

Appendix A - Electoral Review Committee - 12 November 2020

# **Area Board Boundary Review 2020**

## **Draft Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee**

**September 2020**

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### **Purpose**

1. This document sets out the details of the Draft Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee for the Area Board Boundary Review, along with reasoning and descriptions of the process followed.

### **What is an Area Board?**

2. An Area Board is a committee of Wiltshire Council (“The Council”) which covers a defined geographical area.
3. Its purpose is to promote the development of stronger and more resilient communities through:
  - Efficient, transparent and accountable decision making;
  - Effective collaboration with public, voluntary and private sector partners locally to meet the aspirations of local people;
  - Shaping the delivery of local services;
  - Addressing local issues;
  - Building community leadership and local engagement.
4. To enable this, each Area Board has authority delegated from the Leader of the Council, including authority to determine community grant funding, local highways funding and more.
5. In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, each Member of the Council is assigned to a single Area Board.
6. The geographical area covered by each Area Board is defined by which Electoral Divisions, and therefore which parishes, are included within it.
7. In all but one case, the area covered by the Area Board is referred to as the Community Area. The existing South West Wiltshire Area Board comprises three community areas.

### **Background to the Review**

8. Between 2017-2019 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England carried out an Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council.
9. This process reviewed the council’s governance arrangements and ultimately concluded to retain the number of unitary Elected Members at 98.
10. However, although the number of Divisions remained the same, the areas covered by those Divisions has in some cases significantly altered.
11. As a result, the existing Area Board boundaries would no longer align to the Electoral Divisions as required, when they come into effect in May 2021.

### **The Electoral Review Committee**

12. The Council has given responsibility to the Electoral Review Committee (“The

Committee”) to oversee the Area Board Boundary Review.

13. This is a politically proportionate committee of ten elected Wiltshire Councillors to oversee the process and prepare recommendations relating to any review to a meeting of Full Council, who will make the decision.
14. The members of the Committee are as follows:

Cllr Richard Clewer (Chairman)

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

Cllr Ian McLennan

Cllr Ashley O’Neill

Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Clare Cape

Cllr Christopher Newbury

Cllr Jonathon Seed

Cllr Graham Wright

### **Preparation of Draft Recommendations**

15. In July 2020 the Committee arranged sessions with the members of each existing Area Board to discuss the changes to Electoral Divisions as a result of the Electoral Review, and potential implications for any future Area Board Boundaries.
16. Following those sessions, the Committee at its meeting on 13 August 2020 agreed a draft Area Board boundary proposal.
17. As an administrative arrangement of the Council, the Committee was not required to undertake additional information gathering or consultation before submitting a recommendation to Full Council.
18. However, it was agreed that the Draft Recommendations of the Committee would be circulated at Area Board meetings and made publicly available, in order to seek the views of parish councils, the public and other interested parties.
19. The Committee welcomes any views on the Draft Recommendations, including alternative submissions on how the Area Boards should be organised.
20. The consultation will run from 10 September 2020 – 31 October 2020.

### **Next steps**

21. The Committee will review all information received during the consultation period and then prepare Final Recommendations to be considered at a meeting of Full Council on 24 November 2020.
22. The revised boundaries would therefore come into effect at the next elections in May 2021.

**Current Area Board Boundaries**



### **Current allocation of Parishes to Area Boards**

#### **Amesbury Area Board**

Divisions - Amesbury East, Amesbury West, Bourne and Woodford Valley, Bulford, Allington and Figheledean, Durrington and Larkhill, Till and Wylve Valley.

Parishes - Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Flgheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford, Wylve.

#### **Bradford on Avon Area Board**

Divisions - Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Staverton, Winsley and Westwood.

Parishes - Bradford on Avon, Holt, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield, Winsley.

#### **Calne Area Board**

Divisions - Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, Calne South and Cherhill, Calne Rural.

Parishes - Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

#### **Chippenham Area Board**

Divisions - By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriards, Chippenham Cepen Park and Redlands, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardens and England, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Queens and Sheldon.

Parishes - Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Chippenham Without, Christian Malford, Grittleton, Hullavington, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Langley Burrell Without, Nettleton, North Wraxall, Seagry, Stanton St Quintin, Sutton Benger, Yattobn Keynell.

#### **Corsham Area Board**

Divisions - Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Town, Corsham Without and Box Hill.

Parishes - Box, Colerne, Corsham, Lacock.

#### **Devizes Area Board**

Divisions – Bromham, Rowde and Potterne, Devizes and Roundway South, Devizes East, Devizes North, Roundway, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke, Urchfont and the Cannings.

Parishes - All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Cheverell Magna, Cheverell Parva, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

#### **Malmesbury Area Board**

Divisions - Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety, Sherston.

Parishes - Ashton Keynes, Brinkworth, Brokenborough, Charlton (nr Malmesbury), Crudwell, Dauntsey, Easton Grey, Great Somerford, Hankerton, Lea and Cleverton, Leigh, Little Somerford, Luckington, Malmesbury, Minety, Norton, Oaksey, Sherston, Sopworth, St Paul Malmesbury Without.

#### Marlborough Area Board

Divisions - Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West, West Selkley.

Parishes - Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett, Broad Hinton, Chilton Foliat, East Kennett, Froxfield, Fyfield, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury, Savernake, West Overton, Winterbourne Bassett, Winterbourne Monkton.

#### Melksham Area Board

Divisions - Melksham Central, Melksham North, Melksham South, Melksham Without North, Melksham Without South, Summerham and Seend.

Parishes - Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Keevil, Melksham, Melksham Without, Poulshot, Seend, Semington, Steeple Ashton.

#### Pewsey Area Board

Divisions - Pewsey, Pewsey Vale, Burbage and the Bedwyns.

Parishes - Alton, Beechingstoke, Charlton, Chirton, Easton, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot (and Huish), Wilsford, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers, Burbage, Buttermere, Grafton, Ham, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, Shalbourne.

#### Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Divisions - Cricklade and Latton, Lyneham, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett North, Royal Wootton Bassett South.

Parishes - Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Milcent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marson Meysey, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett, Tockenham.

#### Salisbury Area Board

Divisions - Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury Harnham, Salisbury St Edmund and Milford, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown, Salisbury St Martins and Cathedral, Salisbury S Paul's.

Parishes - Salisbury, Laverstock and Ford (Bishopdown Farm area only).

#### South West Wiltshire Area Board

Divisions - Fovant and Chalke Valley, Mere, Nadder and East Knoyle, Tisbury, Wilton and Lower Wylke Valley.

Parishes - Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chaberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle, Kilmington,

Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgehill, Semley, South Newton, Stourton, Stratford Tony, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Zeals.

#### Southern Area Board

Divisions - Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, Redlynch and Landford, Winterslow.

Parishes - Alderbury, Britford, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissetm Downton, Firsdow, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock, Pitton and Farley, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish, Winterslow.

#### Tidworth Area Board

Divisions - Ludgershall and Perham Down, Tidworth, The Collingbournes and Netheravon.

Parishes - Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Enford, Everleigh, Fittleton, Ludgershall, Netheravon, Tidcombe and Fosbury, Tidworth.

#### Trowbridge Area Board

Divisions - Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Paxcroft.

Parishes - Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, West Ashton.

#### Warminster Area Board

Divisions - Warminster Broadway, Warminster Copheap and Wyllye, Warminster East, Warminster West, Warminster Without.

Parishes - Bishopstrow, Boyton, Brixton Deverill, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Kingston Deverill, Knook, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Norton Bavant, Sherrington, Stockton, Sutton Veny, Upton Lovell, Upton Scudamore, Warminster.

#### Westbury Area Board

Divisions - Ethandune, Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West.

Parishes - Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood, Westbury.



**Incoming Electoral Divisions (May 2021)**



1	Aldbourn & Ramsbury	51	Melksham Without North & Shurnhold
2	Alderbury & Whiteparish	52	Melksham Without West & Rural Mere
3	Amesbury East & Bulford	53	Mere
4	Amesbury South	54	Minety
5	Amesbury West	55	Nadder Valley
6	Avon Valley	56	Old Sarum & Lower Bourne Valley
7	Bowerhill	57	Pewsey
8	Box & Colerne	58	Pewsey Vale East
9	Bradford-on-Avon North	59	Pewsey Vale West
10	Bradford-on-Avon South	60	Purton
11	Brinkworth	61	Redlynch & Landford
12	Bromham, Rowde & Roundway	62	Royal Wootton Bassett East
13	By Brook	63	Royal Wootton Bassett North
14	Calne Central	64	Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
15	Calne Chilvester & Abberd	65	Salisbury Bemerton Heath
16	Calne North	66	Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton Village
17	Calne Rural	67	Salisbury Harnham East
18	Calne South	68	Salisbury Harnham West
19	Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads	69	Salisbury Milford
20	Chippenham Cepen Park & Hunters Moon	70	Salisbury St Edmund's
21	Chippenham Hardenhuish	71	Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
22	Chippenham Hardens & Central	72	Salisbury St Paul's
23	Chippenham Lowden & Rowden	73	Sherston
24	Chippenham Monkton	74	Southwick
25	Chippenham Pewsham	75	The Lavingtons
26	Chippenham Sheldon	76	Tidworth East & Ludgershall South
27	Corsham Ladbrook	77	Tidworth North & West
28	Corsham Pickwick	78	Till Valley
29	Corsham Without	79	Tisbury
30	Cricklade & Latton	80	Trowbridge Adcroft
31	Devizes East	81	Trowbridge Central
32	Devizes North	82	Trowbridge Drynham
33	Devizes Rural West	83	Trowbridge Grove
34	Devizes South	84	Trowbridge Lambrok
35	Downton & Ebbel Valley	85	Trowbridge Park
36	Durrington	86	Trowbridge Paxcroft
37	Ethandune	87	Urchfont & Bishops Cannings
38	Fovant & Chalke Valley	88	Warminster Broadway
39	Hilperton	89	Warminster East
40	Holt	90	Warminster North & Rural
41	Kington	91	Warminster West
42	Laverstock	92	Westbury East
43	Ludgershall North & Rural	93	Westbury North
44	Lyneham	94	Westbury West
45	Malmesbury	95	Wilton
46	Marlborough East	96	Winsley & Westwood
47	Marlborough West	97	Winterslow & Upper Bourne Valley
48	Melksham East	98	Wylve Valley
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## Draft Recommendations

### Amesbury

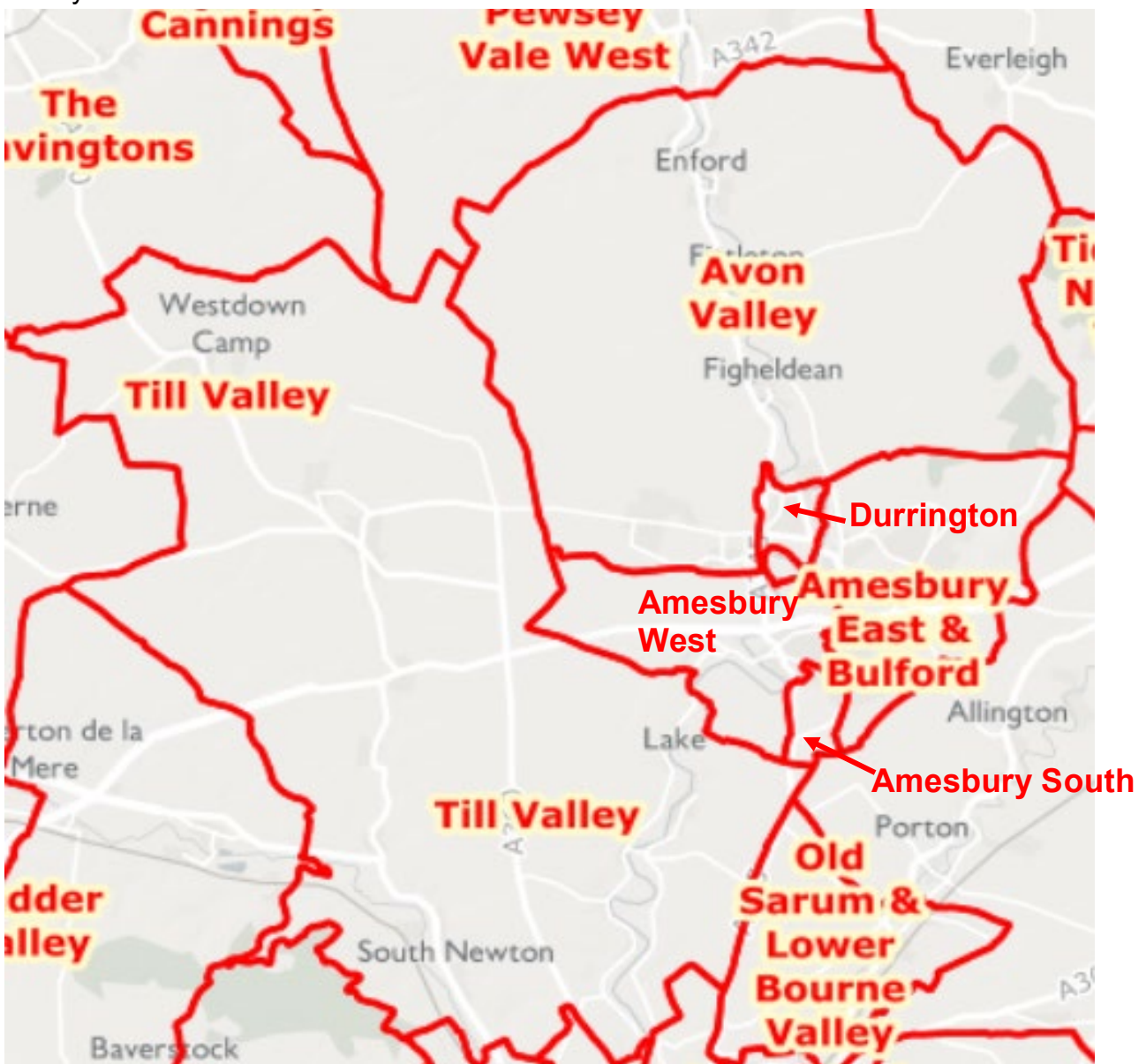
1. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Amesbury East, Amesbury West, Bourne and Woodford Valley, Bulford, Allington and Figheledean, Durrington and Larkhill, and Till and Wylde Valley.



2. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council, the parish of Durrington was divided between the Unitary Divisions of Durrington, and Avon Valley. The latter Division include several parishes previously within the Tidworth Area Board.
3. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable, and considered that the parishes of the Avon Valley running south from Enford along the A345 naturally looked more to Amesbury than Tidworth, whereas Durrington had no appreciable connection with Tidworth. Therefore, it considered those Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board.
4. Despite a few changes in the parishes included within it, the Till Valley Division remained an appropriate inclusion given its connections with Amesbury. It was not considered that the Nadder Valley or Wylde Valley Divisions had sufficient connections with the area to be included.
5. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas previously within the Southern Area Board.
6. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board. The Parish of Laverstock and Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would need to be included in the same area.
7. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those

Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock and Ford, and it would mean a further three Member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.

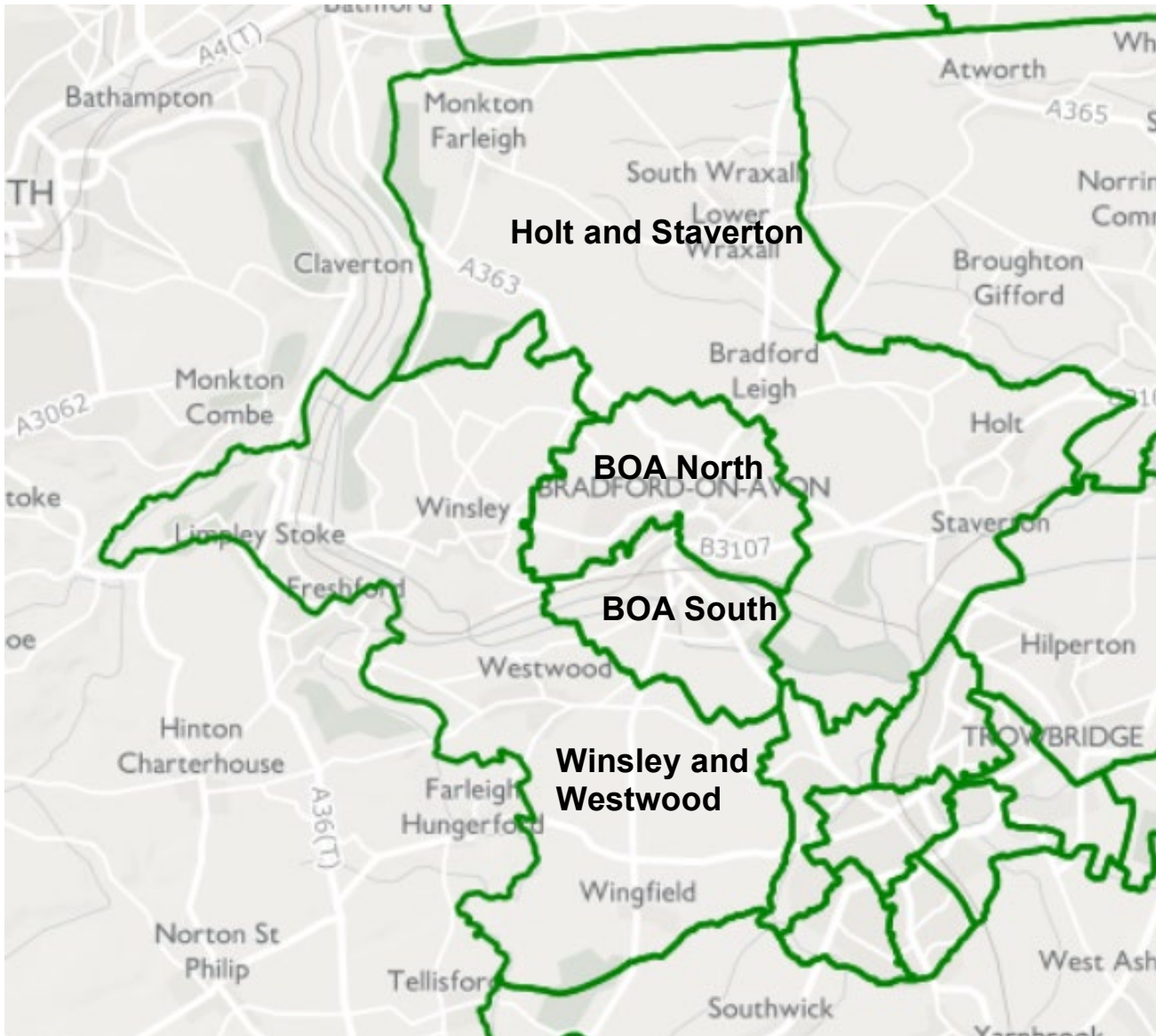
8. Therefore, the Committee had to decide if the three Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board or a South East Wiltshire Area Board.
9. In terms of projected electorate, the majority had previously been within the Southern Area Board, though significant numbers had not. Connections between the Upper Bourne Valley and the southern area were not great, however the nature of the Division, which the Council had objected to, could not be altered. Winterslow was the most significant settlement of that Division, and including all three Divisions with Amesbury would create an extremely large community area stretching from Enford to the borders of Salisbury. Therefore, on balance, it was considered that the three divisions most appropriately fitted with the South East area.
10. The Committee did not consider a merger with the Tidworth area Divisions would be appropriate.
11. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury South, Amesbury West, Avon Valley, Durrington and Till Valley.



