



Report to Scrutiny Management Committee

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Report of: Director of Policy, Performance and Communications

Subject: Report on the current stage of the electoral review of Sheffield, being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

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Summary:

Sheffield City Council is currently the subject of an electoral review being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Commission is currently consulting on their draft recommendations for ward boundaries and names, and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has asked for an update on the progress of the review to inform the present meeting to which members of the public have been invited to give evidence to inform the Council's response.

This report gives an update on the electoral review so far.

Type of item:

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

Scrutiny Management Committee:

- i. is asked to note and approve the contents of the report;
 - ii. is asked to provide any views or comments on the Commission's approach or draft recommendations.
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Background Papers:

New electoral arrangements for Sheffield City Council, LGBCE. <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/south-yorkshire/sheffield-fer>.

Category of Report: OPEN

Sheffield City Council electoral review: update on review preparation and discussion paper on Council size

1. Purpose

1.1. This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the electoral review of Sheffield currently being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, with a particular focus on the consultation on draft recommendations which is currently in progress. It is accompanied by the Commission's report on their draft recommendations (at Annex 1).

2. Summary

2.1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having decided that Sheffield City Council shall continue to be made up of 84 councillors, has consulted on warding arrangements and has now published draft recommendations as to the warding arrangements for Sheffield. These are largely similar to the proposals put forward by Sheffield City Council, with one problematic difference which would increase the size of Central ward, and a number of smaller differences. The Council will be responding to this stage of the consultation.

3. Introduction

3.1. Sheffield City Council is currently the subject of an electoral review. This has been called by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) because the electorate of Central ward is now 43% larger than the Sheffield ward average. This variation in ward size reflects the very high level of development which took place over a short period of time in the city centre, as well as increases in student numbers at the universities and changes in the nature of student accommodation, amongst other factors.

3.2. The review takes places in two stages, both run by the Commission. The first stage took place between January 2014 and May 2014 and will considered the number of councillors to be returned to the Council, and the second stage, taking place between May 2014 and April 2015 considers the ward boundaries and names.

- 3.3. Prior to the first stage of the review, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held an evidence gathering session to seek the views of residents and interested groups on the size of the Council. This informed the Council's submission to the Commission on Council size. The Commission decided in May 2014 that Sheffield should continue to be represented by 84 councillors.
- 3.4. Immediately following the decision on Council size, a six week period of consultation on warding arrangements took place during which the Council and members of the public were invited by the Commission to put forward their views on communities and proposed ward boundaries and names. This very short period between decision on council size and required submission of a draft scheme of wards has been challenging for both the Council and for communities.
- 3.5. The Commission is now consulting on their draft recommendations to Parliament on ward boundaries and names for the city. The Council will be responding to the Commission and is currently developing its proposals. The evidence provided before the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will inform the Council's proposals.
- 3.6. The Commission was invited to attend the present meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to hear the evidence put to it and to answer questions on their proposals, but declined to attend.

4. Requirements to be taken into consideration in developing a scheme of wards

- 4.1. The Commission's report outlines the criteria which it must take into consideration in developing a scheme of wards. It is required to have regard to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, with the need to:
- Secure effective and convenient local government
 - Provide for equality of representation
 - Reflect the identities and interests of local communities, in particular
 - The desirability of arriving at boundaries that are easily identifiable
 - The desirability of fixing boundaries so as not to break any local ties.
- 4.2. As Sheffield elects by thirds, the Commission is also bound by law to seek to achieve a pattern of three member wards, although in the event that a pattern of three member wards which meets the above requirements cannot be achieved the law permits the Commission to vary this.
- 4.3. The Commission develops boundaries based on an electoral forecast for 2020 provided by the Council which meets the Commission's requirements.

