

**Commentary on the August 31st 2021
LGBCE New Draft Recommendations Report**

**and
Revised Proposals
for the
Warding arrangements
and
Parish Boundaries
in
Derbyshire Dales**

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Commentary on LGBCE Report on Ward Boundary changes published August 31st 2021

General Comments

Communication; It is regretted that despite our previous comments there are no tables summarising the parishes and their projected electorate for each new ward. This composition has to be deduced from the text and/or the map

Size of changes from the Draft proposals In view of the radical nature of several changes from the draft, this further consultation is welcomed. It appears however not to have afforded an opportunity for LGBCE members to visit the area which is disappointing

Future proofing; It is regretted that these new recommendations will almost certainly still require a similar exercise to be carried out within a few years. Indeed it is possible that there will be variances in excess of 10% by the time that these revised warding arrangements are implemented.

It was flagged up in our 'joint submission' that certain areas will receive the bulk of the housing development planned for the district and it would seem prudent that these should have 'capacity' in their allocation to absorb the extra numbers. This has not happened.

We would like to highlight the problems of the Ashbourne airfield development and Cawdor Quarry Matlock. Under the August 31st scheme both of these will result in small rural parishes (Bradley and South Darley) receiving a disproportionately large influx of new residents in locations where they will naturally associate with their nearby towns (Ashbourne and Matlock). In the case of the latter, the new Cawdor Quarry development will see approx 500 houses completed within the decade that will not have vehicular access to Snitterton and Oker and hence to the rest of the ward except by travelling through two other wards. Now is the time to address this and similar anomalies.

Errors

Our spreadsheet indicates that we can confirm your ward totals, except for Ashbourne North and Ashbourne South. Here, if we assume the 394 resident shift of part of St Oswalds town ward into a new 'Compton' ward (as indicated in the previous recommendations) there is a discrepancy of -53 for Ashbourne North and -41 for Ashbourne South. These are however minor inconsistencies.

Peak District National Park.

The objective of not combining 'Peak Park' parishes with others obviously has merit and for much of the Dales is straightforward to achieve. However in some parts of the Dales the Parish boundaries are less obliging and this constraint can generate higher variances than would perhaps be desirable.

Data Limitations.

Obviously estimating the size of the electorate in parishes for 2026 requires some guesswork. However as the figures are scrutinised, significant errors and omissions are appearing.

These are in general under estimates of projected numbers for 2026 and so any ward where there is a large positive variance and where significant growth is indicated by the Local Plan should be reconsidered.

Clearly this data limitation is not the fault of the LGBCE. However, since this data formed such a crucial part of the exercise, it is regretted it could not be reviewed before these warding arrangements were unveiled.

Areas where we believe a better arrangement is possible

Although there are minor adjustments that we believe are worthwhile elsewhere, our primary concerns are in the following areas;

Wirksworth / Masson Here moving Middleton (by Wirksworth) from Wirksworth into Masson we believe creates more problems than it solves.

There is no doubting the strength of feeling expressed by Bonsall residents and these are well summarised by one of them and effectively disseminated around the village. However one good argument repeated many times should not necessarily trump another good argument. The existence of a well used village newsletter does not of itself strengthen an argument.

One problem is that almost all the arguments used to keep Bonsall in the same ward as Cromford could be applied equally to keeping Middleton in the same ward as Wirksworth.

Many of the 'less than optimum' features of the New Draft Recommendations can be traced back to this attempt to keep Bonsall and Cromford together. With a bigger picture in mind this could be viewed as too high a price to pay.

It is significant to note that none of the 'complete scheme' recommendations in the first phase of consultation included Bonsall with Cromford, including the original proposal by LGBCE.

Masson ends up as a two councillor ward with a negative variance barely within target and with little scheduled development planned. Youlgreave becomes a sprawling two councillor rural ward that can now no longer be conveniently divided in two and with another negative variance and yet again will see little development, except perhaps at its southern extremity that generates another problem (see below).

Wirksworth / Hulland Ward We believe Atlow and Kirk Ireton are better placed in Hulland Ward.

Matlock /Darley Dale With many hundreds of new homes scheduled for this area in the local plan it seems unfortunate that these 3 wards have all ended up with positive variances, some significantly so. It also seems that the idea that was floated in the very first draft warding arrangement, in which Matlock acquired a significant number of Darley Dales residents, has been completely forgotten. This is despite several submissions from residents supporting this idea. Our own survey of residents of the Morledge estate suggests a significant majority feel that they have closer links and affinities with Matlock rather than Darley Dale.⁽¹⁾

We also feel that the transfer of Chesterfield Road East ward from Matlock East to Matlock West makes little sense other than as a numbers game and is not necessary, having freed up an additional councillor from the Wirksworth / Masson rationalisation

In our proposal, Matlock West is well placed to absorb the additional burden of hundreds of new homes and in particular those to be built at Cawdor Quarry where a change of the existing parish boundary would make an important contribution to community governance. It would address the problem highlighted by South Darley Parish Council that a large housing development at the extreme end of the parish and to which there is no vehicular access except via other parishes will significantly alter the cohesion in the community.

