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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document sets out the Council's submission for a revised ward pattern for Lewisham. In drawing up these proposals we have taken account of the three legal factors the Commission uses to draw new boundaries:
- i) Each new ward leaves each councillor representing roughly the **same number of voters** as other councillors elsewhere in the authority.
 - ii) New wards – as far as possible – reflect **community interests and identities**, and boundaries are identifiable. (Considering transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, areas and shared interests.)
 - iii) New wards promote **effective and convenient local government**. We have considered the number of councillors for, the geographic size of, and the links between parts of the ward.

2. Process

- 2.1. The Council is in a unique position to coordinate a comprehensive and informed response to the LGBC review. The Council is responsible for delivering local elections and therefore is well-informed about the current and projected elector numbers and polling districts. The Council also provides and commissions numerous services to support our diverse communities across the length and breadth of the borough. A large percentage of our staff are also residents, giving us excellent insight into our communities in every corner of the borough. The Council is also uniquely placed to consider factors that promote effective and convenient local government, ensuring that elected members are in the best position to represent their wards.
- 2.2. A working group of members and officers reviewed a range of relevant data and utilised many years of local knowledge to develop the following proposals. This included:
- the electorate and development projection data submitted as part of Stage 1 of the review process;
 - the average number of electors required per councillor and therefore per ward;
 - the Lewisham Characterisation study March 2019, (see https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lewisham-characterisation-study/supporting_documents/Lewisham%20Characterisation%20Study.pdf);
 - mapping of all main thoroughfares and natural boundaries across the borough;
 - councillors' current experiences of effectively representing their current wards in terms of geography, communities and expectations;
 - relevant officer and councillors' cumulative experience and knowledge of the communities' interests and identities across the borough, and any challenges

for effective and convenient local governance within the current warding pattern.

- 2.3. Reviewed collectively, all this data and knowledge enabled us to develop the revised warding pattern that we believe best meets the Commission's requirements and Lewisham's needs.
- 2.4. This submission is in line with our submission at Stage 1, outlining a warding pattern that has three councillors for every ward. Using the 2025 projections, the elector average per ward (using a warding pattern of 18 wards and three member wards as per the current division of the borough), results in **11,483 electors per ward**, or 3,828 per councillor. In line with the accepted tolerance of 10% variance from elector average per ward, the number of electors per ward may fall between a lower limit of **10,335 electors** and an upper limit of **12,631 electors**.
- 2.5. This submission was agreed by the Council on 11 September 2019 and is therefore submitted on behalf of Lewisham Council.

3. Our submission

- 3.1. Over the following pages we set out Lewisham's suggested revised warding pattern. We believe we have devised the most appropriate suggestions for change that consider the specific issues that need addressing with our current warding patterns and that are proportionate and considerate of our long established community identities.
- 3.2. We have used our existing long-established communities and ward patterns as a starting point and attempted as much as possible to maintain our existing ward boundaries where they reflect natural communities. We have also engaged with members about their current experiences of effectively engaging with and representing their local ward in terms of geography, communities and expectations. We have utilised our deep organisational insight about growth, change and communities in Lewisham to develop the following proposals.
- 3.3. We feel that focusing changes on the "growth corridor" from the north and down the centre of our borough, where population is increasing as large scale development happens, is the optimum way to alter our ward boundaries. We propose reducing the geographic size of our wards in our rapidly growing north and central area appropriately, and expanding the boundaries of our southern wards in a way that takes account of our longstanding communities and infrastructure in those areas. This leaves our peripheral, more settled wards largely unchanged.
- 3.4. In developing this submission, we have also taken account of the fact that ward boundaries do not represent hard divisions or borders and, as our Characterisation Study shows, community identification with a particular area is often fluid, with significant overlap across administrative boundaries.

4. Three legal factors

4.1. Below is a brief borough-wide summary of how our submission meets the three legal factors as advised by the Local Government Boundary Commission. More detail is provided for each proposed ward over the following pages.

4.2. Same number of voters

4.2.1. Each new ward leaves each councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other councillors elsewhere in the authority.