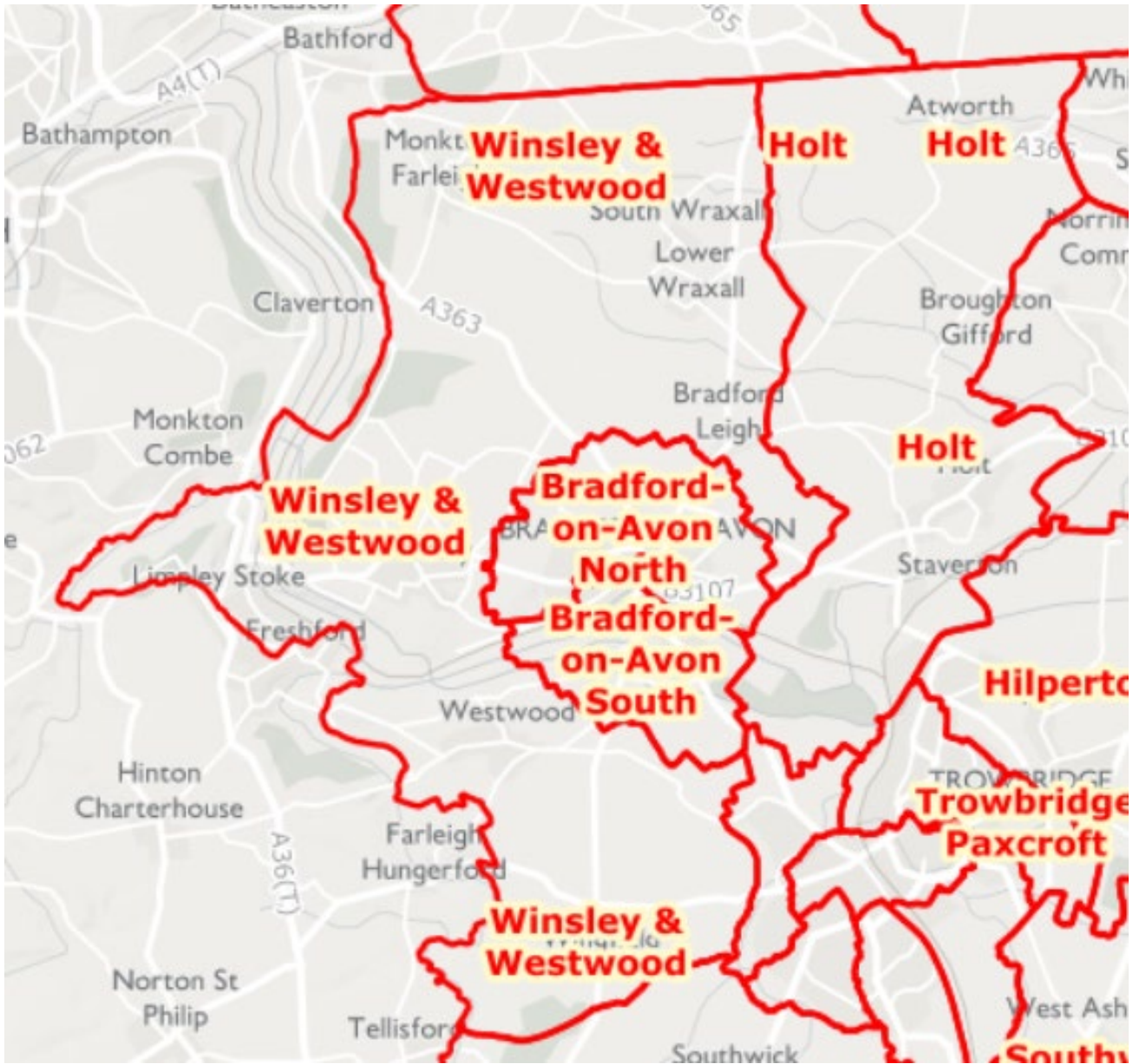


**Bradford on Avon**

12. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Staverton and Winsley and Westwood.

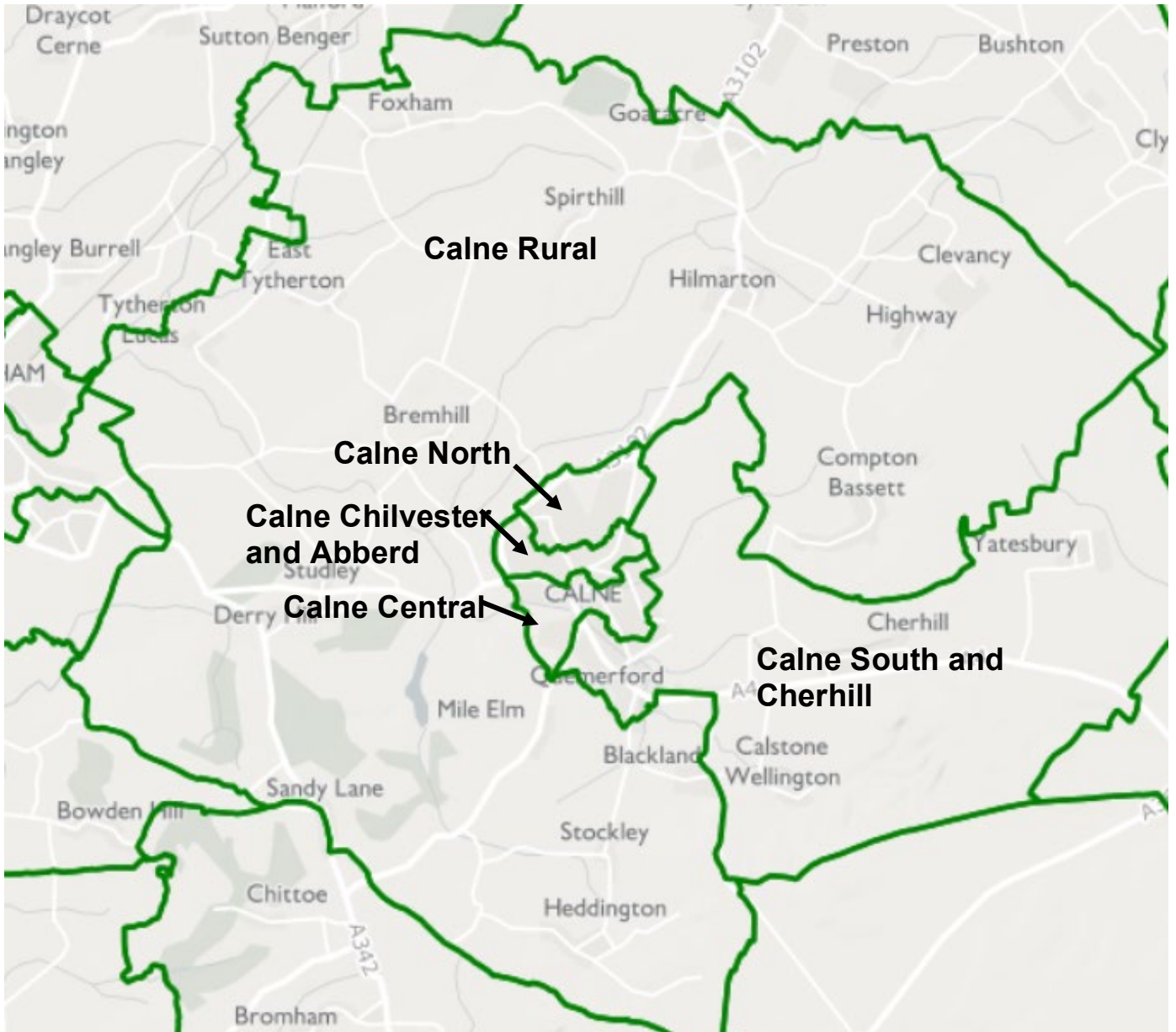


13. The only change for the incoming Divisions was the inclusion of the parish of Atworth in the Holt Division. Atworth had previously been within the Melksham Area Board. However, given the larger part of the Division was within Bradford on Avon and Atworth's location between the two main towns, it was agreed Holt should be within the Bradford on Avon Area Board. This would also ensure the area had four members.
14. It was not considered there was any reason to expand the area to include Divisions to the north and south, and that Hiperton Division was closely aligned to Trowbridge.
15. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Winsley and Westwood.



## **Calne**

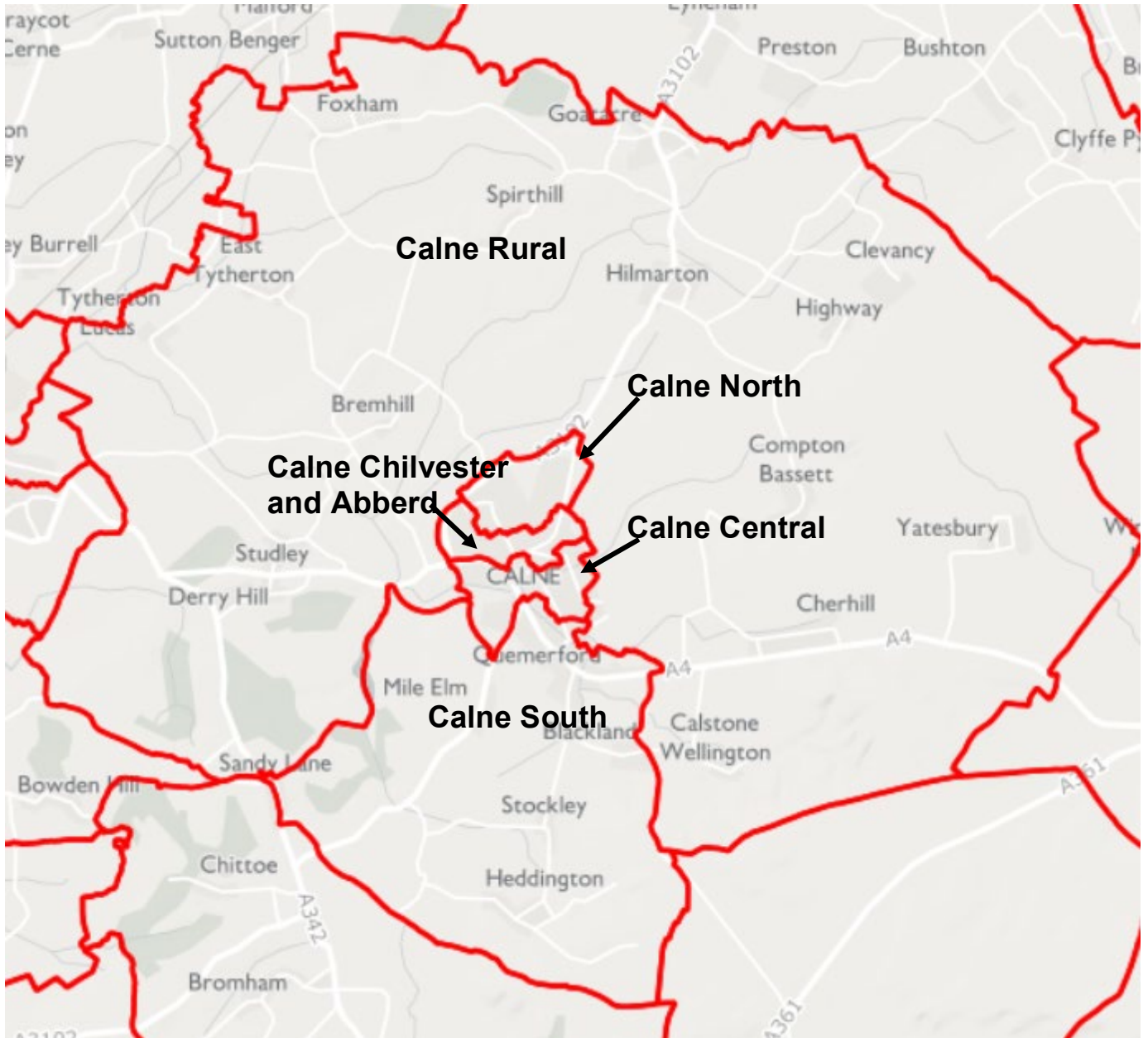
16. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Calne Rural, Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, and Calne South and Cherhill.



17. The Committee did not consider there were any reasons of geography or community, or changes arising from the incoming divisions, to amend the existing boundaries of the Area Board.

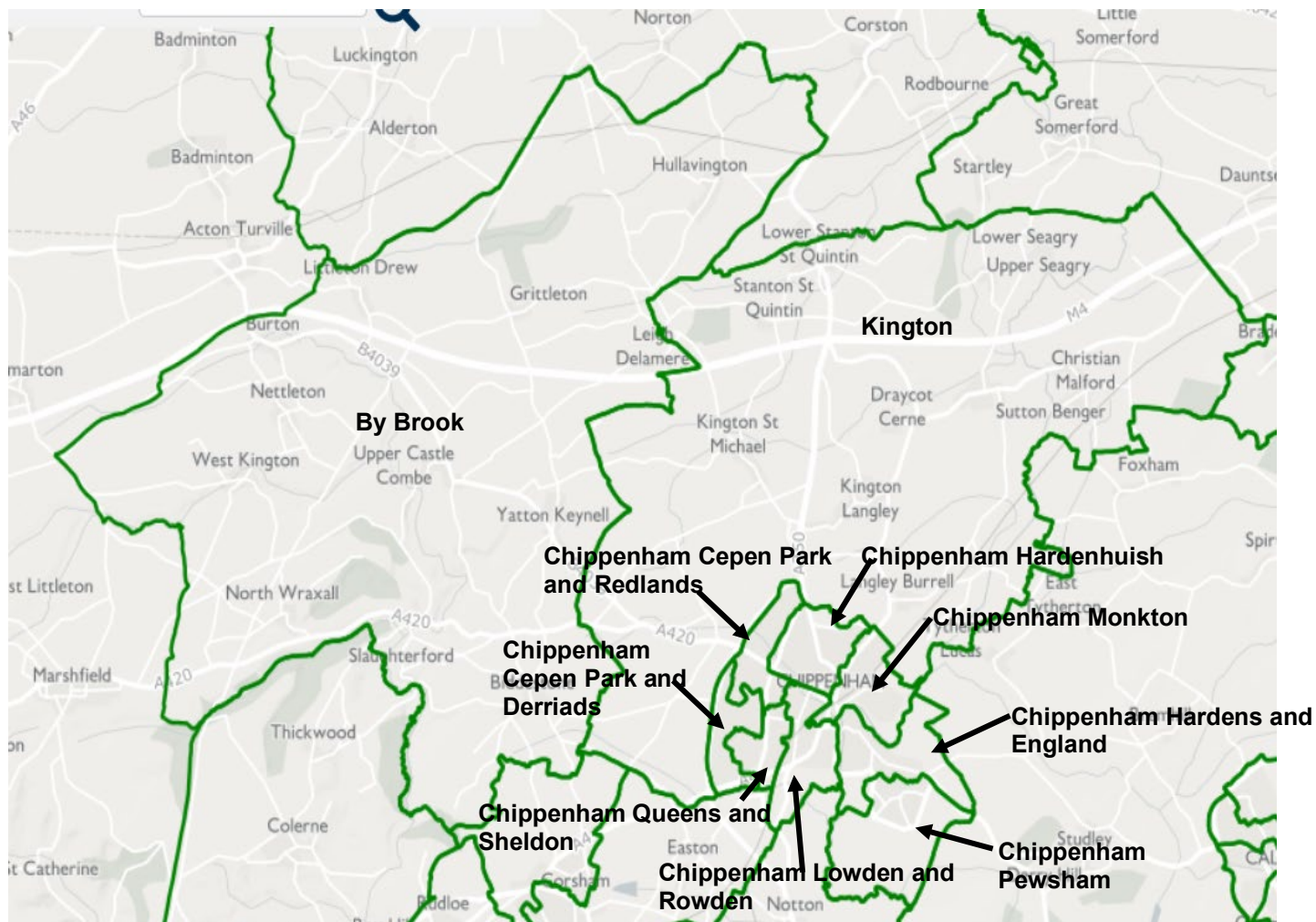
18. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Calne Rural, Calne South, Calne North, Calne Central and Calne Chilvester and Abberd.





## **Chippenham**

19. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Redlands, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriads, Chippenham Hardens and England, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Pewsham, and Chippenham Queens and Sheldon.



20. The Committee noted that the incoming Divisions had not amended the external boundaries of the current Area Board. It noted that Kington, while being rurally focused, included communities closely linked by proximity to the town of Chippenham.

21. The Committee did consider whether By Brook Division should remain in the Area Board, given it had no boundary to any Chippenham Town Division and was of rural character, noting the implementation of a rural village forum for the current Area Board to give greater representation to the non-urban parishes.