Youlgreave The creation of a large rural two councillor ward seems to be a fudge forced on LGBCE by the decision to create the Masson ward. Not least of the many problems it creates, is that those councillors will need to attend on average two parish council meetings a week to keep in touch with their parishes. In our joint scheme we have been able to retain two smaller, single councillor wards. We believe this will help community governance.

The issues raised by Bonsall residents remain, namely that they have little in common with other areas of the 'Winsters, Bonsall and South Darley' ward. It is undeniable that the links and affinities of Bonsall residents are with Cromford, through which they pass to access services. However the strength of their voice is clear and we have confidence that they will raise any issues that are pertinent to their village as effectively with a ward member who is in charge of other rural wards as with two who are overseeing a mix of rural and tourism oriented areas.

(1) A survey delivered to every house on the Morledge estate asked the question;

“As a Morledge resident I have closer links and affinities with Darley Dale () Matlock () Tick one box only.” These had to be returned by hand to an address on the estate. The overall response was about 3% but 100% of those responses favoured Matlock.

Detailed commentary on warding arrangements

In the tables below we have placed our revised proposals (in blue), and LGBC's proposals side by side for comparison. Parishes in green are ones where the LGBCE scheme is coincident with ours. Parishes shown in red are where a single move into another ward will address the issue.

Relation to Local Plan.

The DDDC Local Plan has designated areas for development with the Market Towns (Ashbourne, Matlock and Wirksworth) in Tier 1, targeted for the majority of new housing. There are a total of 5 Tiers. We have noted areas affected by such development by an * in our discussion of specific wards below.

NORTH

In the North, we propose one change to the LGBCE proposal. This is to move Wardlow to Calver and Longstone. We acknowledge the significant affect this has on variance, taking it outside the target range proposed by LGBCE.

Bradwell

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Bradwell Great Hucklow Grindlow Foolow Hazlebadge Little Hucklow	1	1522	Bradwell Great Hucklow Grindlow Foolow Hazlebadge Little Hucklow Wardlow	1	1628

Comments

1. Wardlow is a 'poor fit' in terms of community cohesion. We acknowledge that these changes will result in a high variance but feel this is an example where community cohesion should take priority

Calver and Longstone

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Calver Curbar Froggatt Hassop Rowland Little Longstone Great Longstone Wardlow	1	1945	Calver Curbar Froggatt Hassop Rowland Little Longstone Great Longstone	1	1839

Comments

We feel Wardlow is better staying with the Longstones with which it has long-standing social and economic links, none of which exist with Bradwell.

Hathersage

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Hathersage Grindleford Eyam Offerton Highlow Abney & Abney Grange Stoney Middleton	2	3662	Hathersage Grindleford Eyam Offerton Highlow Abney & Abney Grange Stoney Middleton	2	3662

Comments

We agree with the LGBCE proposal.

Tideswell

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Tideswell Litton Wheston	1	1916	Tideswell Litton Wheston	1	1916

Comments

We agree with the LGBCE proposal.

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Bakewell

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Bakewell Bakewell Ashford in the water Sheldon Over Haddon Nether Haddon	2	3751	Bakewell Bakewell Ashford in the water Sheldon	2	3538

Comments

The LGBCE arrangement is a welcome change from their previous proposal. We can appreciate the argument for excluding the two small Haddon parishes but this might prevent a more balanced division of the proposed large 2 councillor Youlgreave ward.

Bonsall , Winster & South Darley

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Bonsall Winster Elton Gratton South Darley (less Oaker & Snitterton) Ivonbrook Grange Ible	1	1959	Parishes are in a 2 Cllr Youlgreave ward		

Comments

1. We understand the arguments concerning Bonsall and Cromford but still believe that this provides a better overall warding arrangement for the area.
2. A large 2 Cllr rural ward does not seem to be a desirable outcome and appears to be a consequence of trying to accommodate the wishes of Bonsall residents.
3. We suggest either the transfer of the whole of Oaker and Snitterton parish to Matlock All Saints ward OR the moving of the parish boundary to ensure that all of the proposed large scale Cawdor Quarry and Permanite works developments are within Matlock All Saints.

Chatsworth

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Baslow Chatsworth Edensor Pilsley Beeley Rowsley	1	1799	Baslow Chatsworth Edensor Pilsley Beeley Rowsley	1	1799

Comments

We agree with the LGBCE proposal.