5. Sheffield City Council's approach to developing a scheme of wards

5.1. Developing a scheme of wards is a complex process, particularly in a city the size of Sheffield and with Sheffield's topography. In developing its proposed scheme of wards during the previous round of consultation, the Council worked to achieve a scheme of wards which met the Commission's criteria. In addition to the Commission's criteria, the Council used three further principles:

- a) That Sheffield should retain a single ward covering the city centre rather than splitting the city centre between a number of separate wards (as had been the case before the last review). This decision reflects the concerns that were put forward by elected members about the difficulty experienced in the past of representing wards which included both city centre and suburbs. It was proposed to use the inner ring road as the boundary as far as possible, in line with the Commission's preference for easily recognisable boundaries.
- b) That the existing warding pattern was thought to work well overall, and there was not a compelling case for change except where necessary because of electoral inequality.
- c) That the warding pattern should be 'future-proofed' as far as possible. Practically this means that we have not generally suggested wards with variances of more than 5% and have tried to take into account the potential for future development even where this is not reflected in the electorate forecasts. Future-proofing was particularly relevant in the city centre to account for continued anticipated growth in residential accommodation in the city centre and surrounding area to minimise the chances of an early electoral review

5.2. In order to inform the development of draft boundaries, the Council was required to submit an electoral forecast for the city's electorate in 2020. The Commission require this to be at household level, pinpointing the location of each dwelling in 2020, and the predicted number of electors at each dwelling. Although the Council has a city centre masterplan, and a strategic housing land availability assessment which indicate the potential locations of dwellings, these cannot be taken into consideration in developing the forecast because we do not have a clear indication of when any development of these sites will come to fruition. Therefore, the forecast was developed using current planning permissions, which was provided to the Commission with a health warning that the Council anticipates that there is a high chance that the electorate in Central will continue to grow at a fast rate, and disproportionately to the rest of the city.

5.3. In light of this concern, the Council has sought to keep the size of the city centre ward as close to the lower level of the permitted variance as possible.

5.4. The Council developed a proposed scheme of boundaries which it felt best met these criteria. Some consultation was carried out with communities which would be significantly affected by the proposals and efforts were made to find alternative proposals to address concerns raised, but without success, and communities were encouraged to make their views known to the Commission to inform their development of draft proposals.

6. The Commission's draft proposals

- 6.1. The Commission's draft proposals can be found in their report *New electoral arrangement for Sheffield City Council* which is appended to this document at Annex 1. For best understanding, this is best read in conjunction with the maps produced by the Commission which are available at Sheffield libraries and online on the Commission's website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/south-yorkshire/sheffield-fer>.
- 6.2. The Commission has accepted the Council's approach and proposals in the main, but has made a number of amendments across the city which the Council is currently considering. The most notable of these is the proposal to include all of Broomhall in City ward in recognition of community concern about the proposal to use the Inner Ring Road as a boundary and split Broomhall. This change has led to a number of knock on changes in neighbouring wards (most noticeably to the proposed Park & Arbourthorne and Broomhill wards, but also to a much lesser degree affecting Walkley and Crookes). The proposals here would leave the proposed City ward at 2% smaller than the ward average in 2020, rather than -7.98% as the Council's proposals would have created, and gives significant cause for concern that City will soon become too large and give rise to a further electoral review. The cost and disruption of an unnecessarily early electoral review is something which the Council is keen to avoid.
- 6.3. A full comparison of the proposals can be found at Appendix A, including the Commission's reasoning where it has been made available.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1. The Council is particularly concerned about the proposal currently working to develop its response to all of the Commission's proposals.
- 7.2. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has requested that members of the public are invited to give their evidence to the Committee in order to inform the Council's response to the Commission. Their evidence will be taken into consideration alongside the other factors which need to be taken into consideration to enable the Council to make coherent proposals for a city wide warding scheme. Any evidence submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will also be made available to the Commission.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1. Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to:
- i. note and approve the contents of the report;

- ii. provide any views or comments on the Commission's approach or draft recommendations.

Appendix - Comparison of Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations with Sheffield City Council proposals

General commentary

The Commission has accepted the Council's approach and proposals in the main, but has made a number of amendments across the city which the Council is currently considering.

The most notable of these is the proposal to include all of Broomhall in City ward in recognition of community concern about the proposal to use the Inner Ring Road as a boundary and split Broomhall. This change has led to a number of knock on changes in neighbouring wards (most noticeably to the proposed Park & Arbourthorne and Broomhill wards, but also to a much lesser degree affecting Walkley and Crookes). The proposals here would leave the proposed City ward at 2% smaller than the ward average in 2020, rather than -7.98% as the Council's proposals would have created, and gives significant cause for concern that City will soon become too large.

Seven wards remain unchanged from the current ward boundaries. These are: East Ecclesfield; West Ecclesfield; Stannington (the Commission have rejected the proposal to move the boundary from the river to the road); Stocksbridge and Upper Don; Shiregreen and Brightside; Manor Castle; and Mosborough.