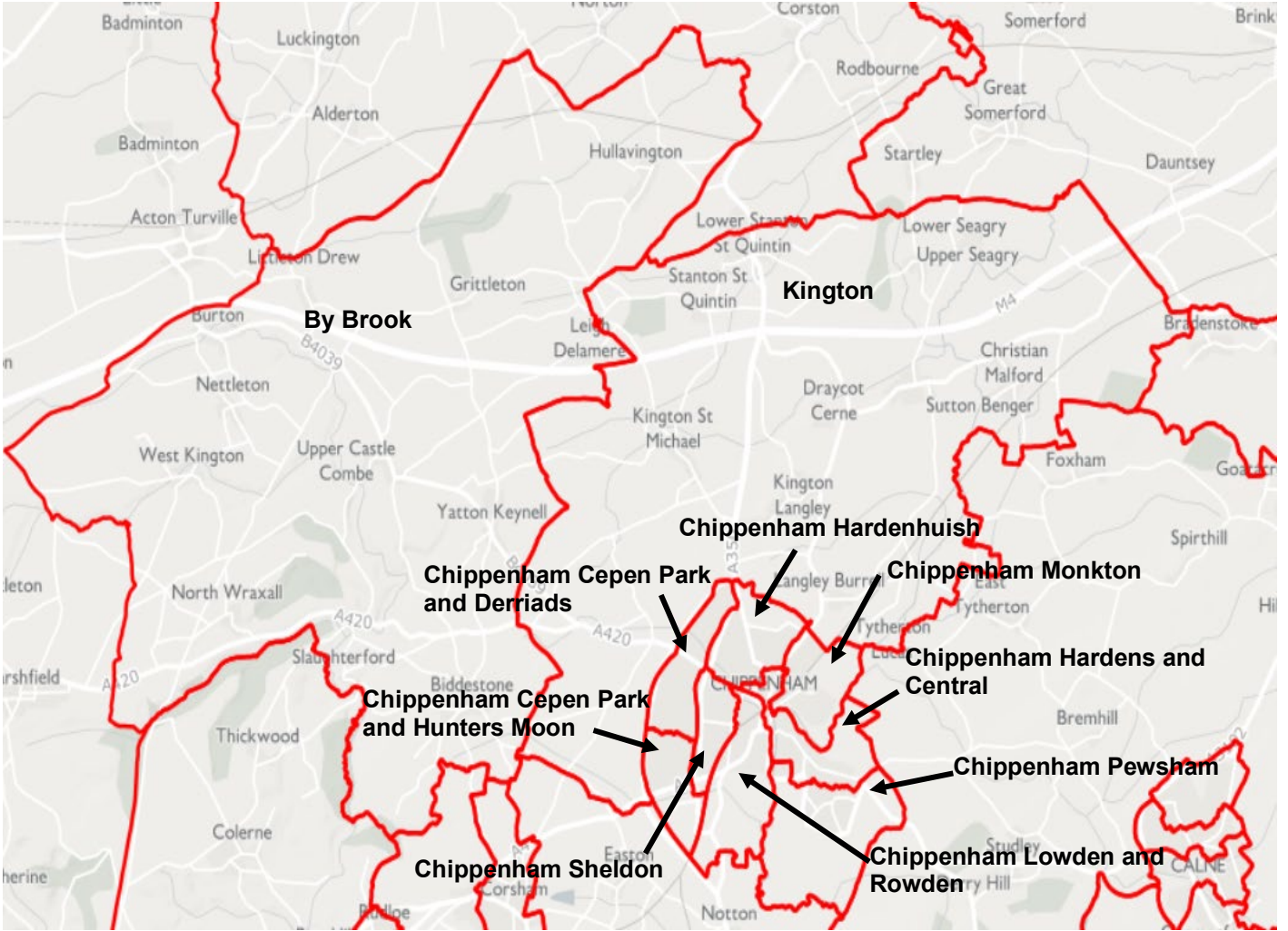
22. However, the Committee felt there was no superior arrangement than the present situation, and that on balance By Brook looked to Chippenham more than it would to other places such as Malmesbury or Corsham.

23. Following the Community Governance Review decision by Full Council on 9 September, if confirmed, Lacock Parish would not be split between Area Boards by the proposal.

24. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bybrook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriads, Chippenham Cepen Park and Hunters Moon. Chippenham Hardens and Central, Chippenham Hardenhuish,

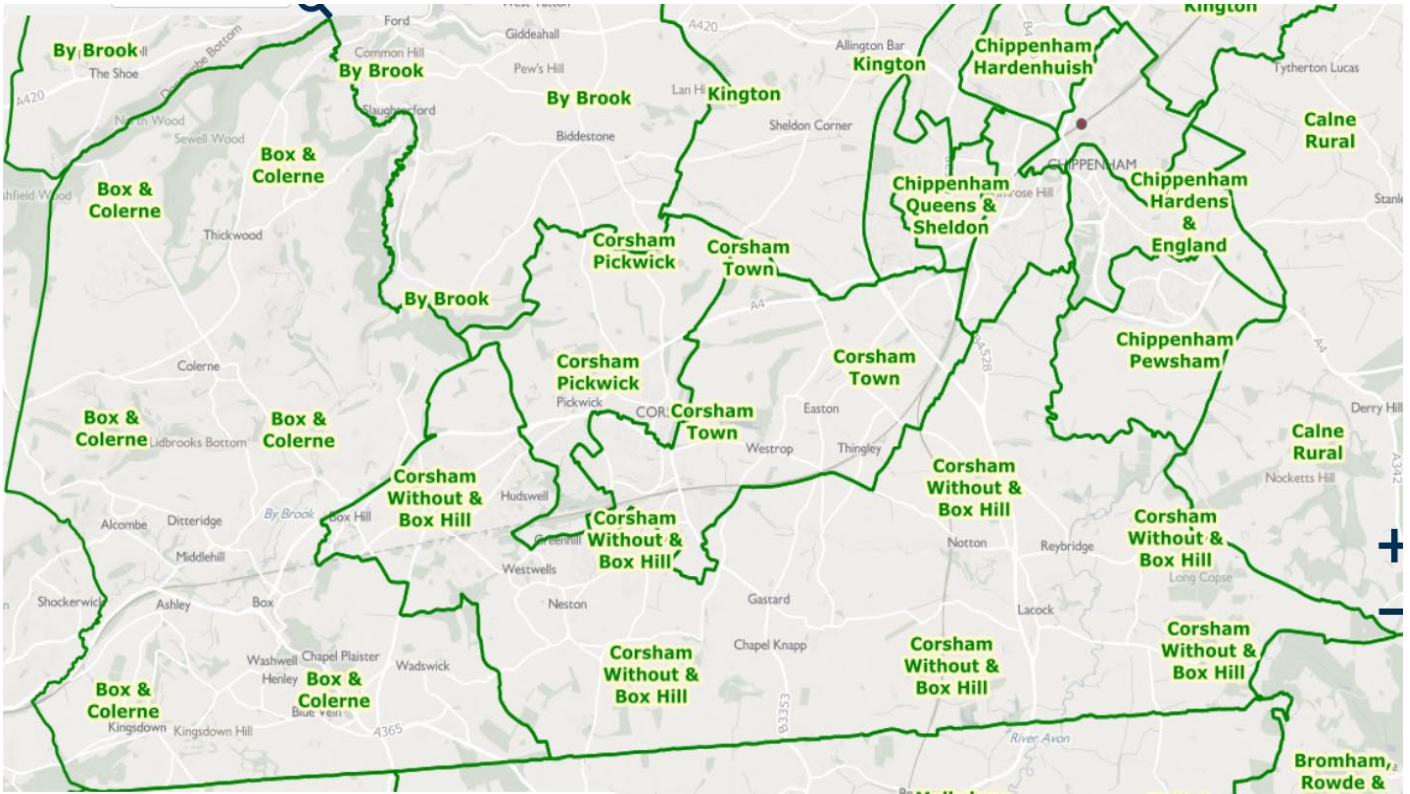


Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Pewsham and Chippenham Sheldon.



**Corsham**

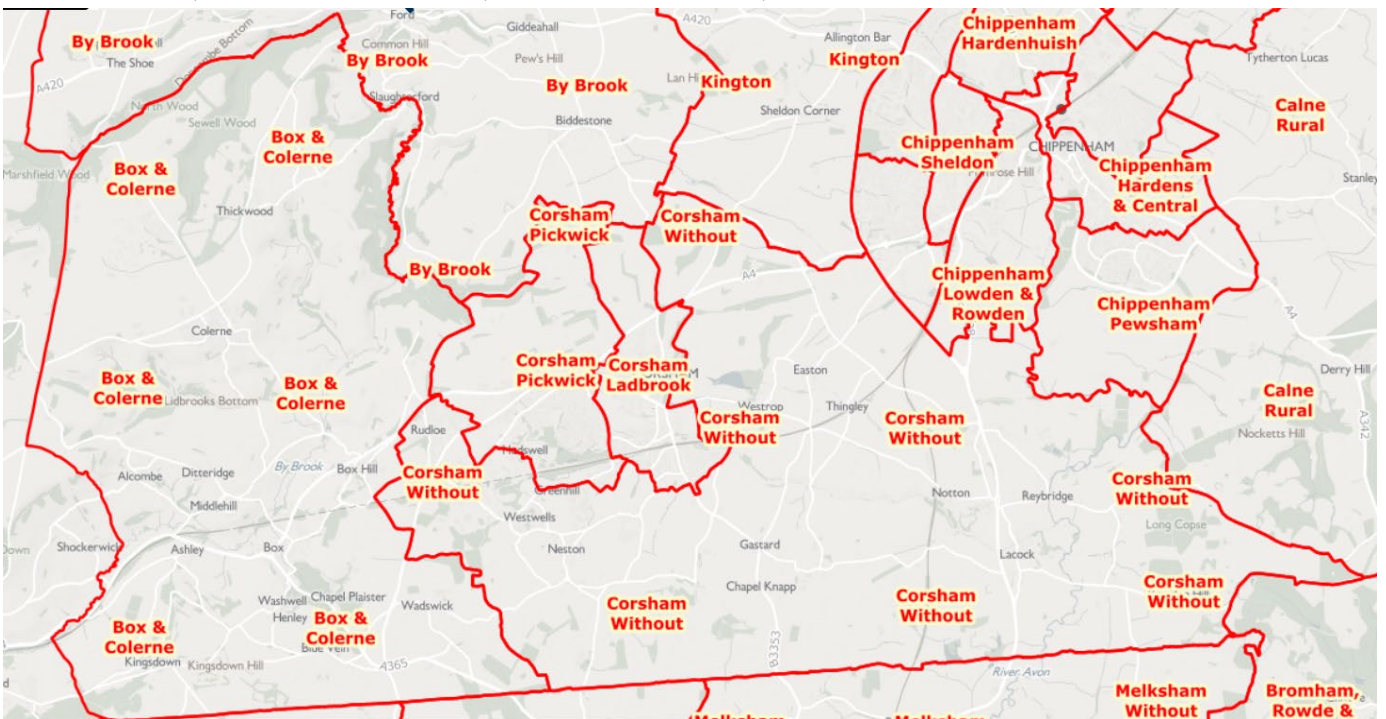
25. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Town, and Corsham Without and Box Hill.



26. It was not considered there were any community connections sufficient to include further Divisions from the north and south, and the current inclusion of four Divisions together including four parishes, was appropriate.

27. Following the Community Governance Review decision by Full Council on 9 September, if confirmed, Lacock Parish would not be split between Area Boards by the proposal.

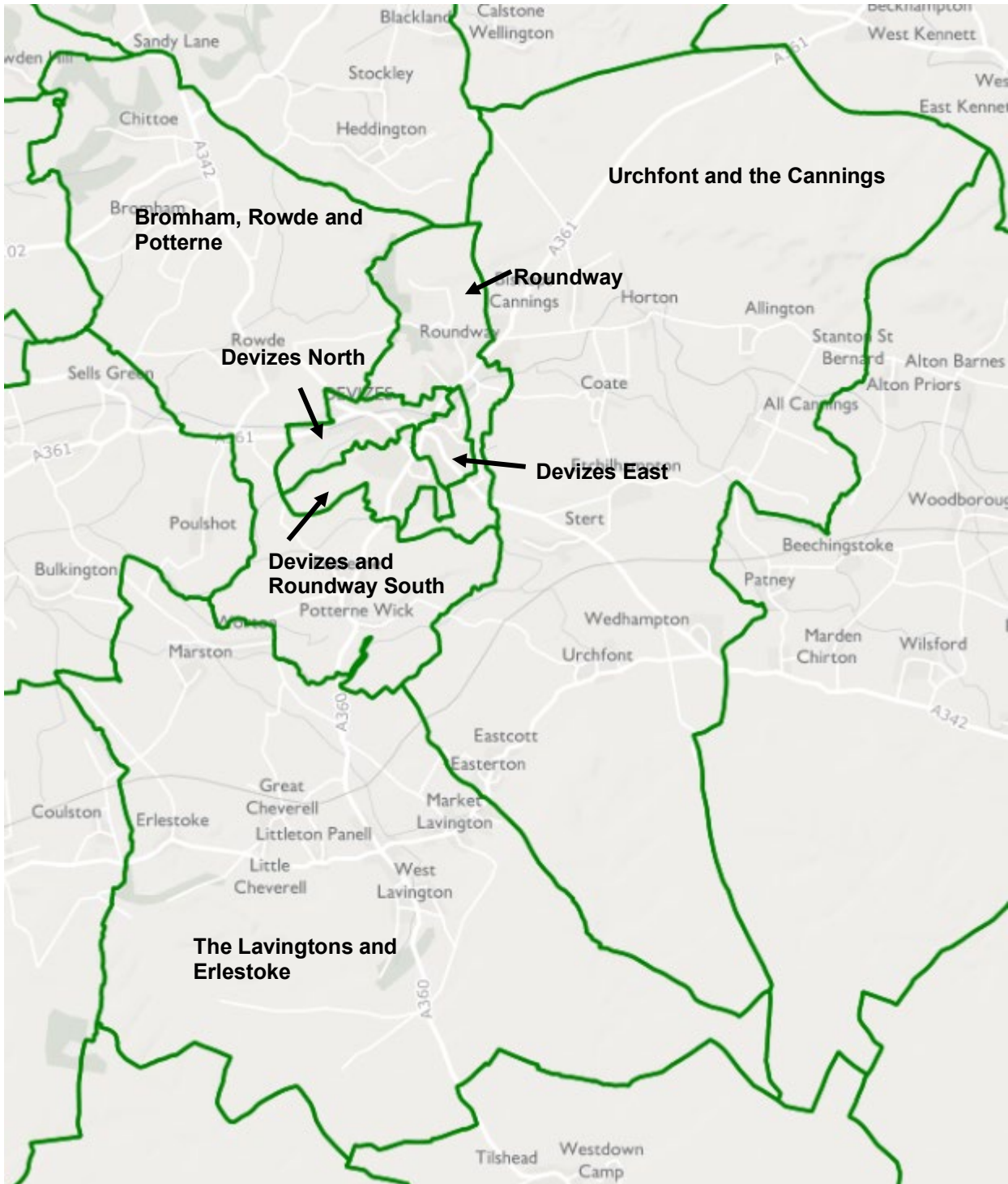
28. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Box and Colerne, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Pickwick, and Corsham Without





## **Devizes**

29. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Bromham, Rowde and Potterne, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes and Roundway South, Roundway, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke, and Urchfont and the Cannings.



30. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, currently part of Melksham Area Board, had been included within the Devizes Rural West Division, along with the parish of Coulston, currently a part of Westbury Area Board. The parish of All Cannings had been included with the Pewsey Vale West Division.

31. The Committee noted that a significant part of the Devizes Rural West Division was presently associated with the Melksham area, although the majority of the electorate

of the area was associated with Devizes. Communities such as Potterne were closely linked with the town, whilst the parish of Seend lay between Melksham and Devizes, with other parishes relatively isolated but sharing character as smaller, rural communities.

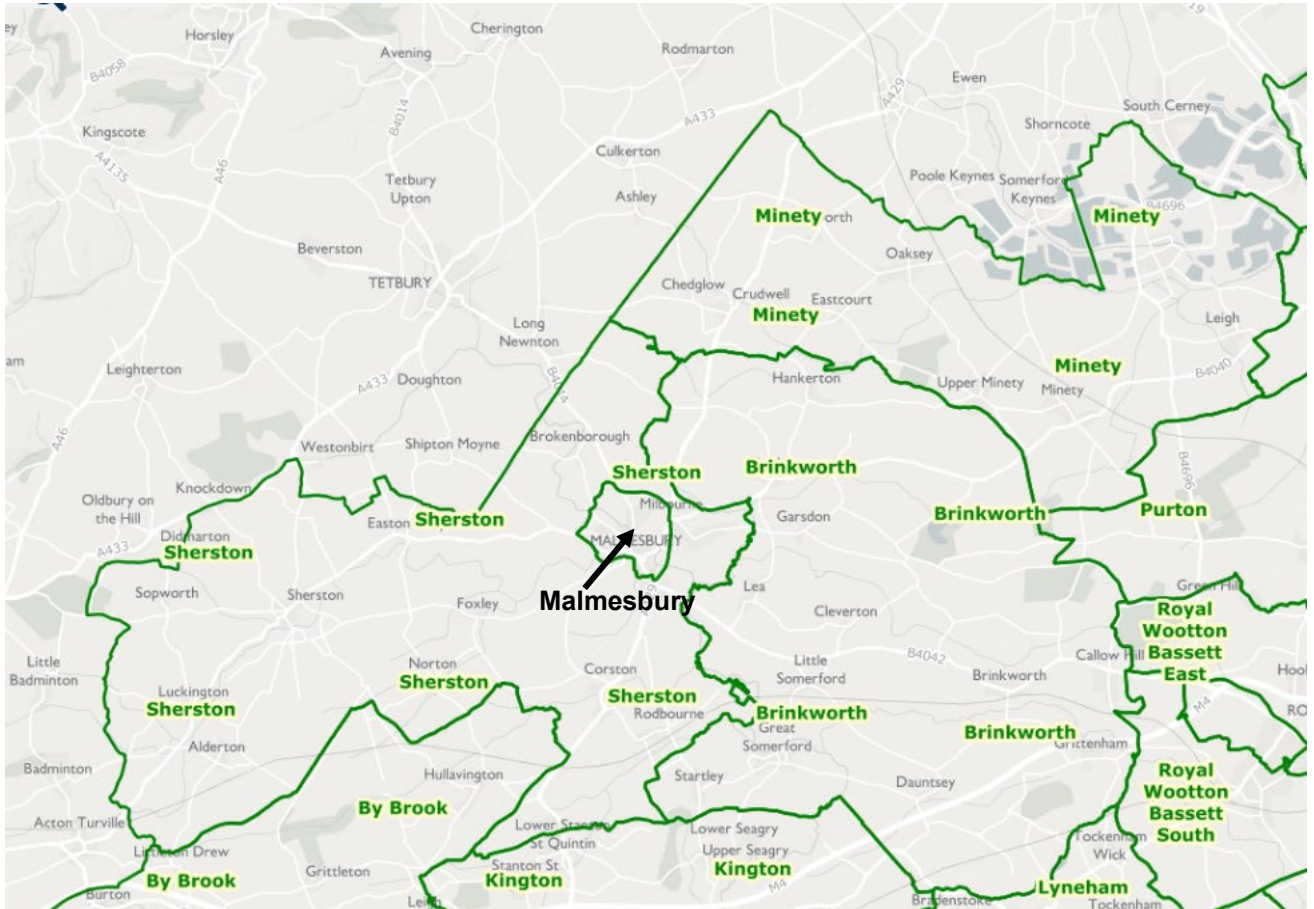
32. On balance, the Committee considered that the overall Division was most closely aligned with Devizes and noted that given its name inclusion in another area would be a confusing arrangement. It therefore resolved to recommend the inclusion of the Division within Devizes Area Board.
33. It was not considered there was any justification for inclusion of further divisions within the area, noting the cohesive arrangements around Calne, the strong community links of the Pewsey Vale, and the geographic separation from other communities within the Warminster and Amesbury areas. Urchfont and Bishops Cannings was closely linked with Devizes, and would not appropriately fit within another area.
34. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bromham, Rowde and Roundway, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes South, Devizes Rural West, The Lavingtons, and Urchfont and Bishops Cannings.