Hartington & Taddington

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Brushfield Hartington Town Quarter Hartington Middle Quarter Hartington Nether Quarter Taddington Flagg Chelmorton Blackwell in the Peak	1	1754	Brushfield Hartington Town Quarter Hartington Middle Quarter Hartington Nether Quarter Taddington Flagg Chelmorton Blackwell in the Peak	1	1754

Comments

We agree with the LGBCE proposal.

Youlgreave

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Youlgreave Stanton (3 wards) Birchover Monyash Middleton & Smerrill Harthill	1	1877	Youlgreave Stanton (3 wards) Birchover Gratton Monyash Middleton & Smerrill Harthill South Darley Winster Elton Over Haddon Nether Haddon	2	3472

Comments

1. This does give all the impression of a compromise grouping based on the decision to create a 'New Masson' ward. A 2 councillor large rural ward is surely something to avoid. This will represent a large number of parish council meetings to attend.
2. A possible division of this large ward would be as follows;
Ward A; Youlgreave, Stanton, Monyash, Middleton & Smerrill, Harthill, Over & Nether Haddon.

Ward B; Winster, South Darley, Elton & Gratton, Birchover.

However this does create a less than ideal variance.

3. The large development at Cawdor Quarry / Permanite works will also create a significant grouping of residents at the extreme southern end of a very large ward, currently with no road access except through other wards. This should not be a problem that is left to be sorted out in the future.

CROMFORD, MATLOCK BATH, TANSLEY, MATLOCK AND DARLEY DALE

General comments

1. We welcome keeping Tansley in Matlock East and the adoption of the ward names Matlock West and Matlock East & Tansley
2. The data provided by DDDC to LGBC suggests that the Oaker and Snitterton civil parish ward of the South Darley district ward will grow from 140 to 142 by 2026. However, this forecast ignores a development in Cawdor Quarry that is already underway with 60 apartments and 15 houses almost ready for occupation and a further 5 houses completed to roof level. The current development in Cawdor Quarry is the first phase of a development that will see some 482 dwellings built. While timing is of course under the control of the developer, we would expect that this may result in perhaps 235 houses in addition to the current property development by 2026, giving an additional electorate of some 500 people if the development is to be completed in 10 years. LGBCE needs to factor this growth into the warding arrangements in the area around Matlock. A second issue regarding data relates to the civil parish ward of North of Jackson Road in the Matlock West district ward. A new development in an area called The Wolds (otherwise known as the Gritstone Road development) is currently awaiting outline approval for some 345 dwellings and detailed approval of some 78 dwellings. If this gains approval, the phase of development currently out for detailed approval is likely to be completed before 2026. This development will add further pressure to the All Saints ward in terms of the size of the electorate. The numbers of electors that we have provided in the tables below do not take account of this growth.

Comments on each proposed ward are given below.

Cromford & Matlock Bath

Joint proposal – rename as Cromford and Matlock Bath			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Cromford Matlock Bath	1	1804	These wards form part of 'Masson'		

Comments

These parishes are currently in the same ward and have good variance.

We also recommend that:

Homesford (cluster of cottages by Soggs Wood) be moved from Wirksworth to Cromford parish by a minor amendment to Parish Boundaries, as suggested by Cromford Parish Council

Masson

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
These parishes are in other wards			Cromford Matlock Bath Bonsall Middleton by Wirksworth Ible Ivonbrook Grange	2	3259

Comments

This ward is barely within the variance target and there is no significant development scheduled in the Local Plan.

Given the underestimate of housing completions elsewhere, it is likely to be more than -10% variance by 2026.

It removes Middleton by Wirksworth from Wirksworth, an association that has existed for a long time. We understand the Middleton residents are strongly opposed to this.

Matlock East and Tansley

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Chesterfield Rd East Hurst Farm Matlock Green Riber & Starkholmes Riber & Starkholmes Tansley Cuckoostone civil parish ward	3	5166	Hurst Farm Matlock Green Riber & Starkholmes Riber & Starkholmes Tansley	2	3765

Comments

The decision to remove Chesterfield Rd East from this ward appears to be only driven by the need to provide an extra councillor for the Masson Ward that has been created as a reaction to representations by Bonsall residents.

There are no advantages that are apparent for Matlock residents and significant disadvantages. The Chesterfield Road forms clear and established boundary between wards and creates a good mix of housing types.

Matlock West*

Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Matlock Bk & Sheriff fields N of Jackson Rd Smedley St Part of Darley Dale South Oaker and Snitterton Excluding the proposed Cuckoostone Ward	3	5006	Chesterfield Rd East N of Jackson Rd Smedley St	3	5828

Comments

1. The +7.6% variance that LGBCE's proposal gives is very high for an area that is expected to see approximately 1000 new homes in the next decade according to the Local Plan.
2. There is justification for an adjustment in the boundary with Darley Dale – recent housing developments like 'Morledge' do identify more with Matlock than Darley.
3. One of the parishes of South Darley (Oaker and Snitterton) is scheduled to have within its boundaries a significant portion of the large development at Cawdor Quarry. The LGBCE proposal will have this straddling two wards. This issue should be addressed in this review rather than later.
4. We propose to move the existing All Saints Parish boundary to include the relatively new Morledge estate of approx 440 residents.

