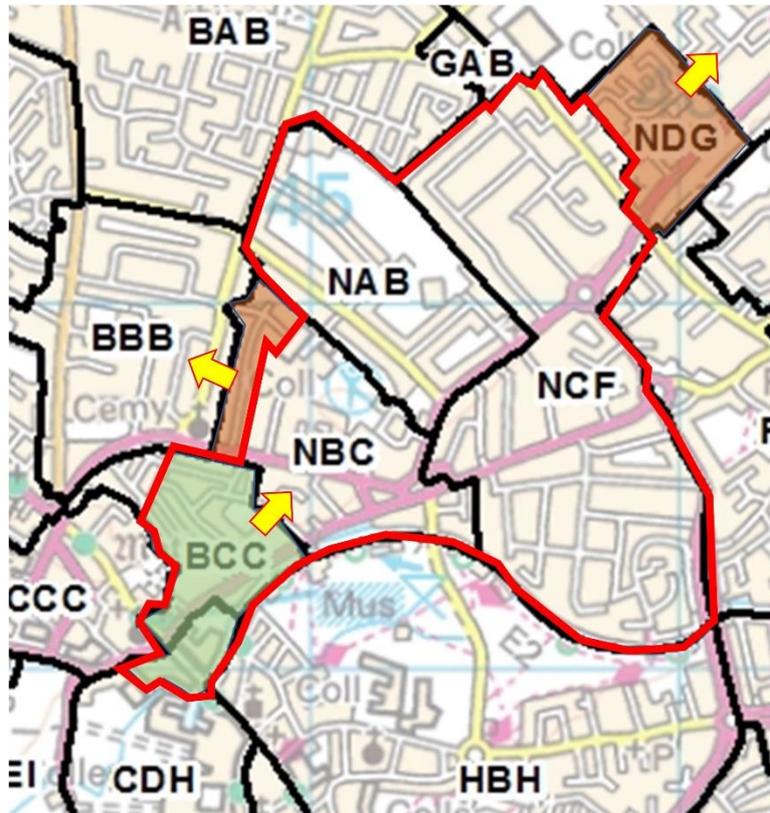
Polling district CEI (east) will be moved from Castle to Newnham. The majority of CDH polling district (being the area to the south of Magdalene College and Bin Brook) will also move to Newnham from Castle.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	5,517	-19.5%
Proposal	6,972	+1.7%

West Chesterton

West Chesterton will lose polling district NDG to King's Hedges, as previously noted. It will also lose Garden Walk and Bateson Road to Arbury. It gains areas from Arbury around the castle (polling district BCC, to the east of St Luke's Street), plus Magdalene college and surrounds (north of Bin Brook) from Castle ward (polling district CDH). Properties on Castle Street in polling district BCC (currently in Arbury ward) will move to Castle ward.



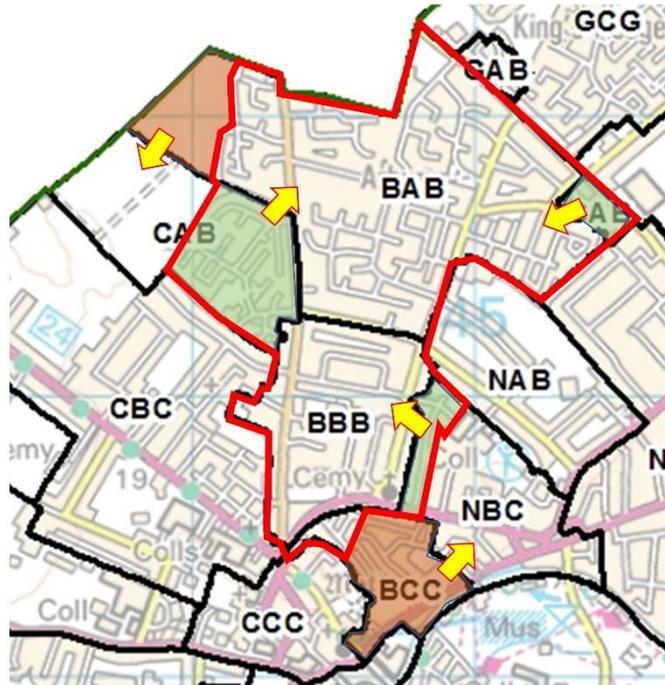
	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,389	-6.8%
Proposal	6,628	-3.3%

Arbury

In addition to the move of Arbury Court from King's Hedges to Arbury (noted previously), and the changes between Arbury and West Chesterton (above), there will be some boundary changes between Arbury and Castle wards.