Other changes affecting individual wards are listed below, listed by alphabetical order by the Commission's proposed wards.

Beauchief and Greenhill Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted in part, with changes to three areas being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane road junction has been included in Beauchief and Greenhill ward. This includes Abbey Lane Dell, Abbey Crescent, Abbey Croft, Abbey Grange and Sherwood Glen. The Commission accepted Liberal Democrat submissions that this area of Abbeydale has strong communication links along Abbey Lane to the rest of the ward.
- B. Lower Bradway has been included in Beauchief and Greenhill ward instead of being moved into Dore and Totley as proposed by the Council. This includes Elwood Road, Hemper Lane from Fox Lane to Bradway Road, Fox Lane around Edmund Drive, Edmund Avenue (odd numbers) and Edmund Drive. The Commission that the stronger links for Elwood Road and the properties on Hemper Lane were to the east rather than with communities in Dore & Totley ward to the west. This conflicts with cross party agreement in the Council proposal and representations made by the community and it is presumed that the proposal seeks to reduce the variance of Beauchief and Greenhill and Dore and Totley.
- C. The ward boundary has been amended at the junction of Archer Road and Hutcliffe Wood Road, and again along the line of the footpath at Periwood Lane. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	14422
Variance 2013	2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14766
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-1%
Change A – Elector number change	+ 413
Change B – Elector number change	+ 198
Change C – Elector number change	0

Beighton Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted.

Electorate 2013	13955
Variance 2013	-2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14359
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-3%

Birley Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted.

Electorate 2013	13036
Variance 2013	-8%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	13739
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-7%

Broomhill and Botanicals Ward

The Council proposed boundaries have been accepted in part, with changes to five areas being made in the Boundary Commission draft recommendations. The Commission has also proposed a name change to Broomhill and Botanicals. There continues to be uncertainty over the best name for the ward and this will be considered further once the Council's response to the draft recommendations has been agreed.

Change B, at Broomhall, is the main change, which has triggered the knock on changes across the ward and elsewhere in the city. Problems with the proposals are discussed in more detail in the City ward notes. This change is the most problematic for the council and the proposal runs the risk of triggering a further early electoral review if implemented in its current form.

- A. The area bounded by Barber Road (to the junction with Crookes Valley Road), Oxford Street, crossing Crookesmoor Road and following Roebuck Road to meet the junction of Springhill Road and Barber Road has been moved from Walkey ward into Broomhill and Botanicals ward. This change has been made in order to achieve good electoral equality in this area following the Broomhall change.

- B. The Broomfield area, bordered by Glossop Road to the north, Hanover Way to the east, Eccelsall Road to the south and going through the centre of Broomhall Place, Wharnccliffe Road and between Collegiate Crescent, Holberry Gardens and Gloucester Crescent before joining at the junction of Glossop and Clarkehouse Road, has been moved from Broomhill and Botanicals ward into City ward. This follows the line of the current ward boundary. The Commission accepted submissions from the community that community ties spanned Hanover Way. Submissions also mentioned the shared community facilities and shared problems with crime and poverty across the community and raised concerns about splitting the community.
- C. The ward boundary has been amended at the junctions of Psalter Lane with Kenwood Bank, Cherry Tree Road, Clifford Road, Williamson Road, Kingfield Road, Brincliffe Crescent, Osborne Road and Brincliffe Gardens to bring the boundary in line with the road end or mid-line of the road. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- D. An area of Endcliffe Avenue and a further area of the adjoining road Endcliffe Crescent have been moved from Broomhill and Botanicals ward into Fulwood ward. A resident proposed this change to be more reflective of community identity in the area.
- E. The area bordered by Embankment Road, Crookesmoor Road, Spring Hill, School Road and running along the back of properties on Glebe Road and Reservoir Road has been moved from Crookes ward into Broomhill and Botanicals ward. This change has been made in order to achieve good electoral equality in this area following the Broomhall change and follows the current ward boundary.