In addition it would be prudent to either include Oaker and Snitterton or just that part of this Parish that will have the large housing development. See maps in Appendix 2.

Darley Dale*

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Northwood & Tinkersley Darley Dale North Darley Dale North Darley Dale South Darley Dale South Darley Dale South Less Morledge	3	5084	Northwood & Tinkersley Darley Dale North Darley Dale North Darley Dale South Darley Dale South Darley Dale South	3	5523

Comments

1. The only difference from the LGBCE scheme is in the adjustment to transfer the Morledge estate to Matlock West.

HULLAND, WHITE PEAK & WIRKSWORTH, CARSINGTON WATER

Hulland

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Hulland Ward Hulland Biggin Atlow Kirk Ireton	1	1793	Hulland Ward Hulland Biggin Mercaston Bradley	1	1638

Comments

1. The inclusion of Bradley in Hulland generates the serious anomaly that as it stands this ward will ultimately have over a third of its electorate based on the outskirts of Ashbourne. Creating a new parish boundary for Bradley along Lady Hole Lane (the current edge of the development area) might be a better solution. **See Appendix 1 Ashbourne**
2. Kirk Ireton has much more in common with Hulland Ward than with Wirksworth (see later) which is why we have included it here.
3. Mercaston has been in Brailsford ward previously and it seems appropriate to leave it there in view of the small numbers involved.

Dovedale Parwich and Brassington

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Tissington & Lea Hal Kniveton Newton Grange Eaton & Alsop Parwich Bradbourne Ballidon Brassington Aldwark Fenny Bentley Thorpe	1	1912	Tissington & Lea Hal Kniveton Newton Grange Eaton & Alsop Parwich Bradbourne Ballidon Brassington Aldwark Fenny Bentley Thorpe	1	1912

Comment

We agree with the LGBCE proposal.

Wirksworth & Carsington Water*

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Wirksworth Town Wirksworth Bolehill Middleton Callow Hognaston Carsington Hopton	3	5457	Wirksworth Town Wirksworth Bolehill Callow Hognaston Carsington Hopton Kirk Ireton Atlow	3	5206

Comment

The LGBCE proposal appears to compound the problems in what was already a grouping that was hard to justify on community coherence by removing the village of Middleton-by-Wirksworth from the Wirksworth ward.

It would seem that the sole reason for this was an attempt to bolster numerically the ‘new’ Masson ward and allow it to just get a sufficient electorate to justify 2 councillors.

This distortion of warding arrangements across a wide area to pursue an arrangement that had not previously been considered by any group or individual who proposed a complete plan is an extreme example of the tail wagging the dog.

We suggest that Kirk Ireton and Atlow be moved into its near neighbour Hulland Ward.

We also suggest that Homesford (cluster of cottages by Soggs Wood) be moved from Wirksworth to Cromford parish, as requested by Cromford PC, by amendment of the Parish boundary.

ASHBOURNE

Ashbourne North

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Belle Vue, Parkside Offcote & Underwood Mappleton Bradley	2	3824	Belle Vue, Parkside Offcote & Underwood Mappleton	2	3165 plus 394 from Ashbourne South by re- allocating residents N of Sturston Rd and E of Compton to this ward

Comments

This fails to include the part of Bradley Parish that will form the large housing development on the airfield above Ashbourne, fragmenting representation of that estate. An alternative would be to redefine the Bradley Parish boundary in this area, allowing the relevant part of the parish to be within Ashbourne North or possibly Ashbourne South. **See maps in Appendix 1** If left as it stands, a significant proportion of this huge development, planned to be approximately 1500 homes, on the South East edge of Ashbourne will be in the Hulland Ward.

Ashbourne South*

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Hilltop St Oswalds Clifton & Compton Osmaston Yeldersley Edlaston & Wyaston	3	5771	Hilltop St Oswalds Clifton & Compton Osmaston Yeldersley Edlaston & Wyaston	3	5377

Comments

This is our original proposal less the 394 residents transferred to Belle Vue in Ashbourne North. An alternative to address the issue of the large developments on the airfield site could be to re-draw the boundary with Bradley along Lady Hole Lane. A similar exercise with the boundary with Yeldersley parish might help with the development planned for there. **See maps in Appendix 1.**

SOUTH

Doveridge & Sudbury

Joint proposal			LGBCE Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Doveridge Sudbury	1	1948	Doveridge Sudbury	1	1948

Comments

This proposal has a +8% variance in its electorate which is possibly high for a Tier 3 development area* that has had significant development already.