## **Malmesbury**

35. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Malmesbury, Minety, Brinkworth and Sherston.



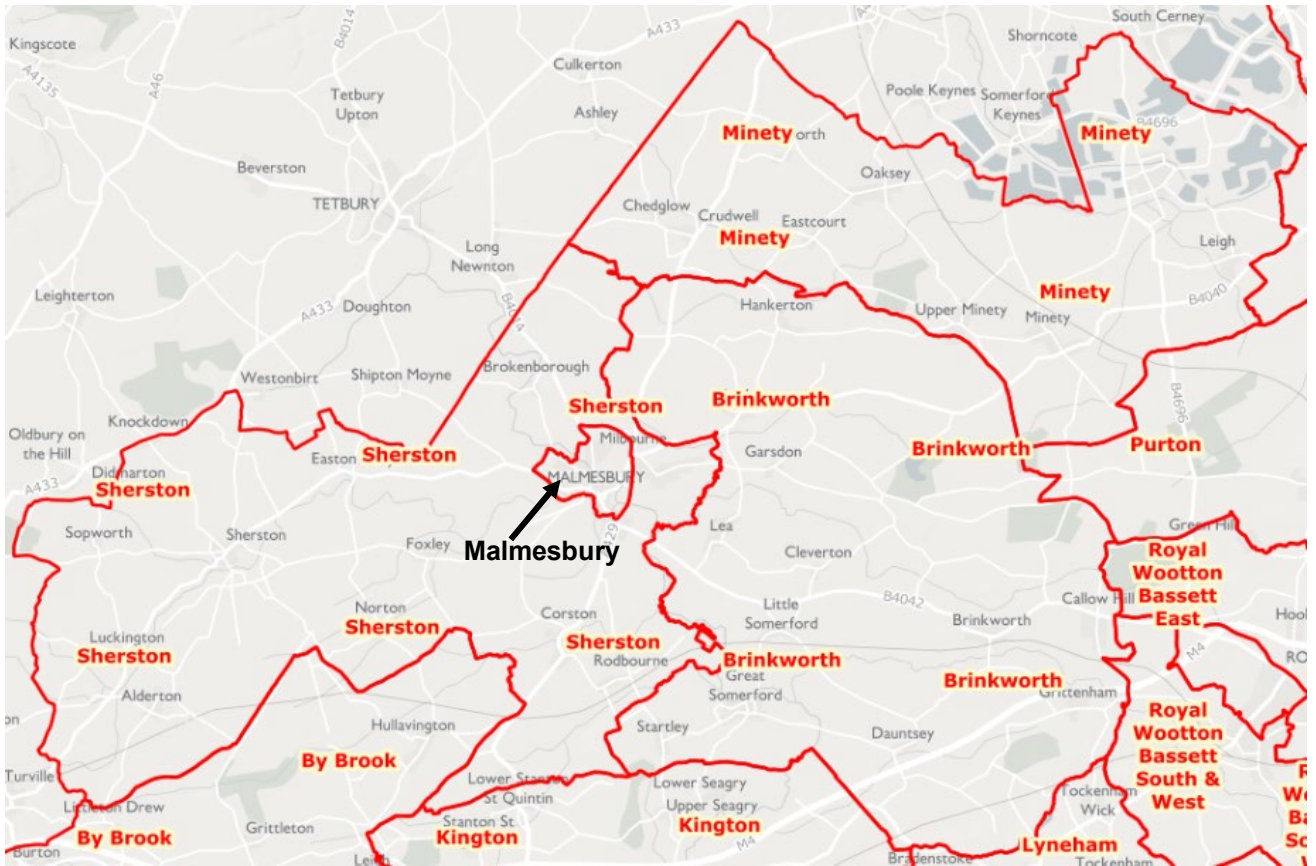
36. No areas external to the current Area Board had been included within the incoming Divisions, with the only change being inclusion of part of Malmesbury in the Sherston Division.

37. The Committee did consider whether the Divisions of By Brook or Kington might be included as part of the Malmesbury area, but concluded that although By Brook in particular had some separation from Chippenham, neither Division had closer connections with Malmesbury than with Chippenham.

38. Additionally, it was not considered that any Divisions to the East such as Cricklade and Latton had any community connections sufficient to suggest inclusion within the area.

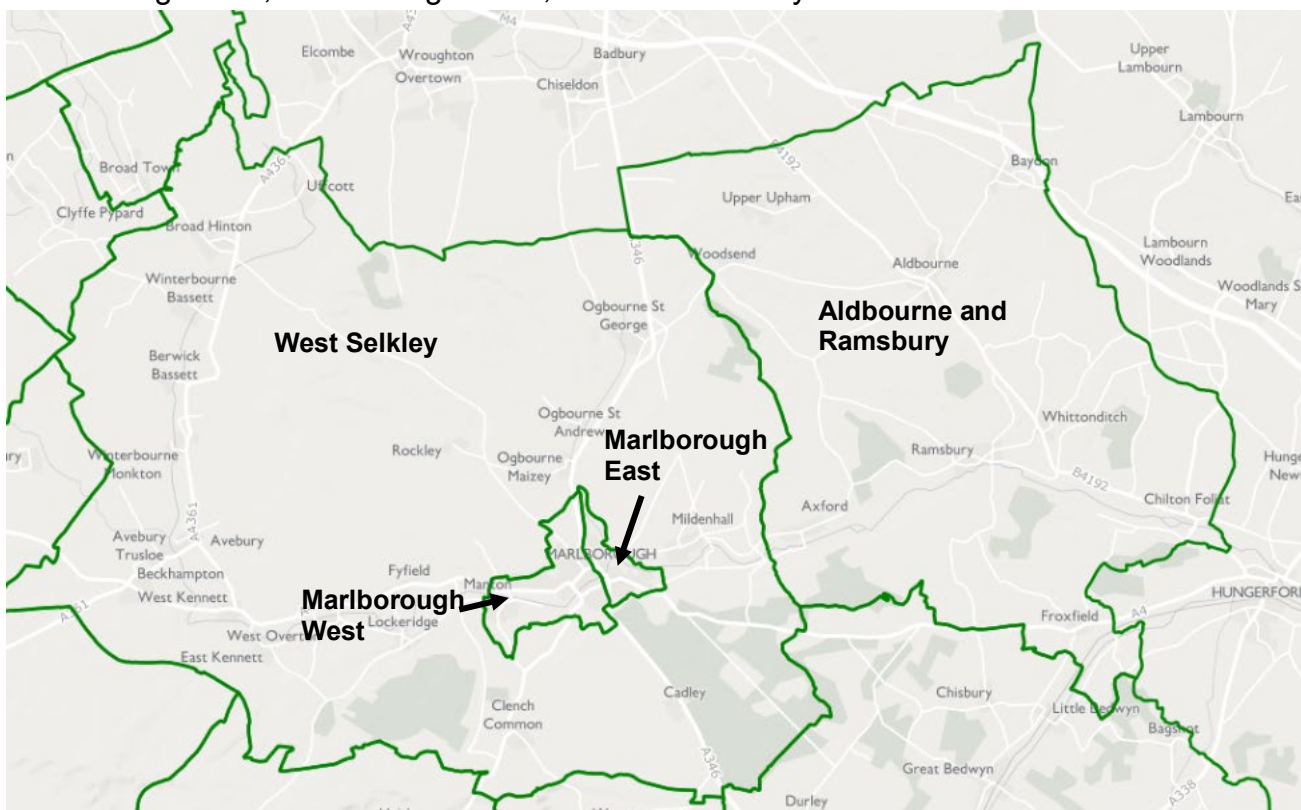
39. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Malmesbury, Sherston, Brinkworth and Minety.

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## **Marlborough**

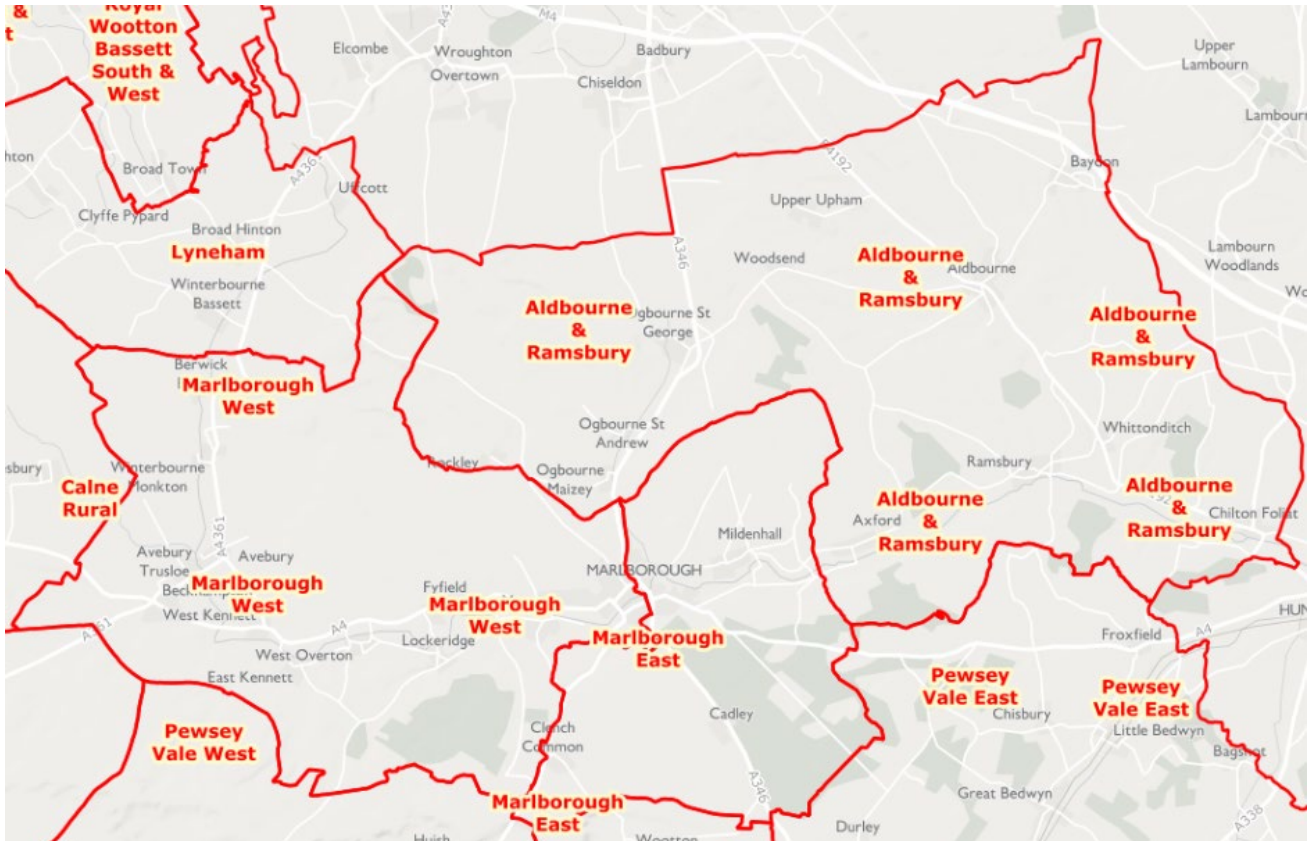
40. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West, and West Selkley.



41. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett had been include as part of the Lyneham Division, presently within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
42. it was noted that 86% of the projected electorate for the Division were presently contained within Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. Given this, and the links between the new parishes and Broad Town, the Committee recommended that Lyneham remain within that community area.
43. Marlborough Town had been included in two Divisions, each with a number of rural parishes attached.
44. As a result, this would leave the Marlborough area with only three electoral divisions, meaning it would be vulnerable to becoming inquorate in the event of absence or conflict of a single Member.
45. The Committee considered whether the Marlborough area could be merged into a single area board with Pewsey, as the South West Wiltshire Area Board also contained more than a single community area. Both areas were large, rural areas with three Divisions. However, it was considered each had strong individual characters and that it would not be appropriate to merge the two together.
46. It was therefore considered whether to include the two areas in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if necessary. Such an arrangement was presently in place for Pewsey and Tidworth.
47. The Committee felt that the present arrangements for Pewsey and Tidworth had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Marlborough and Pewsey.



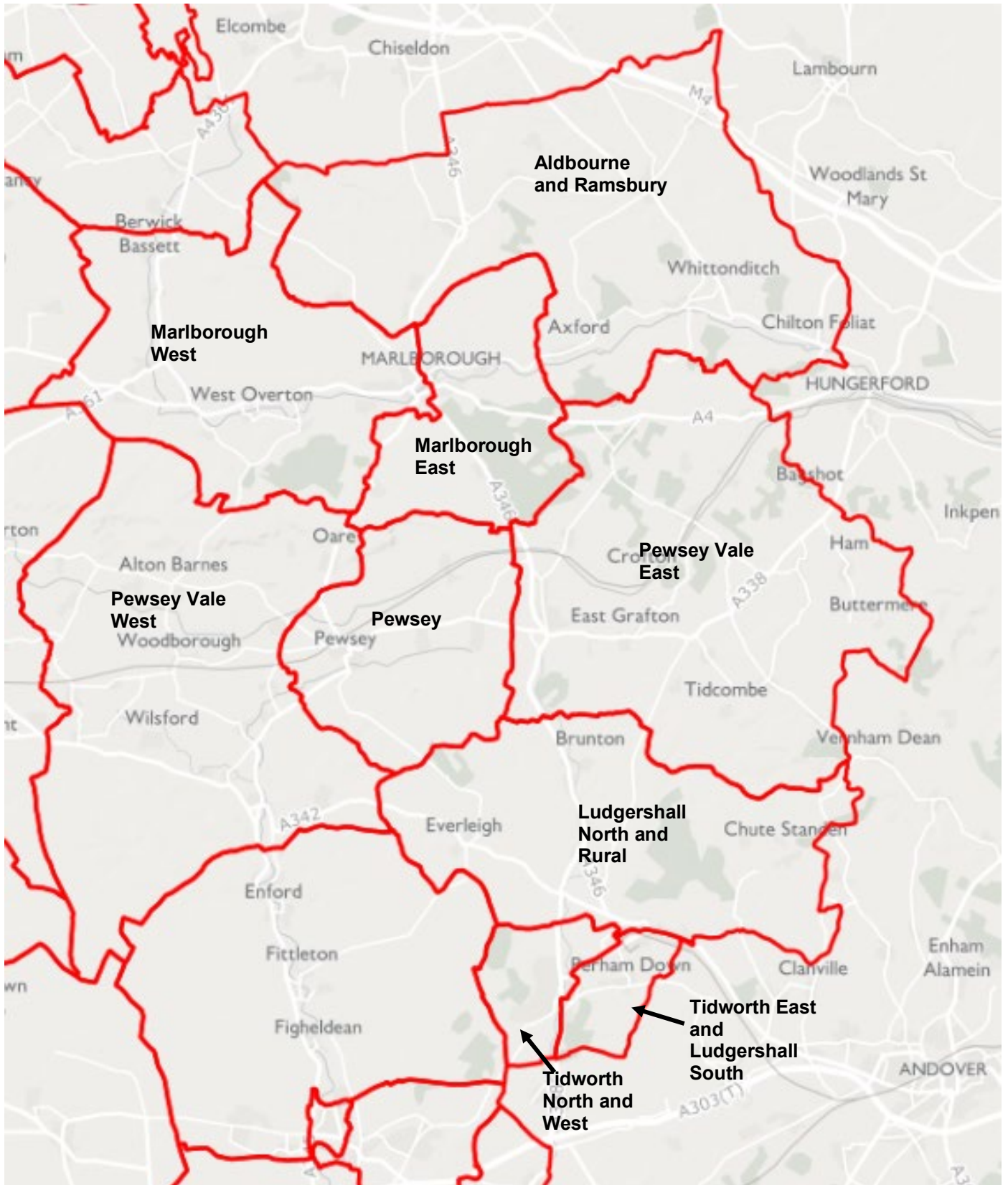
48. As Tidworth would also continue to only have three members, the Committee considered whether such an arrangement could be extended to cover all three areas in an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee. Despite the distance between Tidworth and Marlborough, the Committee did not consider such cooperation would be inappropriate given other arrangements such as the Eastern Area Planning Committee and agreed all three community areas could appropriately substitute for one another.
49. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East and Marlborough West.



50. The Committee also agreed that there should be an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee, shown overleaf, which would appoint members to Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards to enable substitution between the Area Boards.
51. Whilst each Area Board would meet separately, appoint their own chairmen and decide on community grants, the Committee did recommend that the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee should meet as a group several times a year in order to enable closer cooperation on wider community issues.