Electorate 2013	13306
Variance 2013	-6%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	13995
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-6%
Change A - Elector number change	+ 548
Change B – Elector number change	- 2143
Change C – Elector number change	0
Change D – Elector number change	- 15
Change E – Elector number change	+ 512

Burngreave Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted in the most part, with one change being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The Parkwood Springs area of open ground bounded by the railway line to the west, the Sheffield Ski Village site to the south and Shirecliffe to the north and east, and including the landfill site has been moved from Burngreave ward into Foxhill and Chaucer ward. This proposal has been made because the Commission needed to find a fixed boundary which features on Ordinance Survey maps. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	14913
Variance 2013	5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15376
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	4%
Change A – Elector number change	0

City Ward

The Council proposed boundaries have been partially accepted, with changes to three areas being made in the Boundary Commission draft recommendations.

Change B is the main change which has triggered change A, as well as changes across other wards.

- A. The area to the south of A61 St Mary's Gate at Bramall Lane roundabout, including the Forge student flats, has been moved from City ward into Park and Arbourthorne ward. This includes Boston Street (from London Road to Bramall Lane), Arleys Street (St Mary's Gate to Denby Lane), Hermitage Street, Sheldon Street, Denby Street (north side only from Hill Street to Bramall Lane), London Road (east side only from St Mary's Gate to Hill Street), Hill Street (north side only from London Road to Denby Street). The Council proposals kept this area in City ward as the student accommodation fits well with the rest of City ward.
- B. The Broomfield area, bordered by Glossop Road to the north, Hanover Way to the east, Ecclesall Road to the south and going through the centre of Broomhall Place, Wharncliffe Road and between Collegiate Crescent, Holberry Gardens and Gloucester Crescent before joining at the junction of Glossop and Clarkehouse Road,

has been moved from Botanicals ward into City ward. The Commission accepted submissions by community organisations which highlighted community ties which spanned Hanover Way. Submissions also mentioned the shared community facilities and shared problems with crime and poverty across the community. This change increases the size of City ward significantly and even with the proposal to make change A leaves City ward at only -2% variance from the ward average. Given the likely level of development in the ward over the next 10 years, this gives us serious cause for concern that a further boundary review could be triggered early.

- C. The ward boundary has been amended at Shalesmoor roundabout into the centre of the roundabout rather than following the road line. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	11678
Variance 2013	-18%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14596
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-2%
Change A - Elector number change	-1440
Change B – Elector number change	+2143
Change C – Elector number change	0

Crookes Ward

The Council's proposed boundaries proposed have been accepted in the main, with one Council proposal not being accepted.

- A. The Commission has not accepted the proposal to move the area bordered by Embankment Road, Crookesmoor Road, Spring Hill, School Road and running along the back of properties on Glebe Road and Reservoir Road has been moved from Broomhill into Crookes. This change has been made in order to achieve good electoral equality in this area following the proposed inclusion of Broomhall in City ward and means that the current ward boundary is maintained at this point.

Electorate 2013	13763
Variance 2013	-3%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14177
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-5%
Change A – Elector number change	-512

Darnall Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted.

Electorate 2013	13502
Variance 2013	-5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14024
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-6%

Dore and Totley Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted in part, with changes to six areas being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. An additional area of woodland to the east of Moor Cottage on Ringinglow Road has been moved into Dore and Totley ward from Fulwood ward. This follows the existing ward boundary line. There is no impact on elector numbers.

- B. The boundary at Fenney Lane and Coit Lane has been changed to follow the field boundary to the south of Whirlow Hall Farm. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- C. The boundary at Broad Elms Lane has been moved from Ecclesall ward into Dore and Totley ward, all properties on this road are now included in Dore and Totley ward.
- D. The area of Ecclesall Woods to the south of Abbey Lane, extending to Abbeydale Road South and following Limb Brook to Ran wood and to the rear of the properties on Whirlow Park Road has been moved from Dore and Totley ward into Ecclesall ward. There is no impact on elector numbers. Councillors are asked to consider whether there are likely to be any casework concerning the woods which mean it would be helpful for the woods to be included in more both adjoining wards.
- E. The roads on the northern side of Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane road junction has been included in Beauchief and Greenhill ward. This includes Abbey Lane Dell, Abbey Crescent, Abbey Croft, Abbey Grange and Sherwood Glen. The Commission accepted Liberal Democrat submissions that this area of Abbeydale has strong communication links along Abbey Lane to the rest of the ward.
- F. Lower Bradway has been included in Beauchief and Greenhill ward instead of being moved into Dore and Totley as proposed by the Council. This includes Elwood Road, Hemper Lane from Fox Lane to Bradway Road, Fox Lane around Edmund Drive, Edmund Avenue (odd numbers) and Edmund Drive. The Commission that the stronger links for Elwood Road and the properties on Hemper Lane were to the east rather than with communities in Dore & Totley ward to the west. This conflicts with cross party agreement in the Council proposal and representations made by the community and it is presumed that the proposal seeks to reduce the variance of Beauchief and Greenhill and Dore and Totley.