However it is hard to see a solution that does not change existing parish boundaries.

We therefore agree with the LGBCE proposal.

Brailsford

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Longford Hollington Brailsford Mercaston	1	1950	Longford Hollington Brailsford	1	1883

Comments

Mercaston has links to Brailsford and despite the consequential high variance we believe it should be placed there.

Norbury

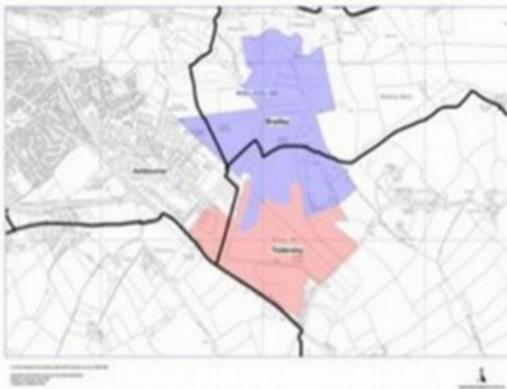
Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Snelston Yeaveley Rodsley Shirley Norbury & Roston Marston Montgomery Cubley Boylestone Hungry Bentley Alkmonton Somersal Herbert	1	1886	Snelston Yeaveley Rodsley Shirley Norbury & Roston Marston Montgomery Cubley Boylestone Hungry Bentley Alkmonton Somersal Herbert	1	1886

Comments

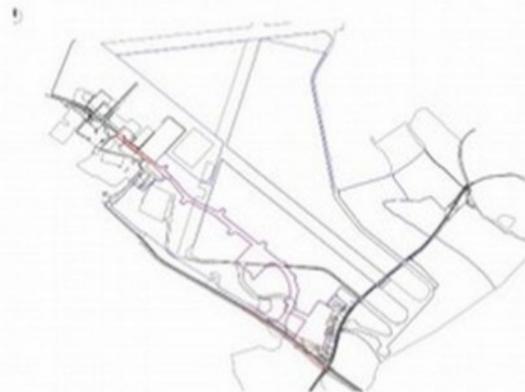
A geographically large ward with a +4% variance but it is hard to see better alternatives without re-drawing parish boundaries. We therefore agree with the LGBCE proposal.