The intention is to keep the whole of the new Darwin Green development in one ward (Castle). This is because the new development is expected, and designed, to become a new community and will have little in common with the properties to their east. As a result, the new development site will be in Castle (moving from Arbury in the north-west corner of polling district BAB), and the established community in CAB will move to Arbury. Windsor Road, considered to be part of the established Castle community, will remain in Castle ward as will the entire of polling district CBC.

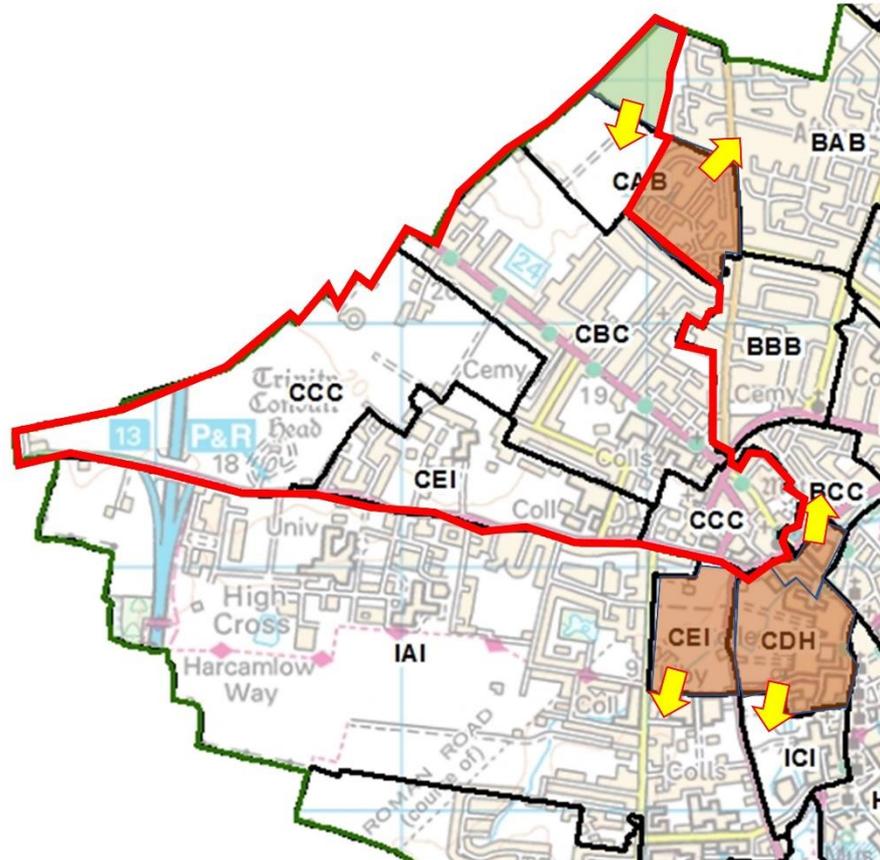
Properties on Castle Street in polling district BCC (currently in Arbury ward) will move to Castle ward.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	6,959	+1.5%
Proposal	6,699	-2.3%

Castle

As noted above, the intention is to keep the whole Darwin development in one ward – Castle. In addition, Castle mound should remain in Castle ward. The eastern CEI polling district and the remainder of polling district CDH will move from Castle to Newnham.



	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance</i>
If no changes are made	8,625	+25.8%
Proposal	6,720	-2.0%

3. Summary

- 3.1. The table below gives the summary of the substantive ward changes presented in this document. In the final submission to the LGBCE (presented to Council), the changes in electorate based on the minor 'tidying-up' of ward boundaries will also be included.
- 3.2. These proposals result in 14 wards, several with very little change to the boundary. Each ward will retain 3 councillors, supporting the current electoral cycle and ensuring good electoral equality and representation.
- 3.3. Zero wards have variances outside the +/- 10% tolerance. The table below summarises the proposed wards and their electoral variance, as anticipated based on the 2024 projected electorate.

Ward	Electorate, 2024	Variance
Abbey	6,963	+1.5%
Arbury	6,699	-2.3%
Castle	6,720	-2.0%
Cherry Hinton	7,002	+2.1%
Coleridge	6,835	-0.3%
East Chesterton	6,442	-6.1%
King's Hedges	6,574	-4.1%
Market	7,014	+2.3%
Newnham	6,972	+1.7%
Petersfield	7,205	+5.1%
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