Electorate 2013	14483
Variance 2013	2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15096
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	2%
Change A – Elector number change	0
Change B – Elector number change	0
Change C – Elector number change	+ 10
Change D – Elector number change	0
Change E – Elector number change	- 413
Change F – Elector number change	- 198

East Ecclesfield Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted. This means that the ward boundaries will not change from the current boundaries.

Electorate 2013	14358
Variance 2013	1%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14735
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-1%

Ecclesall Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have been accepted in the main, with minor changes to three areas being made in the draft recommendations and affecting no electors.

- A. The area of Ecclesall Woods to the south of Abbey Lane, extending to Abbeydale Road South and following Limb Brook to Ran wood and to the rear of the properties on Whirlow Park Road has been moved from Dore and Topley ward into Ecclesall ward. There is no impact on elector numbers. Councillors are asked to consider whether any potential casework concerning the woods means it is preferable to include part of the woods in both wards.
- B. The boundary line at Thryft House Farm and Silverdale School has been moved to follow the field boundary line. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- C. The boundary line at Meadow Farm has been changed to follow Trap Lane. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	15565
Variance 2013	10%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	16048
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	8%
Change A – Elector number change	0
Change B – Elector number change	0
Change C – Elector number change	0

Firth Park Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted.

Electorate 2013	14284
Variance 2013	1%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14985
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	1%

Foxhill and Chaucer Ward

The Council proposed boundaries have been partially accepted, with a change to one area being made in the Boundary Commission draft recommendations.

- A. The Parkwood Springs area of open ground bounded by the railway line to the west, the Sheffield Ski Village site to the south and Shirecliffe to the north and east, and including the landfill site has been moved from Burngreave ward into Foxhill and Chaucer ward. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	14361
Variance 2013	1%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14911
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	0%
Change A - Elector number change	0

Fulwood Ward

The Council proposed boundaries have been accepted in the main, with changes to five areas being made in the Boundary Commission draft recommendations. Only one of these changes has any impact on electors.

- A. An area of Endcliffe Avenue and a further area of the adjoining road Endcliffe Crescent have been moved from Broomhill and Botanicals ward into Fulwood ward. A resident proposed this change to be more reflective of community identity in the area.
- B. The boundary line at Meadow Farm has been changed to follow Trap Lane. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- C. The boundary line at Thryft House Farm and Silverdale School has been moved to follow the field boundary line. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- D. The boundary at Fenney Lane and Coit Lane has been changed to follow the field boundary to the south of Whirlow Hall Farm. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- E. An additional area of woodland to the east of Moor Cottage on Ringinglow Road has been moved into Dore and Totley ward from Fulwood ward. This follows the existing ward boundary line. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	14905
Variance 2013	5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15331
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	3%
Change A - Elector number change	+15
Change B – Elector number change	0
Change C – Elector number change	0
Change D – Elector number change	0
Change E – Elector number change	0

Gleadless Valley Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have been accepted.

Electorate 2013	14918
Variance 2013	5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15459
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	4%

Graves Park Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted in the main, with one minor change being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The ward boundary has been amended at the junction of Archer Road and Hutcliffe Wood Road, and again along the line of the footpath at Periwood Lane. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	13528
Variance 2013	-5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	13979
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-6%
Change A – Elector number change	0

Hillsborough Ward

The boundaries proposed have been largely accepted, with changes to one area being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The area bounded by Livesey Street, Owlerton Green and Bradfield Road has been moved from Walkley ward into Hillsborough ward. This is in line with the proposals put forward by the Liberal Democrat group.

Electorate 2013	14360
Variance 2013	1%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14927
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	1%
Change A – Elector number change	+277

Manor Castle Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have been accepted. This means that there would be no change from the current ward boundaries.

Electorate 2013	13748
Variance 2013	-3%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15063
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	1%

Mosborough Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted. This means that there would be no change from the current boundaries.