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Appendix 1

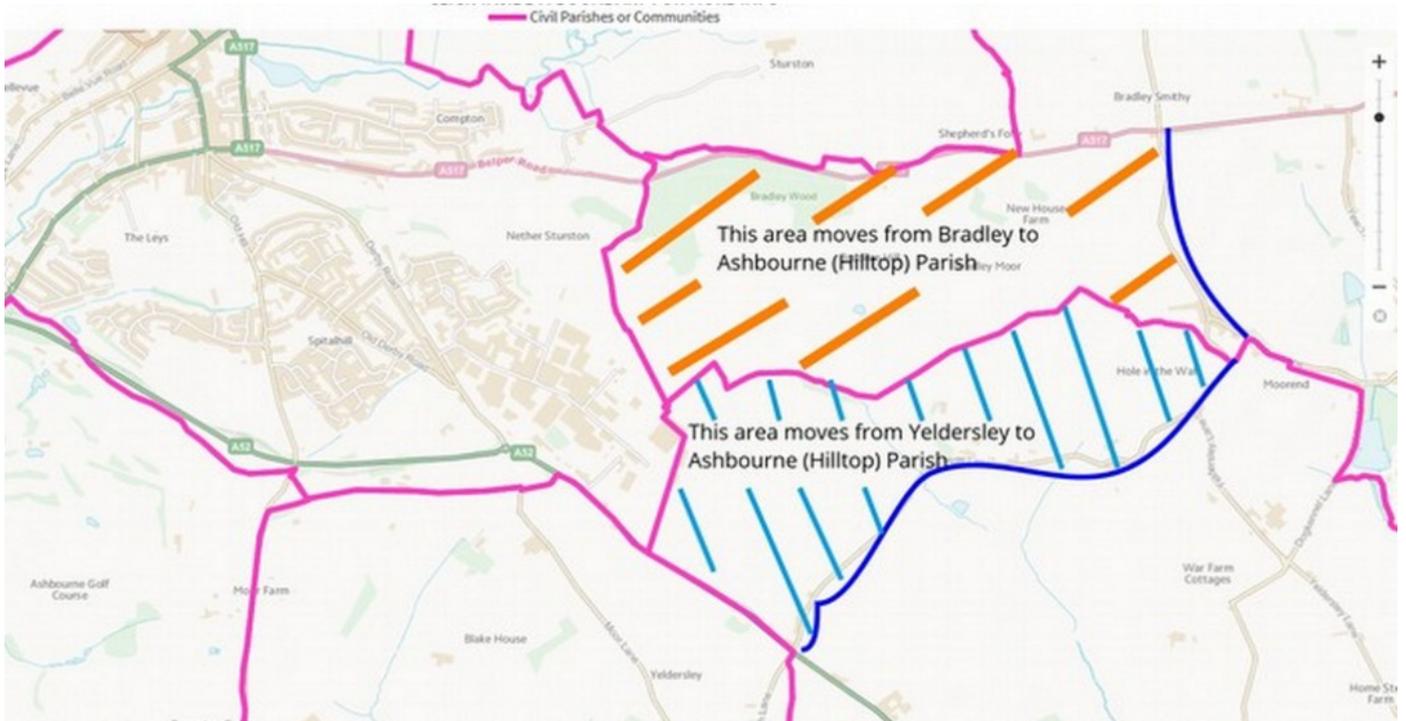


Map showing the extent of the NP area and Ashbourne Airfield Allocations Phase One and Two (Policies DS1 and DS8 in the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan (August 2016))



This shows the area that is earmarked for significant development on the south east fringe of Ashbourne. (Almost all the greenfield sites shown to the south of the existing developments in the top aerial photo have either been developed or are in the process of being developed since this photo was taken). The maps below show how the 'airfield site' straddles three parishes and as it stands will put hundreds of homes into the currently rural parishes of Bradley and Yeldersley.

This shows a possible re-drawing of the relevant parish boundaries

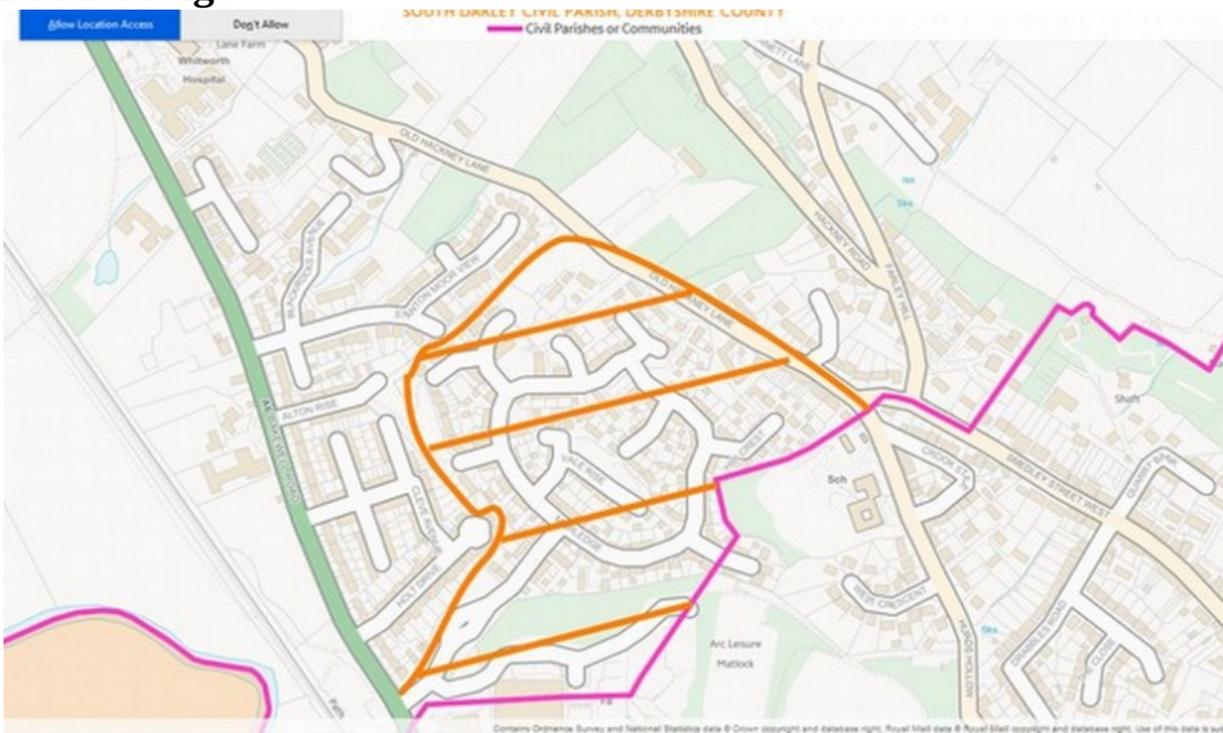


The two hatched areas are predicted to have 1500 homes when the development is complete, mostly arranged towards the western side, nearest to Ashbourne.

A way of keeping these developments within 'Ashbourne' would be to change the parish boundaries as shown in blue above.