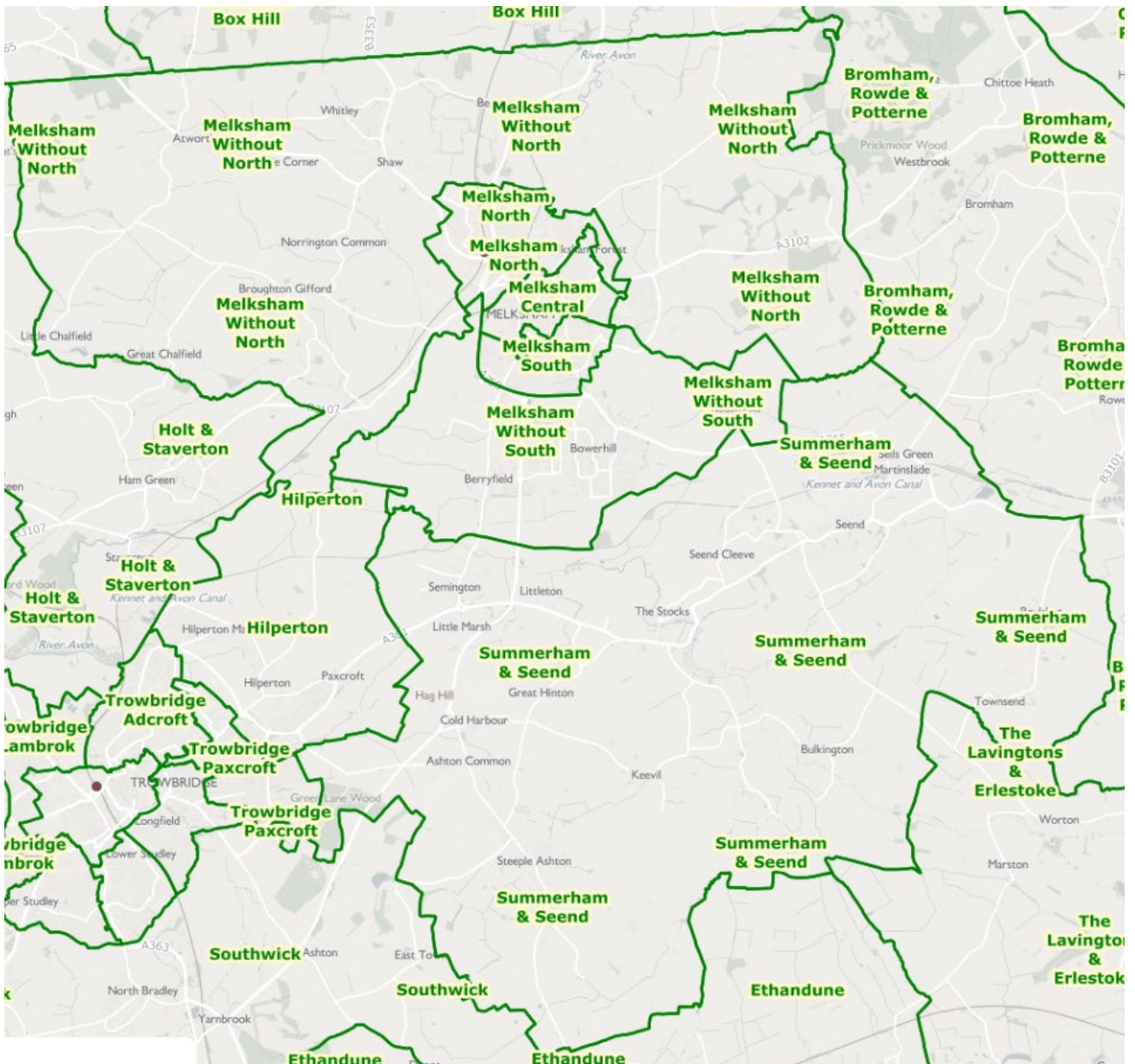


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## **Melksham**

52. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Melksham Central, Melksham North, Melksham South, Melksham Without North, Melksham Without South, and Summerham and Seend.



53. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, had been included within the Devizes Rural West Division. The parish of Atworth was included within the Holt Division

54. The Committee noted that a significant part of the Devizes Rural West Division was presently associated with the Melksham area, although the majority of the electorate of the area was associated with Devizes. Communities such as Potterne were closely linked with the town, whilst the parish of Seend lay between Melksham and Devizes, with other parishes relatively isolated but sharing character as smaller, rural communities.

55. On balance, the Committee considered that the overall Division was most closely aligned with Devizes and noted that given its name inclusion in another area would be a confusing arrangement. It therefore resolved to recommend the inclusion of the



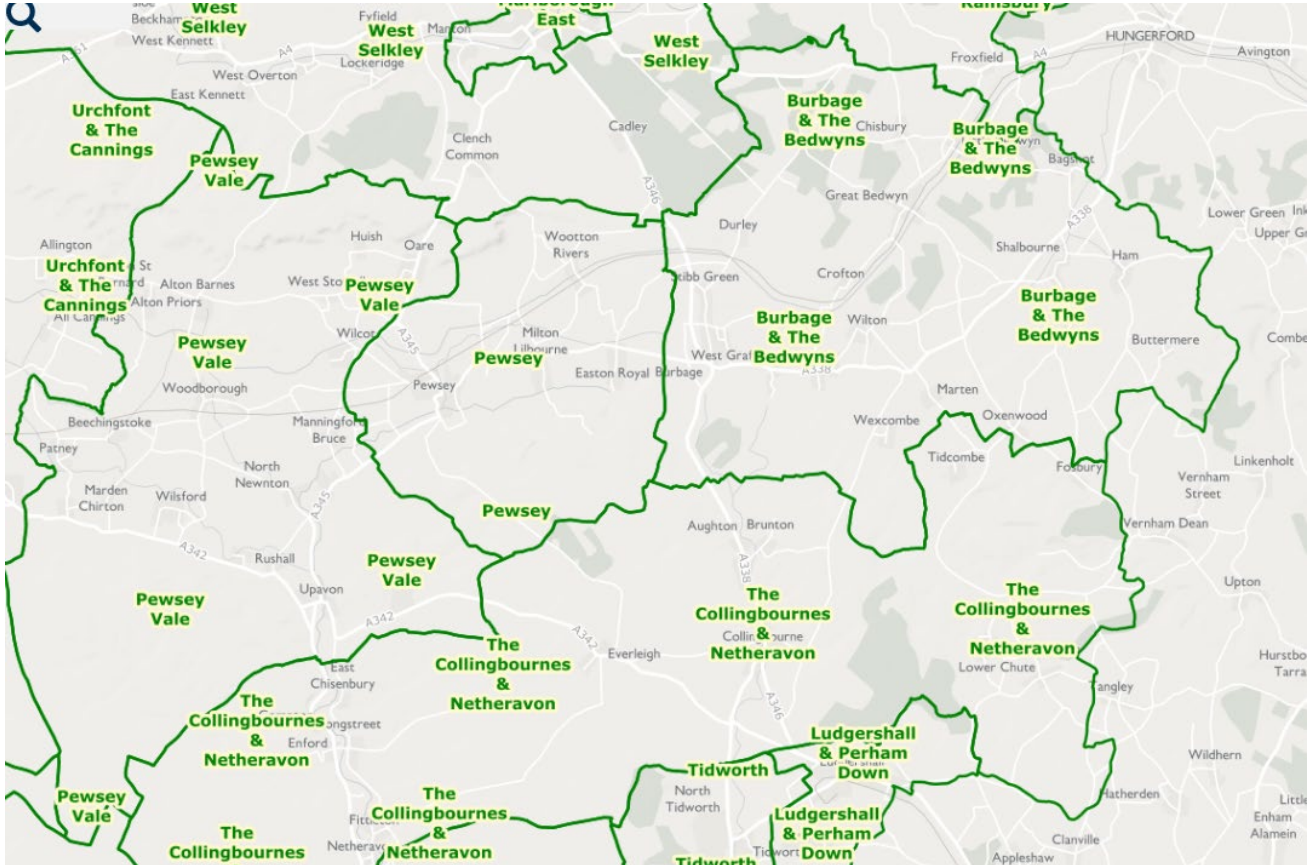
Division within Devizes Area Board rather than Melksham Area Board.

56. Whilst Atworth lay between Bradford-on-Avon and Melksham and might have closer links with the latter, the large majority of the Holt Division was presently part of the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board. Furthermore, if the Division were included within Melksham, this would result in the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board being reduced to only three Divisions and requiring some form of substitution arrangement.
57. The Committee did not consider that would be appropriate, and therefore recommended that Holt Division remain within Bradford-on-Avon Area Board.
58. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bowerhill, Melksham Without North and Shurnhold, Melksham Without West and Rural, Melksham Forest, Melksham East, Melksham South.



## **Pewsey**

59. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Burbage and the Bedwyns, Pewsey, and Pewsey Vale.
60. The Area Board was currently appointed as part of the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee, including the Divisions of The Collingbournes and Netheravon, Tidworth, and Ludgershall and Perham Down, to enable substitution arrangements as a result of having only three Divisions.



61. A number of parishes including All Cannings, Tidcombe and Fosbury, and Froxfield had been moved into Pewsey area Divisions.
62. The Committee considered whether it was appropriate to merge the Area Board with Marlborough for a single six-Division area board, noting both areas were large and rural with a major town or large village as a focal point. However, the Committee felt that each area had a distinct character, noting the strong community connections of the Pewsey Vale, and so did not resolve to recommend such an option.
63. It was therefore considered whether to include the two areas in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if necessary. Such an arrangement was presently in place for Pewsey and Tidworth.
64. The Committee felt that the present arrangements for Pewsey and Tidworth had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Pewsey and Marlborough.
65. As Tidworth would also continue to only have three members, the Committee considered whether such an arrangement could be extended to cover all three areas in an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee. Given the existing arrangement with Tidworth and Pewsey, the Committee did not consider such cooperation would be inappropriate given other arrangements such as the Eastern Area Planning Committee and agreed



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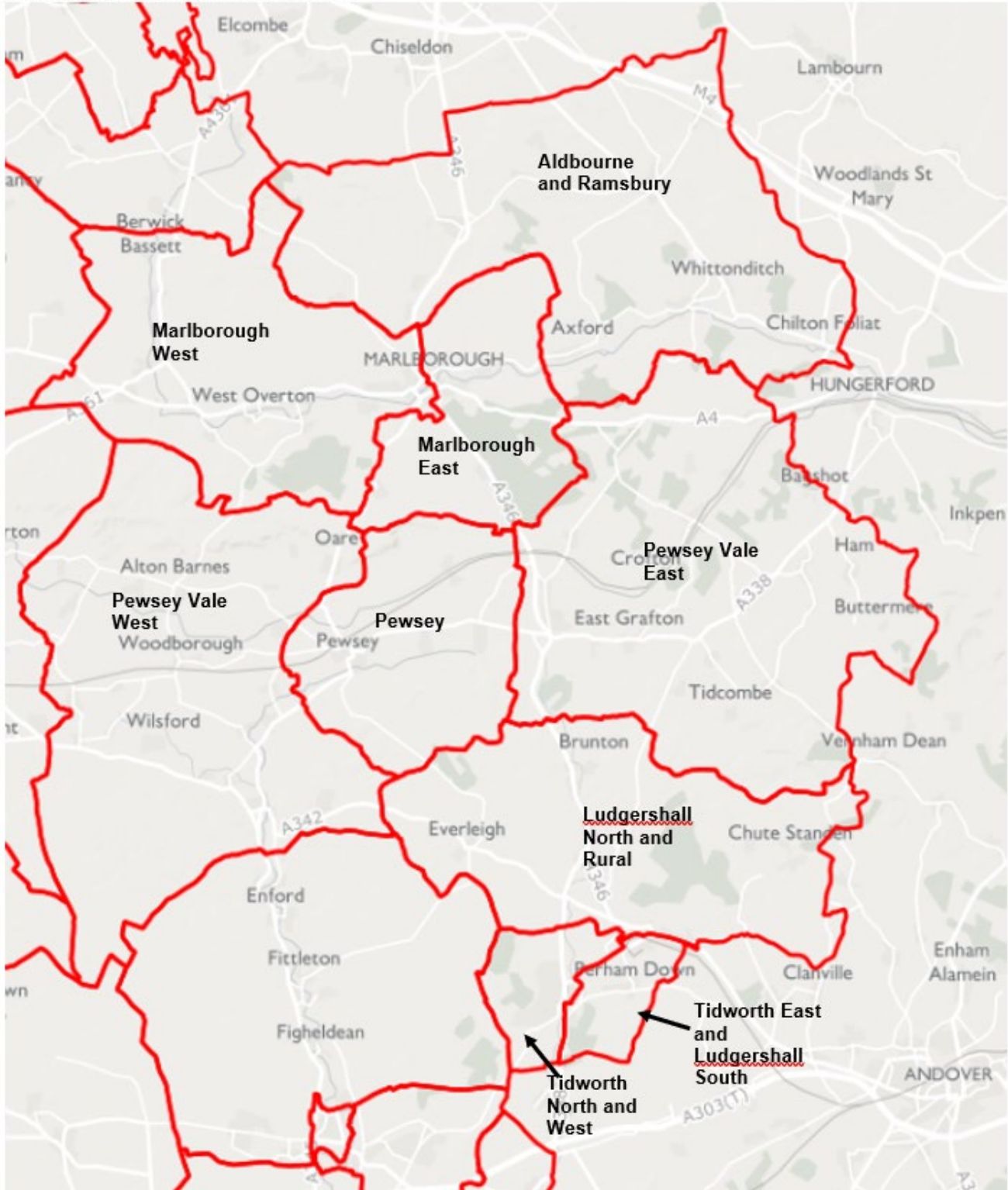
66. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Pewsey, Pewsey



67. The Committee also agreed that there should be an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee, shown overleaf, which would appoint members to Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards to enable substitution between the Area Boards.

68. Whilst each Area Board would meet separately, appoint their own chairmen and decide on community grants, the Committee did recommend that the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee should meet as a group several times a year in order to enable closer cooperation on wider community issues.

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**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade**

69. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Cricklade and Latton, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett South, Royal Wootton Bassett North and Lyneham.



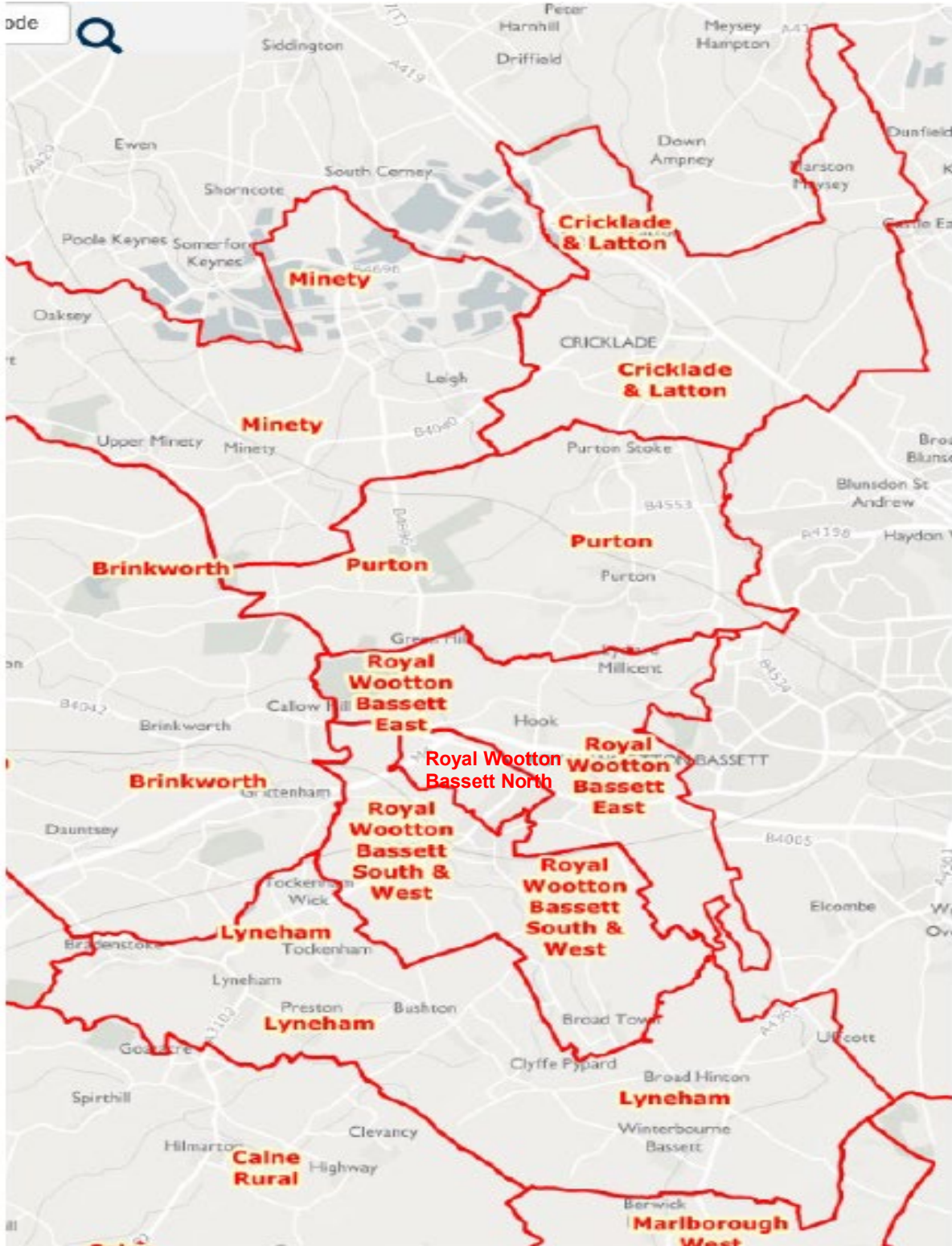
70. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council, the Division of Lyneham will now include the parishes of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett, currently within the West Selkley Division of Marlborough Area Board.

71. In reviewing the area, the Committee did not consider there was any justification in including the Divisions of Brinkworth or Minety in the community area. Geographically the two Divisions were separated from the communities focusing around Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett and along the border with Swindon. Equally, neither the Cricklade and Latton or Purton Divisions had closer connections to the Malmesbury

area than with Royal Wootton Bassett.

72. In respect of the Lyneham Division, it was noted that 86% of the projected electorate for the Division were presently contained within Royal Wootton Bassett Area Board. Given this, and the links between the new parishes and Broad Town, the Committee recommended that Lyneham remain within the community area.