Projected number of electors in the ward in 2025 if the warding pattern is introduced as suggested	
New Ward	Electors (3,828 per councillor) Target = 11,483, (10% variance = 10,335 to 12,631)
Deptford Evelyn	12,088
New Cross Gate	11,979
Deptford St John's	12,295
Ladywell Brockley	12,622
Telegraph Hill	11,728
Lewisham Central	11,202
Blackheath	11,207
Crofton Park	10,909
Lee Green	10,718
Hither Green	11,621
Rushey Green	12,452
Catford South	10,776
Grove Park	10,326
Downham	12,302
Bellingham	10,709
Sydenham	11,556
Perry Vale	11,377
Forest Hill	10,820

4.3. Community interests and identities

4.3.1. Our key function as an organisation is to support and serve the individuals and communities that make up the vibrant borough of Lewisham. In introducing our new Corporate Strategy 2018-2022 the Council reaffirmed the importance of our distinctive communities and the Council's key role in protecting the individual identities of our neighbourhoods, celebrating our diversity and continuing to welcome new people and communities making their home in Lewisham.

4.3.2. Our priorities as a Council are:

- **Open Lewisham** - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
- **Tackling the housing crisis** - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.
- **Giving children and young people the best start in life** - Every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
- **Building an inclusive local economy** - Everyone can access high quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
- **Delivering & defending: Health, Social Care and Support** - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
- **Making Lewisham greener** - Everyone enjoys our green spaces and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
- **Building safer communities** - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

4.3.3. We have specifically taken account of our recently concluded Characterisation Study. The study was prepared to assist the Council, community groups, stakeholders and others with an interest in the borough to better understand Lewisham's distinctive local character. It will also support preparation of the Council's new Local Plan as part of an evidence base used to inform a character and 'place-based' approach to managing growth in the borough, and is therefore directly relevant when designing the internal ward boundaries within the borough too.

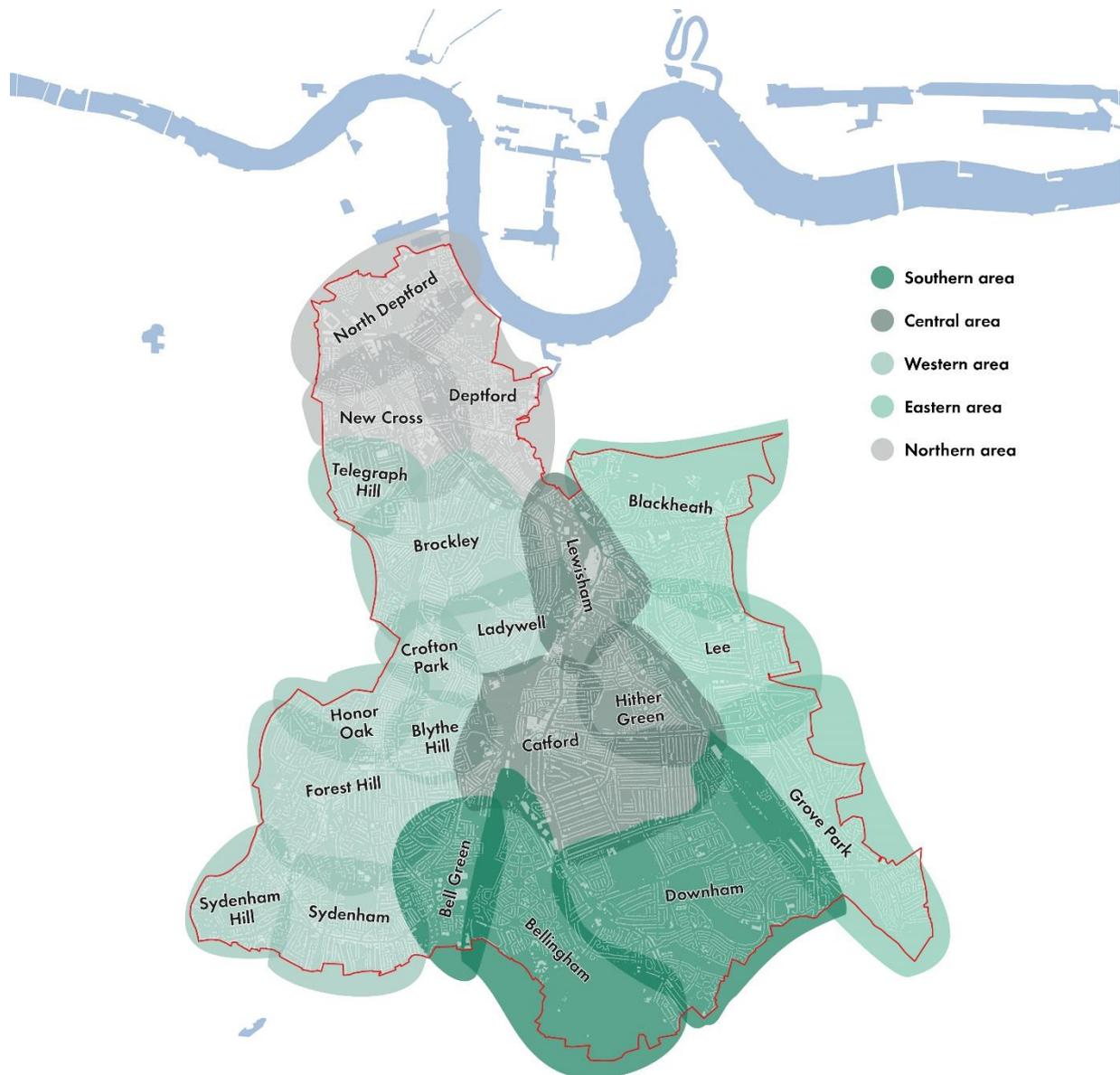
4.3.4. The Characterisation Study sets out a description of the physical form of the borough, its history, places, streets and buildings. This analysis helps to provide a detailed understanding of the particular distinctive attributes of the borough of Lewisham and how its character and communities vary across the borough.