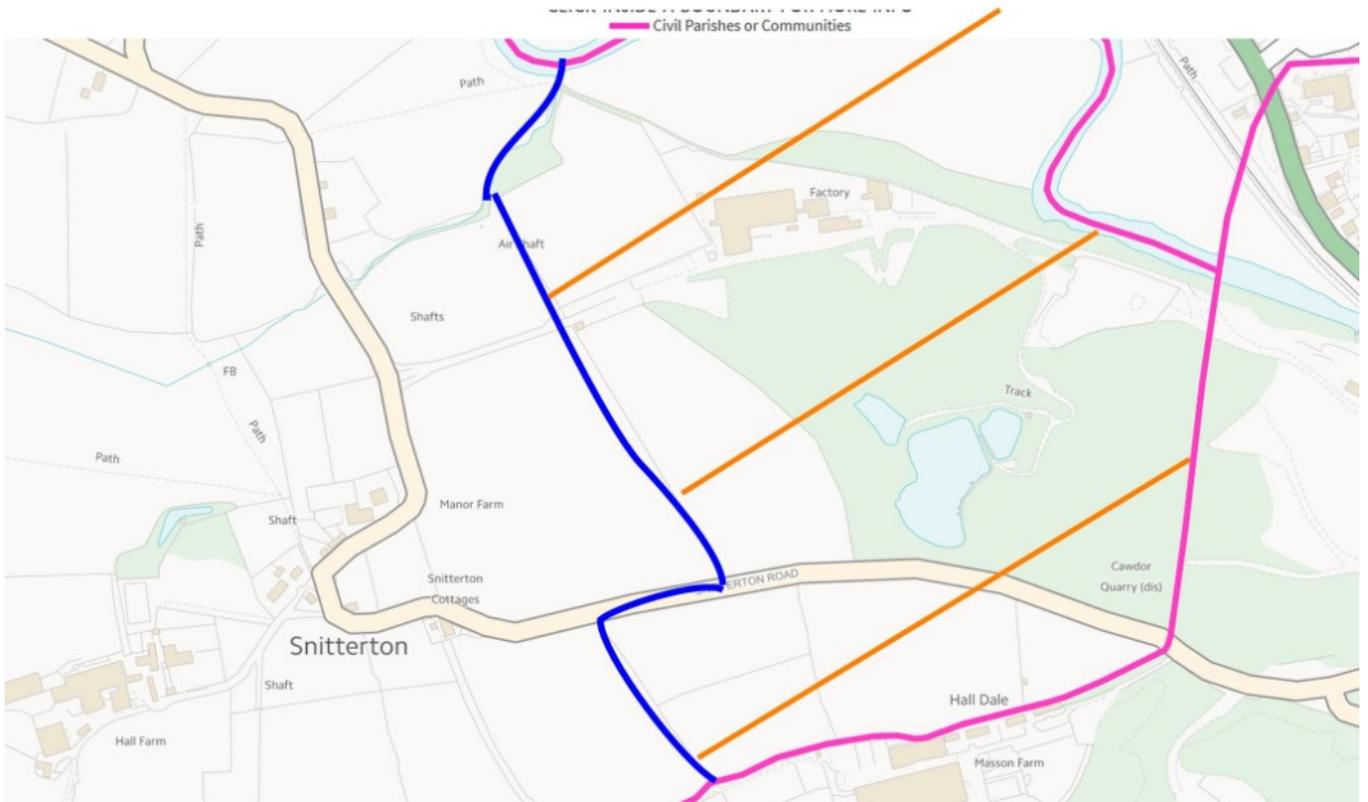
Appendix 2. Matlock Ward Boundaries

2.1 Morledge



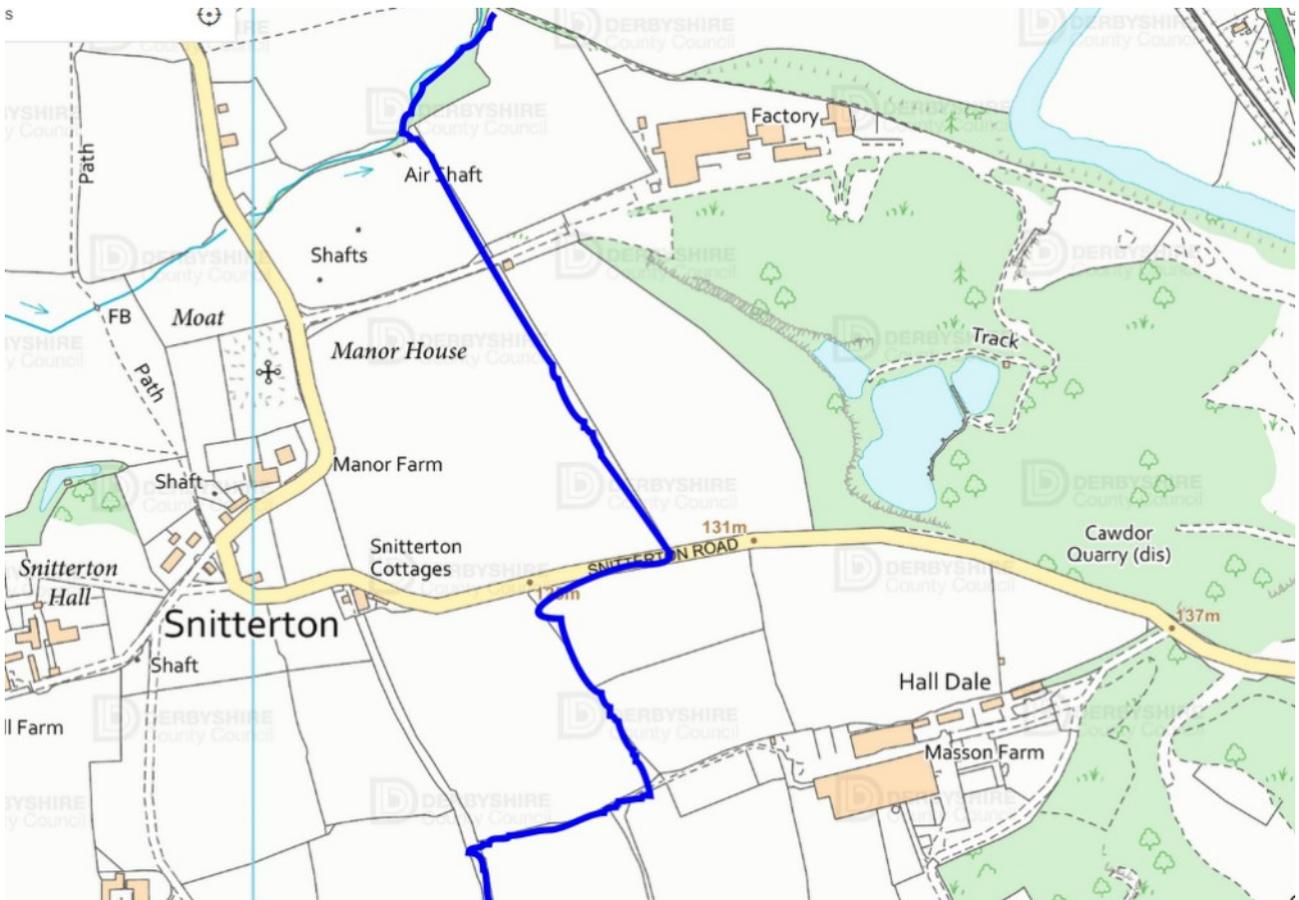
This will transfer an electorate of approx 440 from Darley Dale to Matlock All Saints

2.2 Snitterton



The hatched area to be transferred from South Darley to Matlock All Saints. This will allow the approx 500 homes scheduled for developments in this area to be part of Matlock. The exact development boundaries should be checked with DDDC

With more detail of existing properties



Town Council Wards

Ashbourne Town Council Wards

Parish ward	Electorate 2021	Cllrs now	Electorate 2026	Cllrs proposed
Belle Vue	1505	3	1566	3
St Oswalds	1556	3	2062 - 394?	2
Compton (new)	(394 part of St O's)	0	394	1
Parkside	1041	3	1054	2
Hilltop	2637	4	2808	5

Although this represents an improvement on the suggestions made previously, in so far as it addresses the issue of under-representation of Hilltop parish ward, there are other issues.

We do not understand why Compton cannot be included in the Parkside parish ward and the representation retained at 3 Cllrs. We disagree with the reduction of one councillor in the representation of St Oswalds. We believe that keeping this at 3 Cllrs produces a better pattern of variance.

Matlock Town Council

The current number of town councillors is in fact 11. The LGBCE proposal has no changes for Matlock Town Council.

However if our suggestions are adopted we would add two parish councillors.

We propose the following.

1. We propose that the new ward comprises the LGBCE's Cuckoostone and Lumsdale ward. This would be consistent with our proposed Matlock East and Tansley district ward. We do not think that the area covered by the Cuckoostone ward will have sufficient population to warrant a ward of its own since it has approximately 120 houses in total with about 200 on the electoral roll.
2. We believe that there may be the need for an additional "Cawdor" ward to cover the parts of our proposed Matlock West district ward under development to the south of the River Derwent. Cawdor is developing rapidly, and it is likely to have sufficient electorate to warrant a town ward of its own before 2026.
3. Given the planned development in the proposed Matlock West and Matlock East and Tansley wards, we believe that any boundaries fixed in this review may need to be revisited before 2030.

The above proposals will add two parish councillors – one for the proposed Cuckoostone and Lumsdale ward and one for the Cawdor ward.