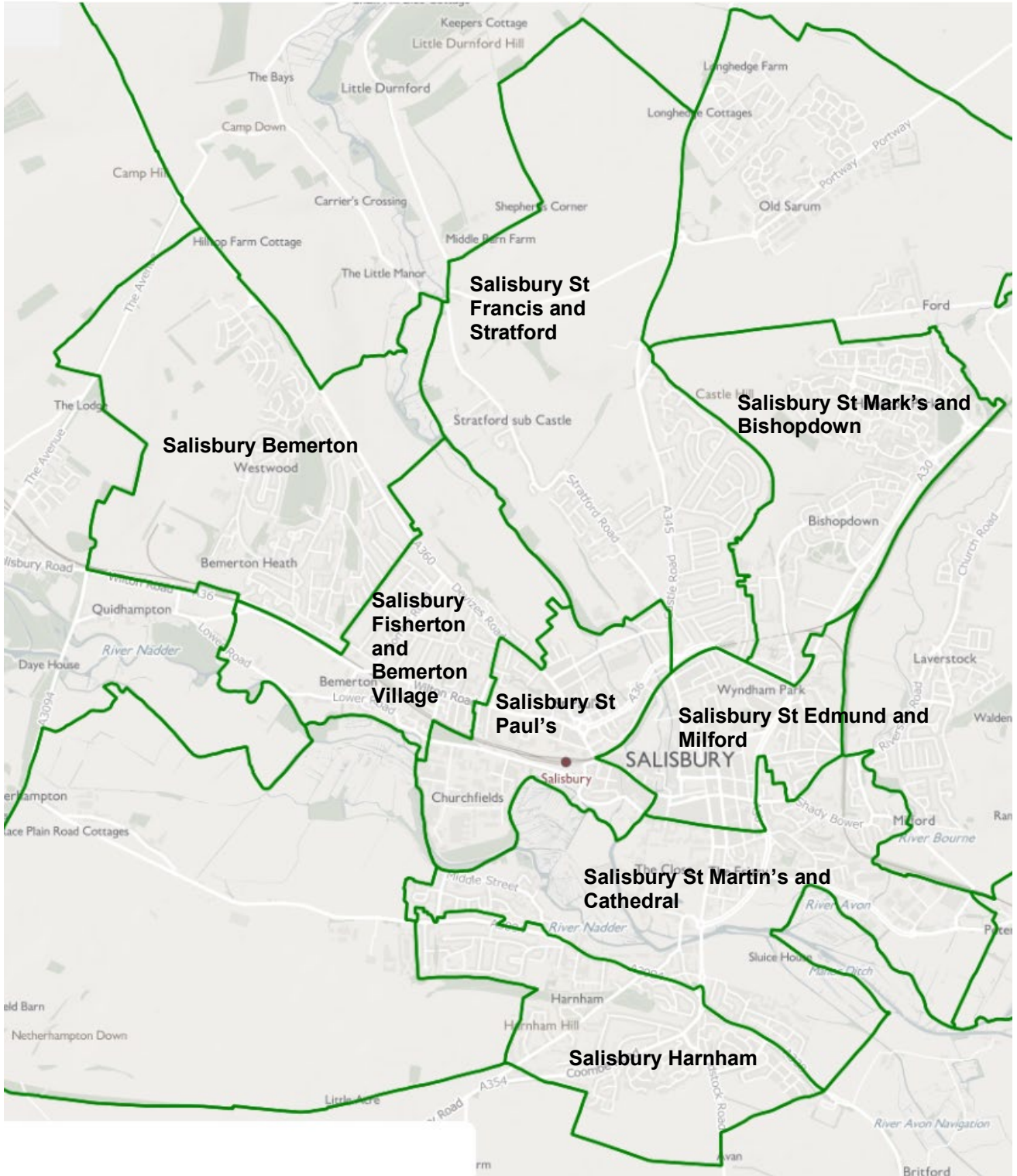
73. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the following Divisions: Cricklade and Latton, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett South, Royal Wootton Bassett North and Lyneham.





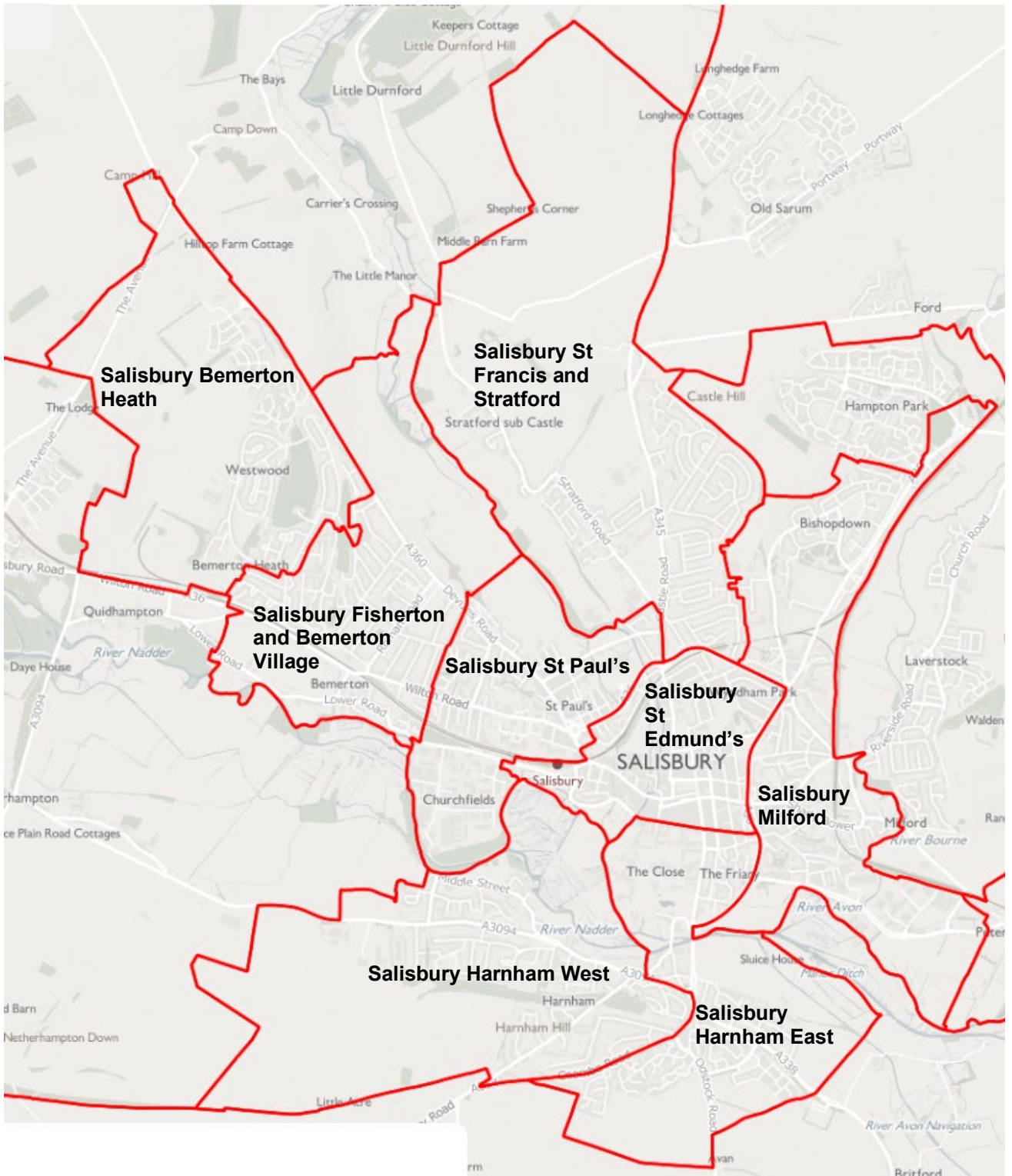
**Salisbury**

74. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury St Paul's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown, Salisbury St Edmund and Milford, Salisbury St Martin's and Cathedral, and Salisbury Harnham.



75. The existing Salisbury Area Board was the only Area Board where a parish was split between different Area Boards, with part of the parish of Laverstock and Ford within the Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown Division. Since the establishment of the Area Board in 2009, more of the area had been transferred from the parish of Salisbury to Laverstock and Ford.

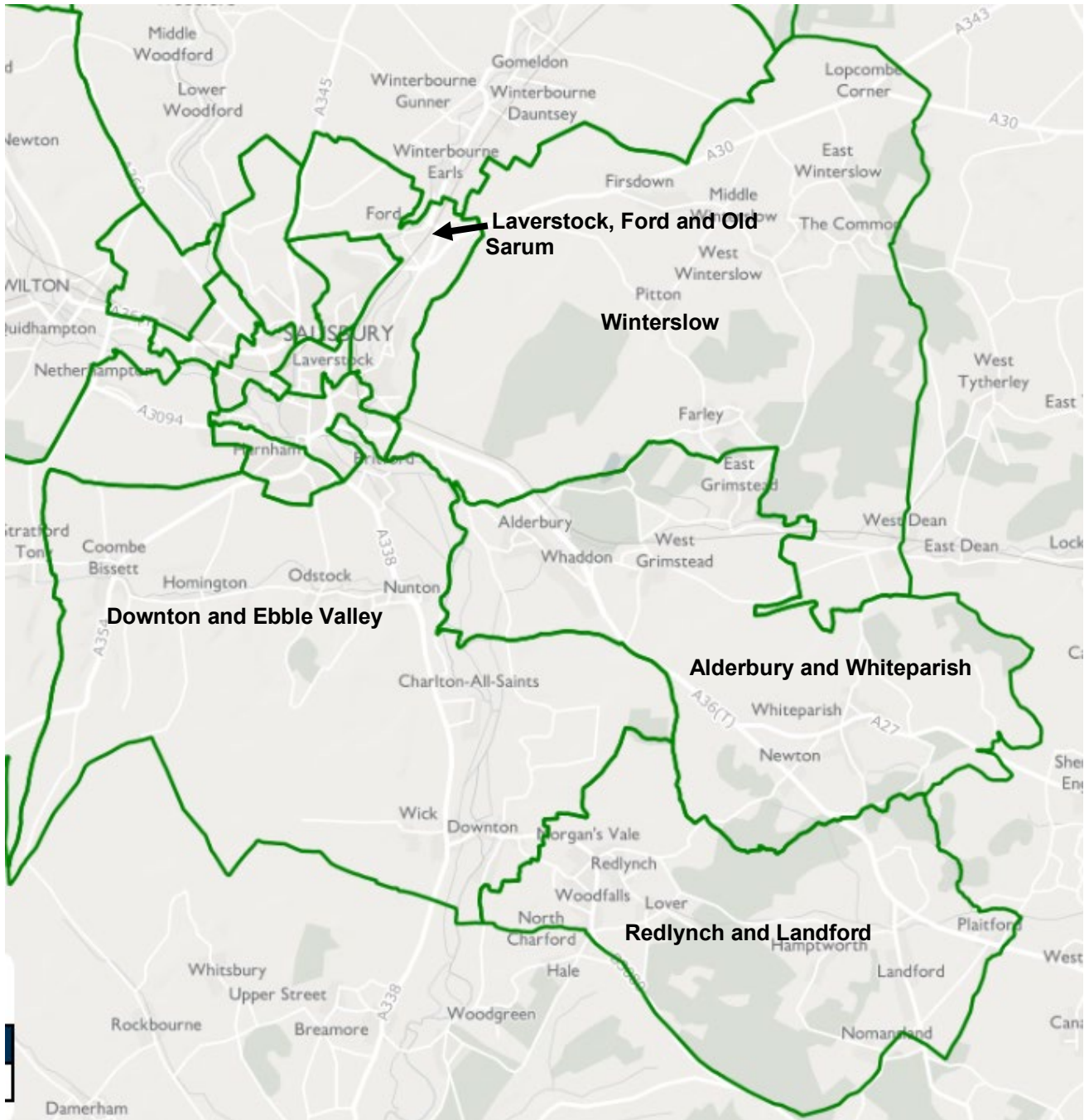
76. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.
77. The Committee noted its own recommendation that part of the parish of Netherhampton, which was included in the Salisbury Harnham West Division, should be included within the parish of Salisbury. If confirmed, this would ensure the parish was not split between community areas.
78. There was some discussion of whether the smaller, more urban Division of Wilton would appropriately fit within the Salisbury Area Board. However, despite the proximity of the two areas, it was considered that Wilton's strong character apart from the city meant it should remain in its present Area Board.
79. It was also not considered appropriate that the Area Board expand to cover the rural parishes to the south and east of the city, given the strength of the communities as distinct from the city-based divisions.
80. In considering whether any other Divisions should be included within the Area Board the Committee noted its consideration that parishes not be split between Area Boards.
81. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division, currently within Amesbury Area Board, was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas previously within the Southern Area Board.
82. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board. The Parish of Laverstock and Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would need to be included in the same area.
83. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock and Ford, and it would mean a further three Member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.
84. As such, it was not considered that there was any justification whatsoever based on community or geography to extend the Salisbury Area Board to include an area covering through the Bourne Valley to Cholderton or to the border of Wiltshire at Winterslow. It was not appropriate to include only the Laverstock Division, separated from a significant portion of the rest of the Laverstock and Ford parish.
85. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Salisbury Bemerton Heath, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury St Paul's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West.





## **South East Wiltshire**

86. The existing Southern Area Board comprises the Divisions of Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, Alderbury and Whiteparish, Redlynch and Landford, Downton and Ebble Valley, and Winterslow.



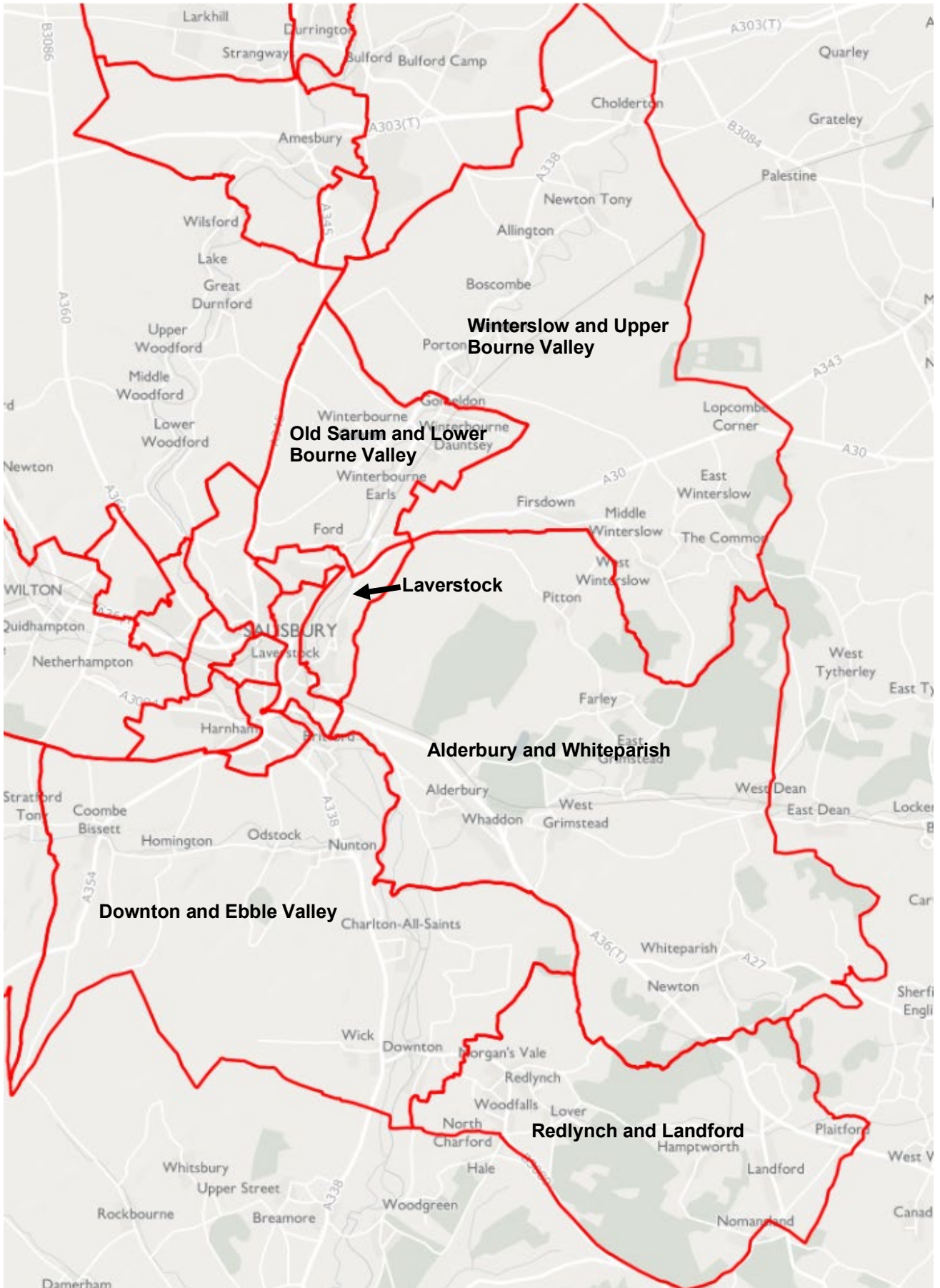
87. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.

88. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division presently within Amesbury Area Board was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas previously within the Southern Area Board.

89. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board.

The Parish of Laverstock and Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would need to be included in the same area.

90. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock and Ford, and it would mean a further three Member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.
91. Therefore, the Committee had to decide if the three Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board or a South East Wiltshire Area Board.
92. In terms of projected electorate, the majority had previously been within the Southern Area Board, though significant numbers had not. Connections between the Upper Bourne Valley and the southern area were not great, however the nature of the Division, which the Council had objected to, could not be altered. Winterslow was the most significant settlement of that Division and including all three Divisions with Amesbury would create an extremely large community area stretching from Enford to the borders of Salisbury.
93. Therefore, on balance, it was considered that the three divisions most appropriately fitted with the South East area.
94. It was discussed whether other areas could be included within the Area Board, such as Wilton or Fovant and Chalke Valley, however it was not felt that there were sufficient connections to justify such an arrangement.
95. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Laverstock, Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley, Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley, Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, and Redlynch and Landford.