Electorate 2013	13762
Variance 2013	-3%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14130
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-5%

Park & Arbourthorne Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have not been largely accepted, with changes to two areas being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The area to the south of A61 St Mary's Gate at Bramall Lane roundabout, including the Forge student flats, has been moved from City ward into Park and Arbourthorne ward. This includes Boston Street (from London Road to Bramall Lane), Arleys Street (St Mary's Gate to Denby Lane), Hermitage Street, Sheldon Street, Denby Street (north side only from Hill Street to Bramall Lane), London Road (east side only from St Mary's Gate to Hill Street), Hill Street (north side only from London Road to Denby Street). The Council proposals kept this area in City ward as the student accommodation fits well with the rest of City ward. This proposal has been made due to changes proposed to Central and Broomhill.
- B. The area directly adjoining area A bounded by Denby Street, Bramall Lane and Hill Street has been moved from Sharrow and Nether Edge ward into Park and Arbourthorne ward.

Electorate 2013	14872
Variance 2013	5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15961
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	7%
Change A – Elector number change	+1440
Change B – Elector number change	+7

Richmond Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have predominantly been accepted, with one small changes being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The boundary has been changed to follow the back of the properties on Richmond Park Road and Holyoake Avenue and meeting Richmond Road at the point it crosses the A57. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	15407
Variance 2013	9%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15861
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	7%
Change A – Elector number change	0

Sharrow & Nether Edge Ward

The boundaries proposed have been largely accepted, changes to two areas have been made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The ward boundary has been amended at the junctions of Psalter Lane with Kenwood Bank, Cherry Tree Road, Clifford Road, Williamson Road, Kingfield Road, Brincliffe Crescent, Osborne Road and Brincliffe Gardens to bring the boundary in line with the road end or mid-line of the road. There is no impact on elector numbers.
- B. The area bounded by Denby Street, Bramall Lane and Hill Street has been moved from Sharrow and Nether Edge ward into Park and Arbourthorne ward.

Electorate 2013	14808
Variance 2013	4%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15880
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	7%
Change A – Elector number change	0
Change B – Elector number change	-7

Shiregreen & Brightside Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have been accepted. This means that there would be no change from the current ward boundaries.

Electorate 2013	14640
Variance 2013	3%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15152
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	2%

Stannington Ward

The boundaries proposed have predominantly been accepted with one small change made in the draft recommendations. This means that there would be no change from the current boundaries.

- A. The boundary to the southeast of the ward is proposed to run along the River Loxley following the current ward boundary. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	14418
Variance 2013	2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14927
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	1%
Change A – Elector number change	0

Stocksbridge & Upper Don Ward

The boundaries proposed by the council have been accepted. This means that there would be no change from the current boundaries.

Electorate 2013	14524
Variance 2013	2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	15254
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	3%

Walkley Ward

The boundaries proposed have been accepted in part, with changes to three areas being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The area bounded by Livesey Street, Owlerton Green and Bradfield Road has been moved from Walkley ward into Hillsborough ward.
- B. The area bounded by Barber Road (to the junction with Crookes Valley Road), Oxford Street, crossing Crookesmoor Road and following Roebuck Road to meet the junction of Springhill Road and Barber Road has been moved from Walkley ward into Broomhill and Botanicals ward. This change has been made in order to achieve good electoral equality in this area following the Broomhall change.
- C. The boundary to the west and north of the ward are proposed to run along the River Loxley. This follows the current ward boundary in the west and the Council proposed ward boundary in the north. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	13940
Variance 2013	-2%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14573
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-2%
Change A – Elector number change	-277
Change B – Elector number change	-548
Change C – Elector number change	0

West Ecclesfield Ward

The boundaries proposed by the Council have been accepted. This means that there would be no change from the current ward boundaries.

Electorate 2013	14192
Variance 2013	0%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	14572
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-2%

Woodhouse Ward

The boundaries proposed have predominantly been accepted, with one small changes being made in the draft recommendations.

- A. The boundary has been changed to follow the back of the properties on Richmond Park Road and Holyoake Avenue and meeting Richmond Road at the point it crosses the A57. There is no impact on elector numbers.

Electorate 2013	13505
Variance 2013	-5%
Draft recommendations Electorate 2020	13924
Draft recommendations Variance 2020	-6%
Change A – Elector number change	0

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