4.3.5. The map overleaf, taken from the Characterisation Study, shows our Borough's distinct neighbourhoods and areas, to which our existing wards are already closely aligned and named. It is clear that any changes to our warding patterns and ward names needs to be carried out in consideration of our well-established and recognised neighbourhoods, with changes focusing on the handful of areas

where development and change has altered the boundaries and identities of our communities.

4.3.6. The Characterisation Study was informed by a number of public consultation events and the feedback received has shaped the study. Consultation has provided residents and other stakeholders with opportunities to discuss and reflect on their experiences of Lewisham: about how the borough has changed over time; reflections on the development of Lewisham; the nature of places, neighbourhoods and communities in the borough; and current challenges and future opportunities for the borough. We have also drawn on ongoing engagement with our residents and communities through a range of ongoing dialogue, include local, ward based assembly discussions.

4.4. Effective and convenient local government



- 4.4.1. We want to make sure our residents are best served by their elected representatives. This means our new ward arrangements must take account of the role and experiences of ward councillors, ensuring they can fulfil their role as elected representatives in the most effective way in the future, and enabling the Council to conduct its business as effectively as possible.
- 4.4.2. In addition to regular Council meetings ordinarily held in the civic heart of the borough, Catford, our councillors attend “surgeries” in their ward at least once a month as well as their Local Assemblies which enable residents of each ward an opportunity to come together to work collectively with their ward councillor to improve the local area. Local Assemblies are held at least three times a year and are a key mechanism for engagement between communities and their local representatives and wider public services. Councillors also spend a significant amount of time on casework which is generated by residents of their ward.
- 4.4.3. It is clear that our members have a key role to play in supporting and improving the lives of our residents. The following warding patterns have been designed to enable our members to use their time in the most effective way to advocate, support and represent their ward constituents.
- 4.4.4. We have also attempted wherever possible not to split polling districts, only doing so when we feel it is important and beneficial to better align communities within the wards they identify with.
- 4.4.5. Three Member Wards
The Council has voted unanimously for the existing three member ward structure to be retained. This will enable us to achieve the greatest possible level of effective and convenient local government. The reasoning for our preference for three member wards is:
- Three member wards allow a mix of skills and expertise and allow the ward members to reflect the diversity of the local population;
 - The current age profile of our members is lowering over time, currently much younger than the national average, so more likely to have young families and therefore not be able to treat their councillor role as full time, unlike older retired members;
 - The casework generated by the wards would be difficult to handle with fewer than three members particularly if one member also sits on the Cabinet;
 - Three member wards allow for adequate cover in the event of a ward member being unavailable due to sickness;
 - Local assemblies are held at the ward level. Should Local Assemblies in future have any decision making powers, (for example in relation to neighbourhood community infrastructure levy), three members per ward would prevent deadlock in any voting situation.
- 4.4.6. Therefore, the following submission is designed based on our strong belief that it is in the interest of effective and convenient local government for the three member warding pattern to be retained.