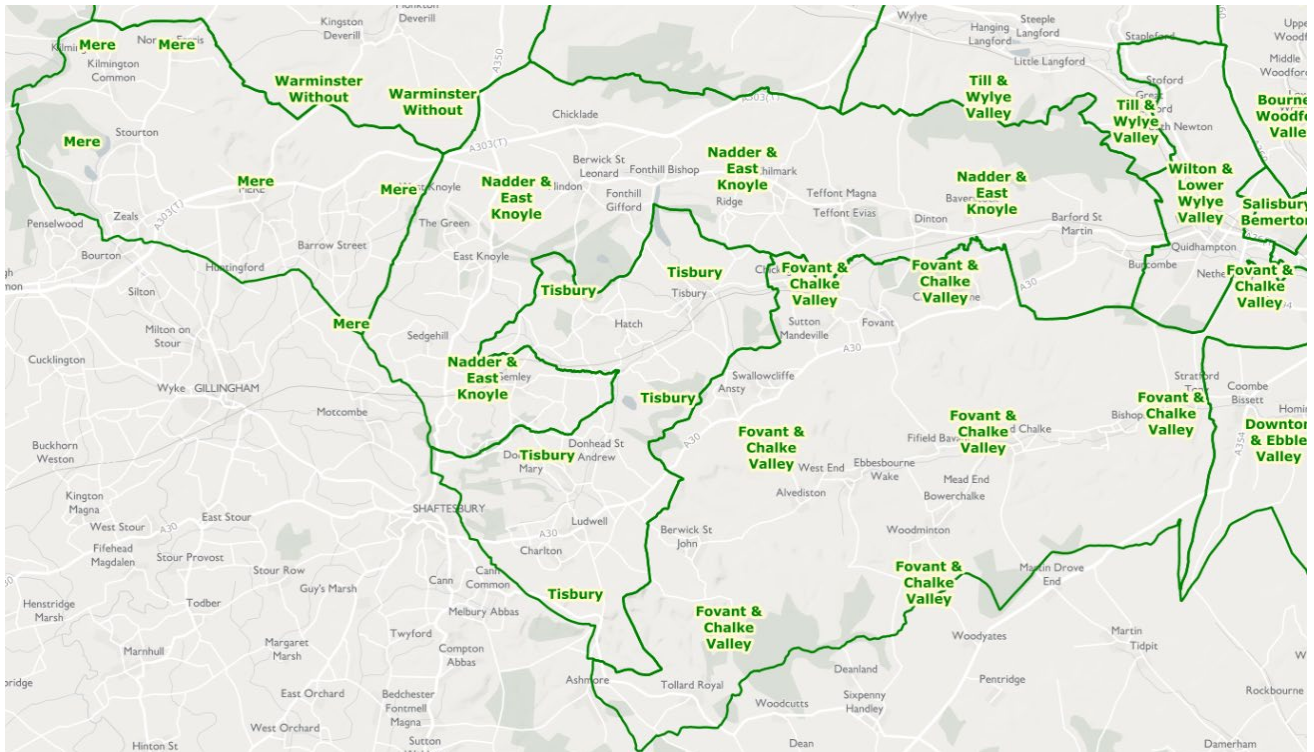




## **South West Wiltshire**

96. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Mere, Nadder and East Knoyle, Tisbury, Fovant and Chalke Valley, and Wilton and Lower Wylde Valley.

97. The Area Board includes the community areas of Mere, Tisbury and Wilton.



98. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Steeple Langford and Wylde had been included within the Nadder Valley Division, and the parish of South Newton within the Till Valley Division.

99. As the vast majority of the area and population of the Nadder Valley Division was comprised of areas within the current South West Wiltshire Area Board it was recommended to remain within that Board. As the vast majority of the area and population of the Till Valley Division comprised of areas within the current Amesbury Area Board, it was recommended the Division remain within that Board.

100. It was discussed whether the smaller scale and more urban focus of the Wilton Division meant it might be appropriately included within the Salisbury Area Board, but the distinct character of the area as separate to the city meant the Committee did not consider this appropriate.

101. It was not considered that any other divisions had stronger connections with other areas.

102. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Mere, Nadder Valley, Tisbury, Fovant and Chalke Valley, and Wilton.

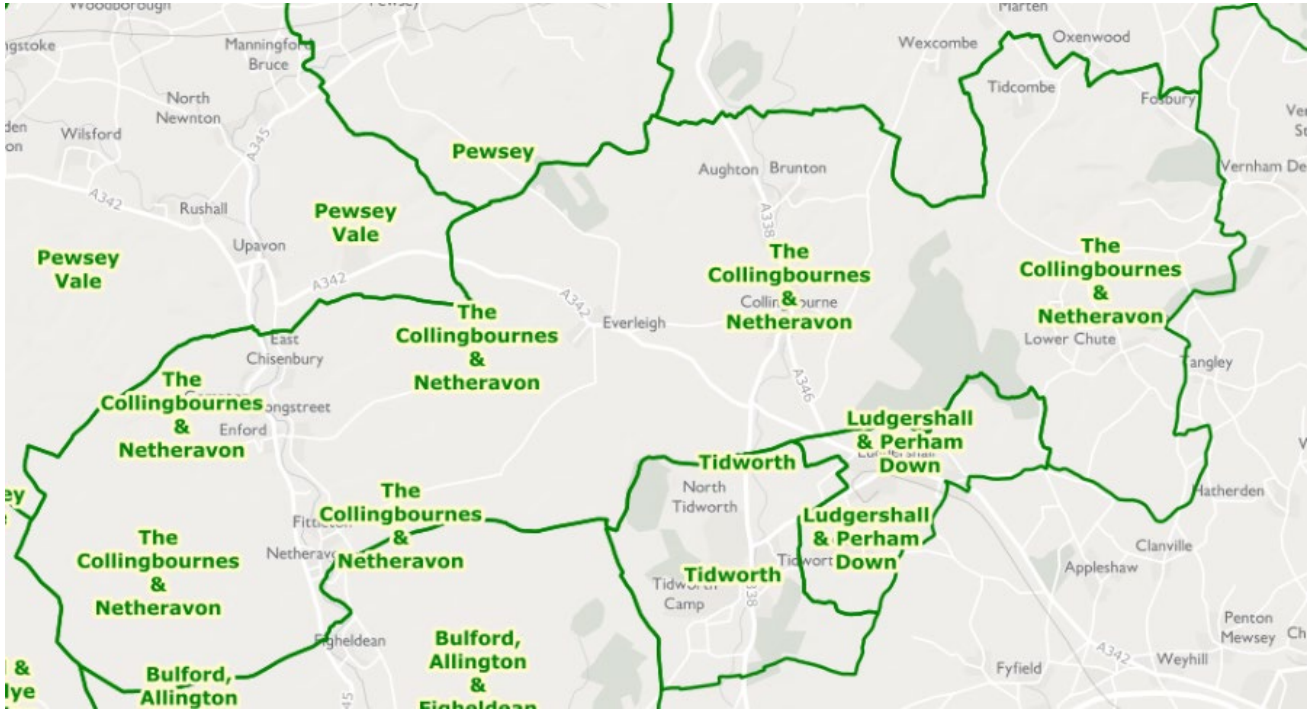
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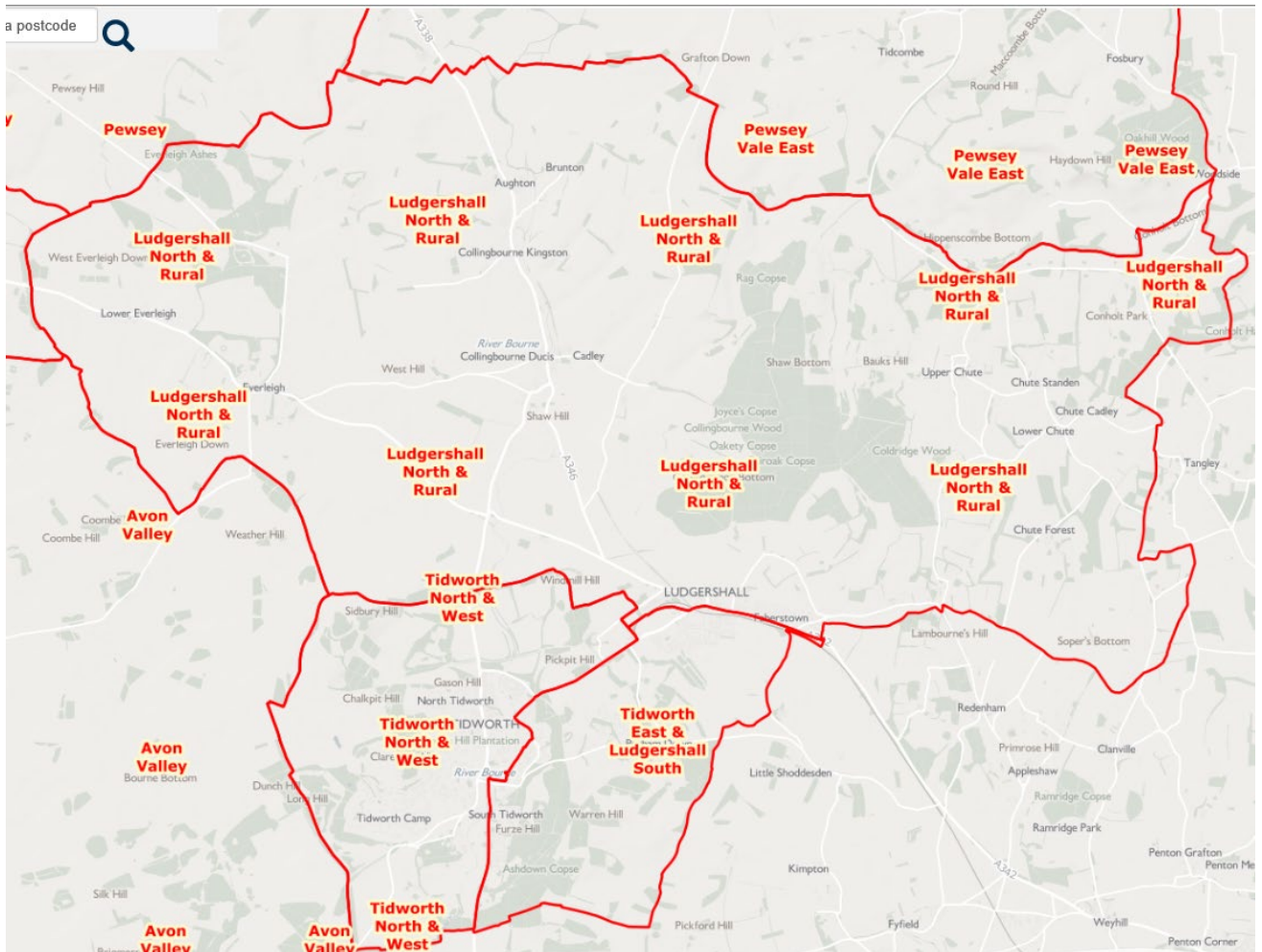
## **Tidworth**

103. The existing Area Board comprised the Divisions of Tidworth, Ludgershall and Perham Down, and The Collingbournes and Netheravon.
104. The Area Board was currently appointed as part of the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee, including the Divisions of Pewsey, Pewsey Vale, and Burbage and the Bedwys, to enable substitution arrangements as a result of having only three Divisions.



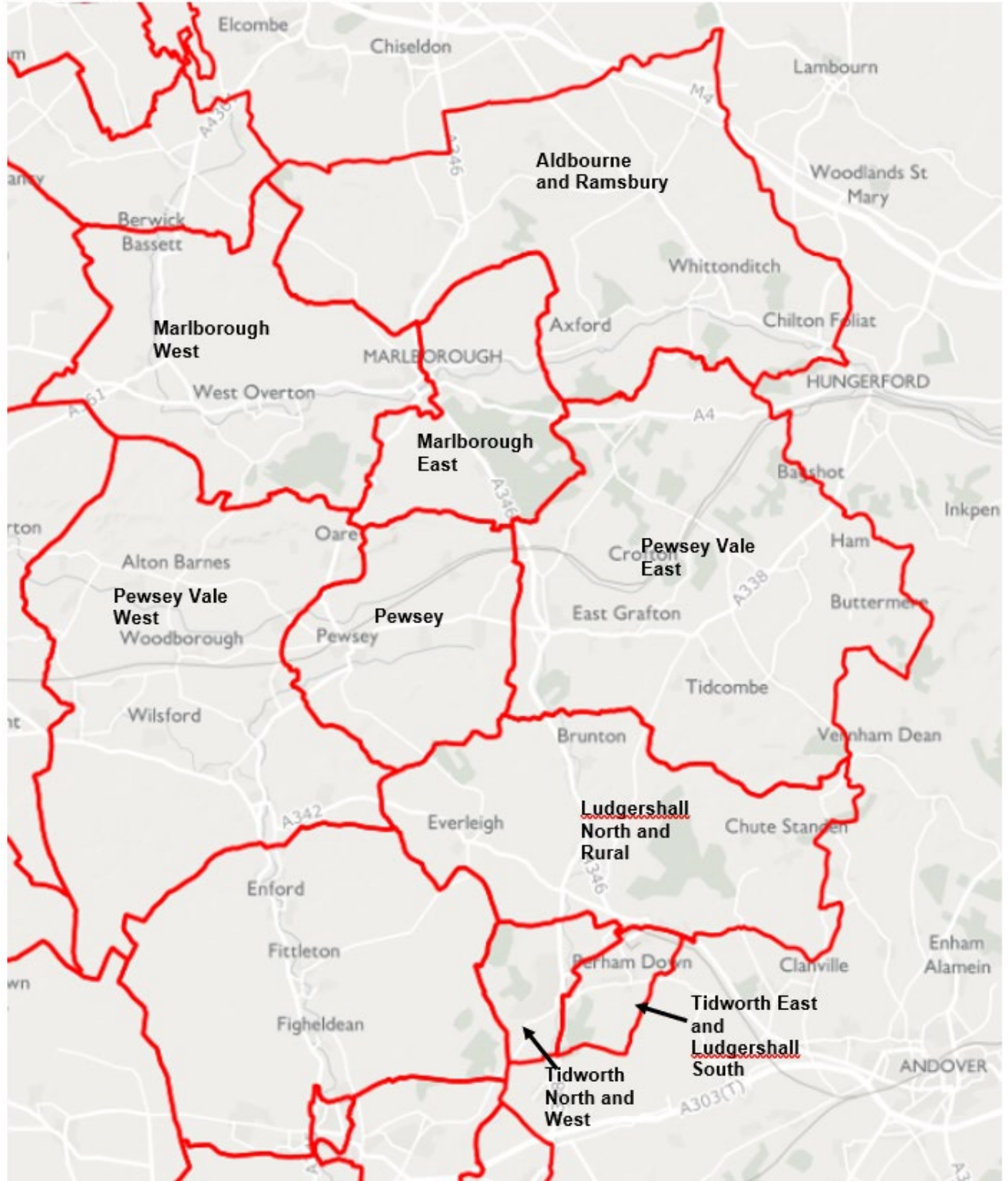
105. A number of parishes including Enford and Netheravon were not included within the Avon Valley Division. This included part of the parish of Durrington, the remainder of which was included within the Durrington Division. Durrington was presently within the Amesbury Area Board, and very closely connected with the town of Amesbury.
106. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.
107. In addition to not wishing to split a parish by including the Avon Valley Division within Tidworth Area Board, the Committee considered that the parishes running south from Enford in any case had closer connections to the Amesbury notwithstanding their previous inclusion within the Tidworth community area.
108. As such, Tidworth area would continue to comprise only three divisions. As noted above at present there was an administrative arrangement with Pewsey. It was not considered appropriate to merge Tidworth with Amesbury given the disparity in size, character and focus.
109. It was therefore appropriate to continue to include the areas of Pewsey and Tidworth in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if necessary.
110. The Committee felt this had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Pewsey and Marlborough.

111. As the Marlborough area would now also only have three members, the Committee considered whether such an arrangement could be extended to cover all three areas in an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee. Given the existing arrangement with Tidworth and Pewsey, the Committee did not consider such cooperation would be inappropriate given other arrangements such as the Eastern Area Planning Committee and agreed all three community areas could appropriately substitute for one another.
112. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Tidworth North and West, Tidworth East and Ludgershall South, and Ludgershall North and Rural.



113. The Committee also agreed that there should be an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee, shown overleaf, which would appoint members to Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards to enable substitution between the Area Boards.
114. Whilst each Area Board would meet separately, appoint their own chairmen and decide on community grants, the Committee did recommend that the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee should meet as a group several times a year in order to enable closer cooperation on wider community issues.

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## **Trowbridge**

115. The existing Area Board comprised the Divisions of Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Paxcroft, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Central.

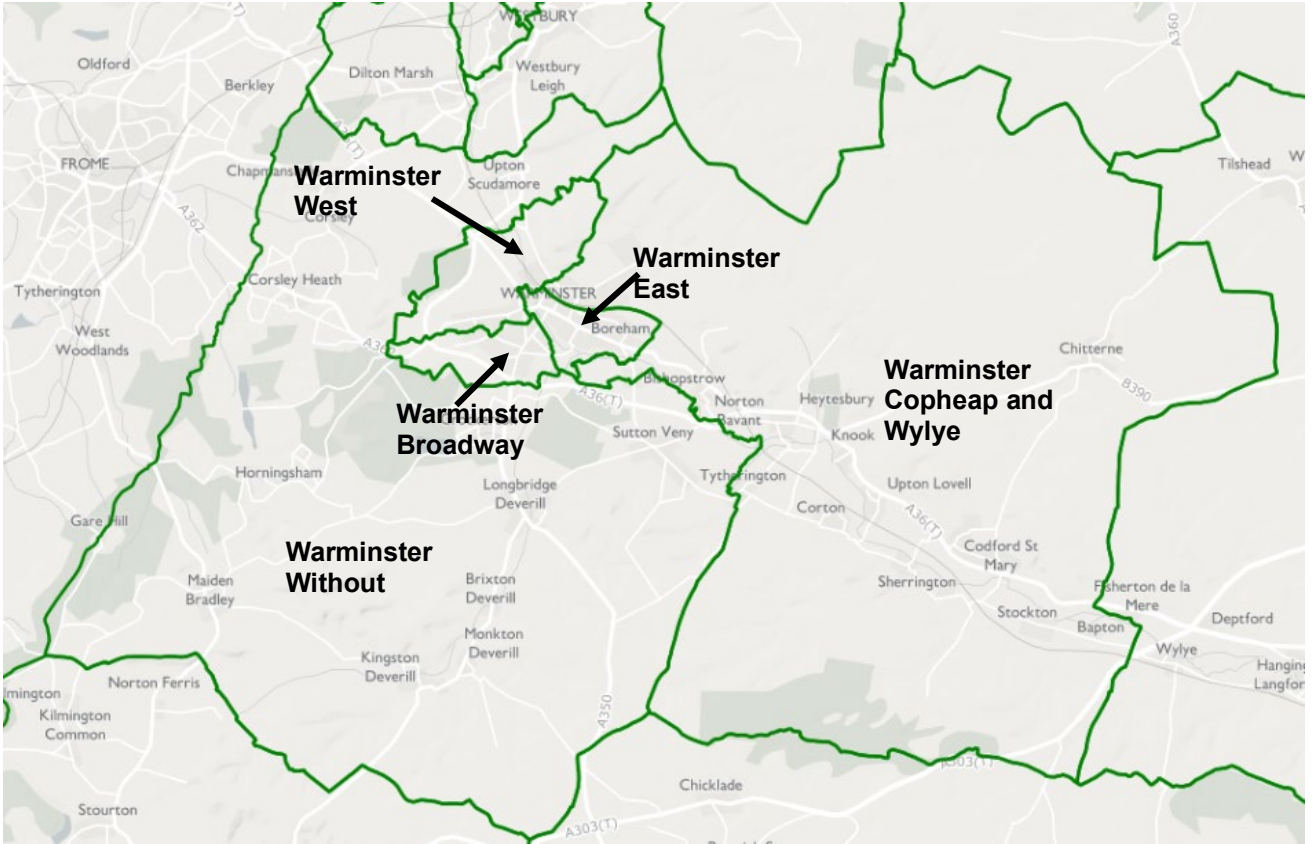


116. No changes had been made to the external boundaries of the area as a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council. It was not considered there was any justification for the inclusion of additional Divisions.
117. The Committee agreed that it remained appropriate that the Divisions of Southwick and Hilperton remain within the Area Board, as given the close proximity of the town there were no other areas more appropriate to include them with.
118. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Paxcroft, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Central.



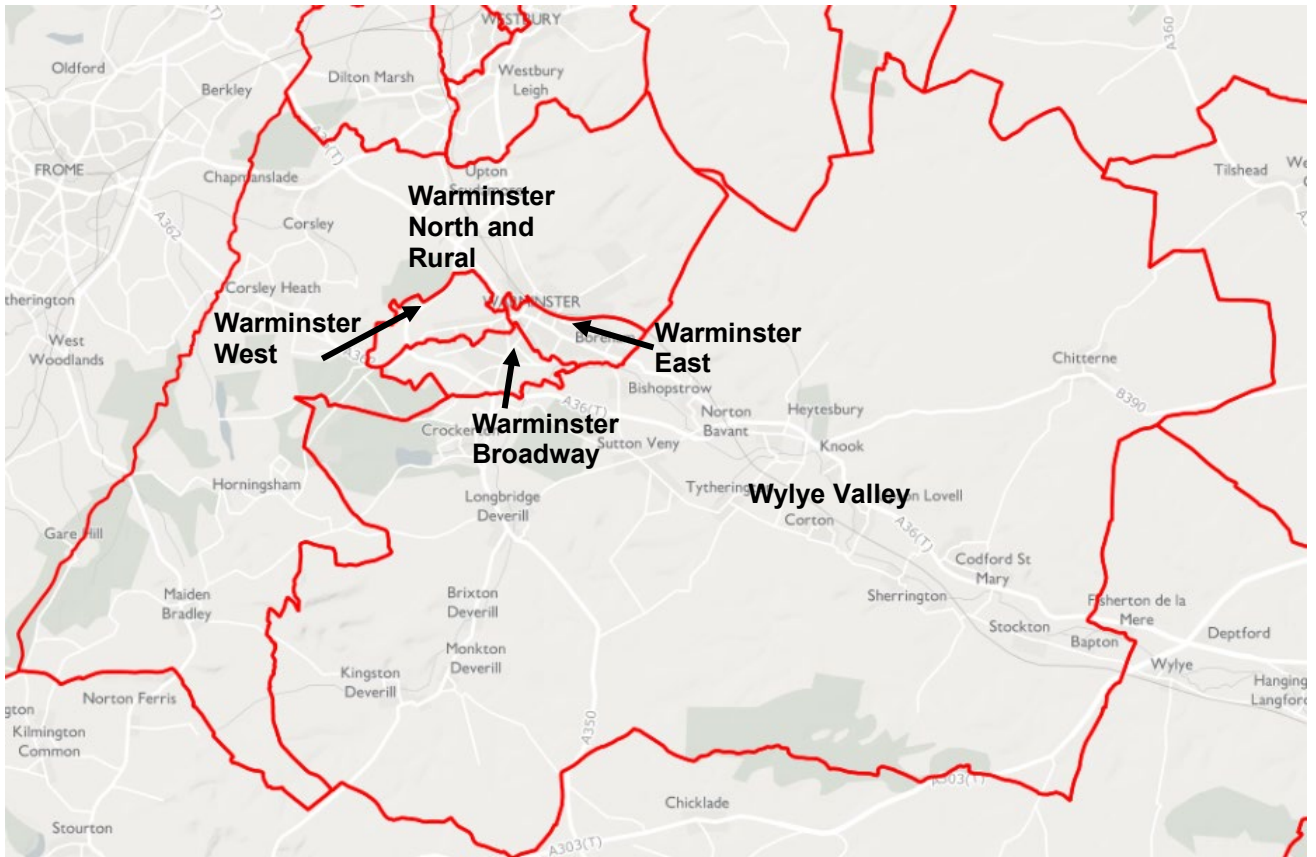
**Warminster**

119. The existing Area Board comprised the Divisions of Warminster West, Warminster East, Warminster Broadway, Warminster Without, and Warminster Copheap and Wylle.



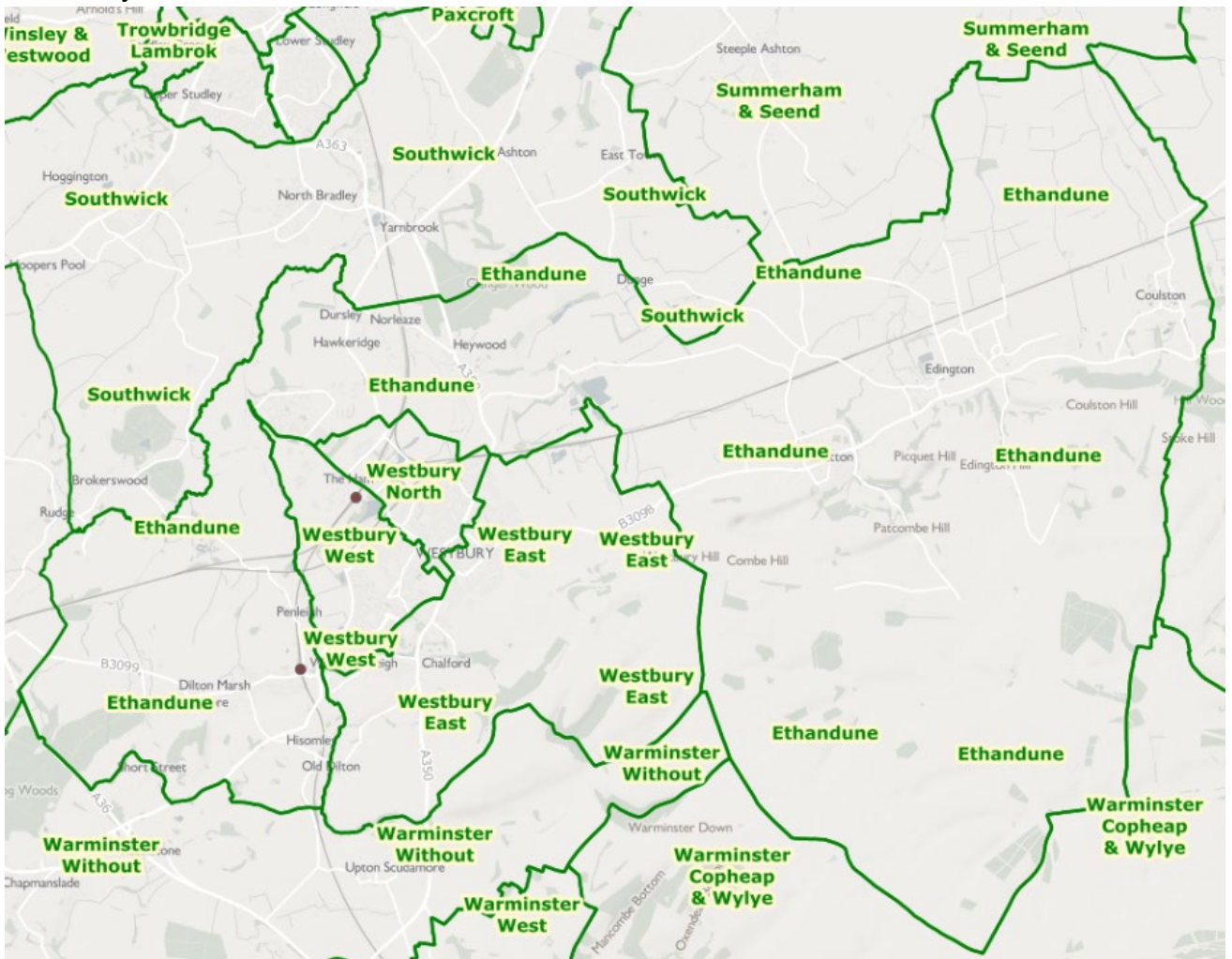
- 120. No areas external to the present Area Board were included in the incoming Divisions.
- 121. The Committee did not consider there were reasons of community or geography to include other Divisions such as Till Valley or Mere.
- 122. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Warminster West, Warminster East, Warminster Broadway, Warminster North and Rural, and Wylle Valley.





## Westbury

123. The existing Area Board comprised the Divisions of Westbury North, Westbury East, Westbury West, and Ethandune.



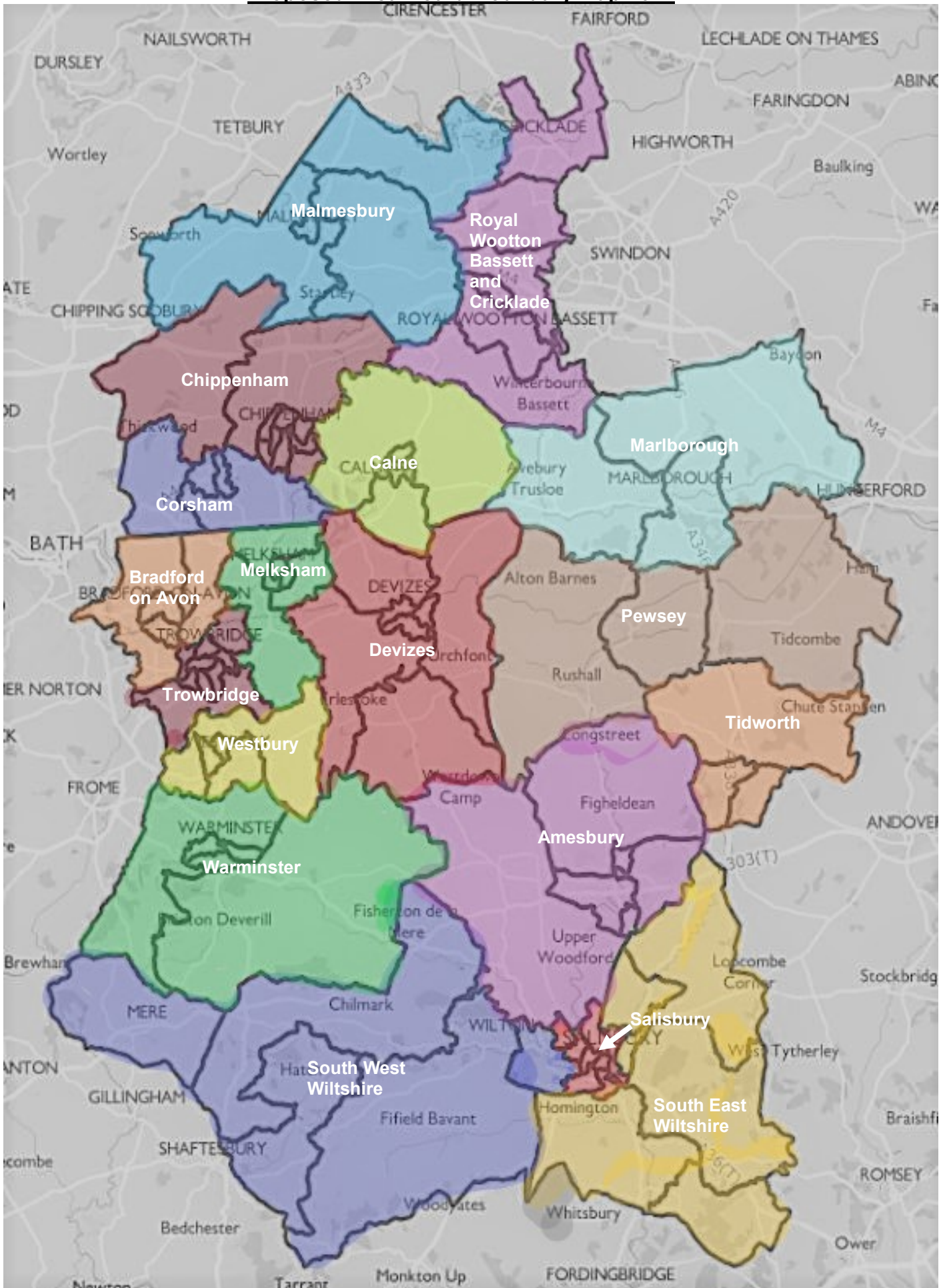
124. The parish of Coulston was no longer within the Ethandune Division, but no areas external to the current Area Board had been included with the incoming Divisions.
125. It was not considered appropriate to include any Divisions from within the Warminster area, the closest of which included part of Warminster Town, which would therefore split the parish if included with Westbury. The parishes to the north were all in close proximity to Trowbridge and appropriately included in that community area.
126. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Westbury West, Westbury East, Westbury North, and Ethandune.

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**Proposed Area Board Boundary Map 2021**



**Proposed allocation of Divisions and Parishes to Area Boards 2021**

**Amesbury Area Board**

Divisions - Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury West, Amesbury South, Avon Valley, Durrington, Till Valley.

Parishes – Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Durnford, Durrington, Enford, Figheldean, Fittleton cum Haxton, Great Wishford, Milston, Netheravon, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford.

**Bradford on Avon Area Board**

Divisions - Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt, Winsley and Westwood.

Parishes – Atworth, Bradford on Avon, Holt, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield, Winsley.

**Calne Area Board**

Divisions - Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, Calne South, Calne Rural.

Parishes - Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

**Chippenham Area Board**

Divisions - By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriards, Chippenham Cepen Park and Hunters Moon, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardens and Central, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Sheldon.

Parishes - Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Chippenham Without, Christian Malford, Grittleton, Hullavington, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Langley Burrell Without, Nettleton, North Wraxall, Seagry, Stanton St Quintin, Sutton Benger, Yattobn Keynell.

**Corsham Area Board**

Divisions - Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Without and Box Hill.

Parishes - Box, Colerne, Corsham, Lacock.

**Devizes Area Board**

Divisions – Bromham, Rowde and Roundway, Devizes South, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes Rural West, The Lavingtons, Urchfont and Bishops Cannings.

Parishes -Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Bulkington, Cheverell Magna, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Little Cheverell Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Poulshot, Rowde, Seend, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

**Malmesbury Area Board**

Divisions - Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety, Sherston.

Parishes - Ashton Keynes, Brinkworth, Brokeborough, Charlton (nr Malmesbury), Crudwell, Dauntsey, Easton Grey, Great Somerford, Hankerton, Lea and Cleverton,

Leigh, Little Somerford, Luckington, Malmesbury, Minety, Norton, Oaksey, Sherston, Sopworth, St Paul Malmesbury Without.

#### Marlborough Area Board

Divisions - Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West.

Parishes - Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett, Chilton Foliat, East Kennett, Froxfield, Fyfield, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury, Savernake, West Overton, Winterbourne Monkton.

#### Melksham Area Board

Divisions – Bowerhill, Melksham East, Melksham Forest, Melksham South, Melksham Without North and Shurnhold, Melksham Without West and Rural.

Parishes - Broughton Gifford, Great Hinton, Keevil, Melksham, Melksham Without, Semington, Steeple Ashton.

#### Pewsey Area Board

Divisions - Pewsey, Pewsey Vale East, Pewsey Vale West.

Parishes – All Cannings, Alton, Beechingstoke, Charlton, Chirton, Easton, Froxfield, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot, Huish and Oare, Wilsford, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers, Burbage, Buttermere, Grafton, Ham, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, Shalbourne, Tidcombe and Fosbury.

#### Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Divisions - Cricklade and Latton, Lyneham, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett North, Royal Wootton Bassett South and West.

Parishes - Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Milcent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marson Meysey, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett, Tockenham.

#### Salisbury Area Board

Divisions - Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury St Paul's.

Parishes - Salisbury

#### South East Wiltshire Area Board

Divisions - Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, Laverstock, Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley, Redlynch and Lanford, Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley

Parishes - Alderbury, Allington, Britford, Cholderton, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdown, Grimstead, Idmiston Landford, Laverstock and Ford, Newton Tony, Odstock, Pitton and Farley, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish, Winterbourne, Winterslow.



### South West Wiltshire Area Board

Divisions - Fovant and Chalke Valley, Mere, Nadder Valley, Tisbury, Wilton.

Parishes - Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chaberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle, Kilmington, Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgehill, Semley, South Newton, Stourton, Steeple Langford, Stratford Tony, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Wylde, Zeals.

### Tidworth Area Board

Divisions – Tidworth North and West, Tidworth East and Ludgershall South, Ludgershall North and Rural

Parishes - Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Everleigh, Fittleton, Ludgershall, Tidworth.

### Trowbridge Area Board

Divisions - Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Paxcroft.

Parishes - Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, West Ashton.

### Warminster Area Board

Divisions - Warminster Broadway, Warminster North and Rural, Warminster East, Warminster West, Wylde Valley.

Parishes - Bishopstrow, Boyton, Brixton Deverill, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Kingston Deverill, Knook, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Norton Bavant, Sherrington, Stockton, Sutton Veny, Upton Lovell, Upton Scudamore, Warminster.

### Westbury Area Board

Divisions - Ethandune, Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West.

Parishes - Bratton, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood, Westbury.