5. LBL Proposed Ward Boundaries Borough Map

5.1. The below map (figure 1) shows the Council's proposed warding pattern for Lewisham from May 2020.

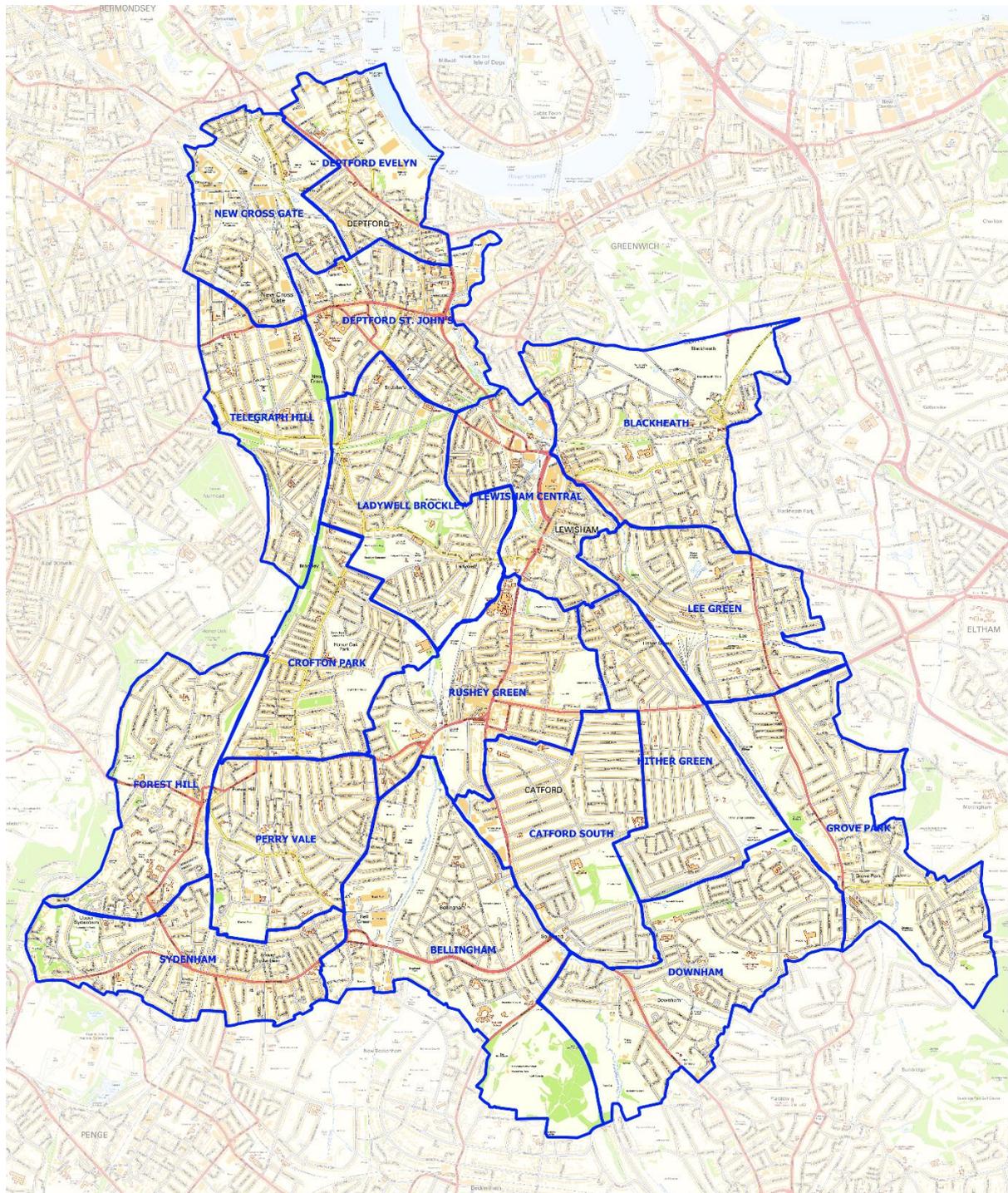


Figure 1 - Proposed new warding pattern

5.2. Figure 2 (overleaf) illustrates the location of the main areas where boundaries have been changed across the borough. Wards in red have been significantly changed, or are new wards, wards in orange have been changed a fair amount, wards in yellow have been subject to very minor changes and wards in green have stayed the same as our existing wards.

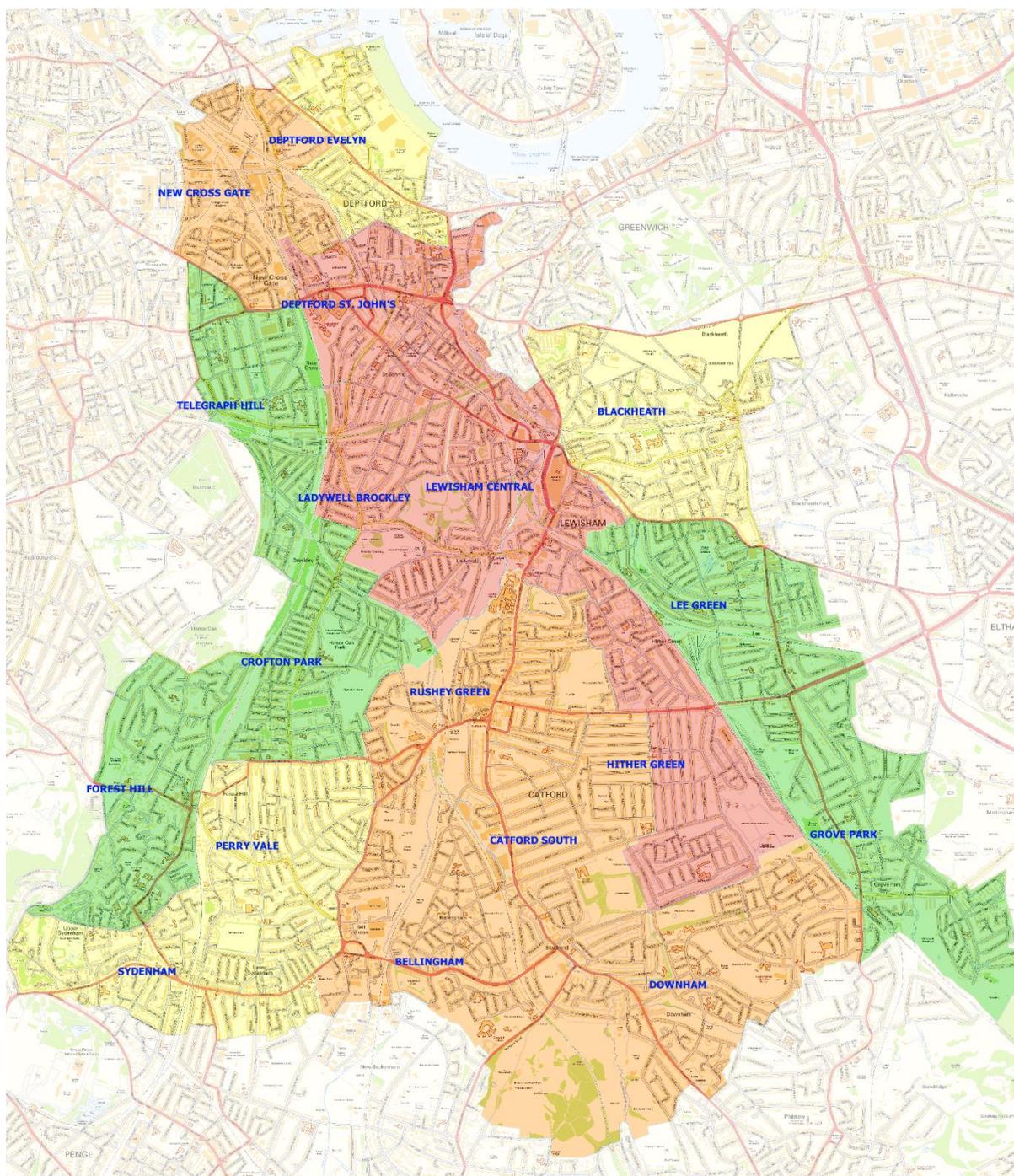


Figure 2 – illustration of main changes to Lewisham’s existing warding pattern

- 5.3. In line with the development and changes in the Borough in recent and upcoming years, figure 2 shows that proposed changes are focused around the central growth corridor of the Borough leaving our long established and settled communities to the east and west of the borough largely unchanged.
- 5.4. Over the following pages we outline each of the proposed 18 wards in more detail, outlining:
- the boundaries of the ward,
 - rationale for and key features of the ward in the context of the three legal factors,
 - elector numbers of the ward, including variance from the borough average.

Proposed ward: Deptford Evelyn



Deptford Evelyn is a reduced footprint of our longstanding Evelyn Ward at the northern tip of the borough. The River Thames runs along the easterly boundary of the ward, and the borough boundary with Southwark to the North and Greenwich to the East also shape this area of the Borough. Three large scale developments have added a significant number of electors to this area, in close proximity to long established estates in this densely populated ward, and this provides the impetus for reducing the ward boundary to take account of the increasing numbers. Borough boundaries, train lines and the major road (A200 Evelyn St) provide natural ward boundaries with the neighbouring New Cross Gate ward. The suggested name change is to outline the different areas of Deptford, in line with the characterisation study, and also to take account of the influence and legacy of diarist and local historical figure John Evelyn, whose name is found in many street and place names in the area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DEV1	2,870
DEV2	2,152
DEV3	2,902
DEV4	4,164
Total	12,088

Proposed ward: New Cross Gate

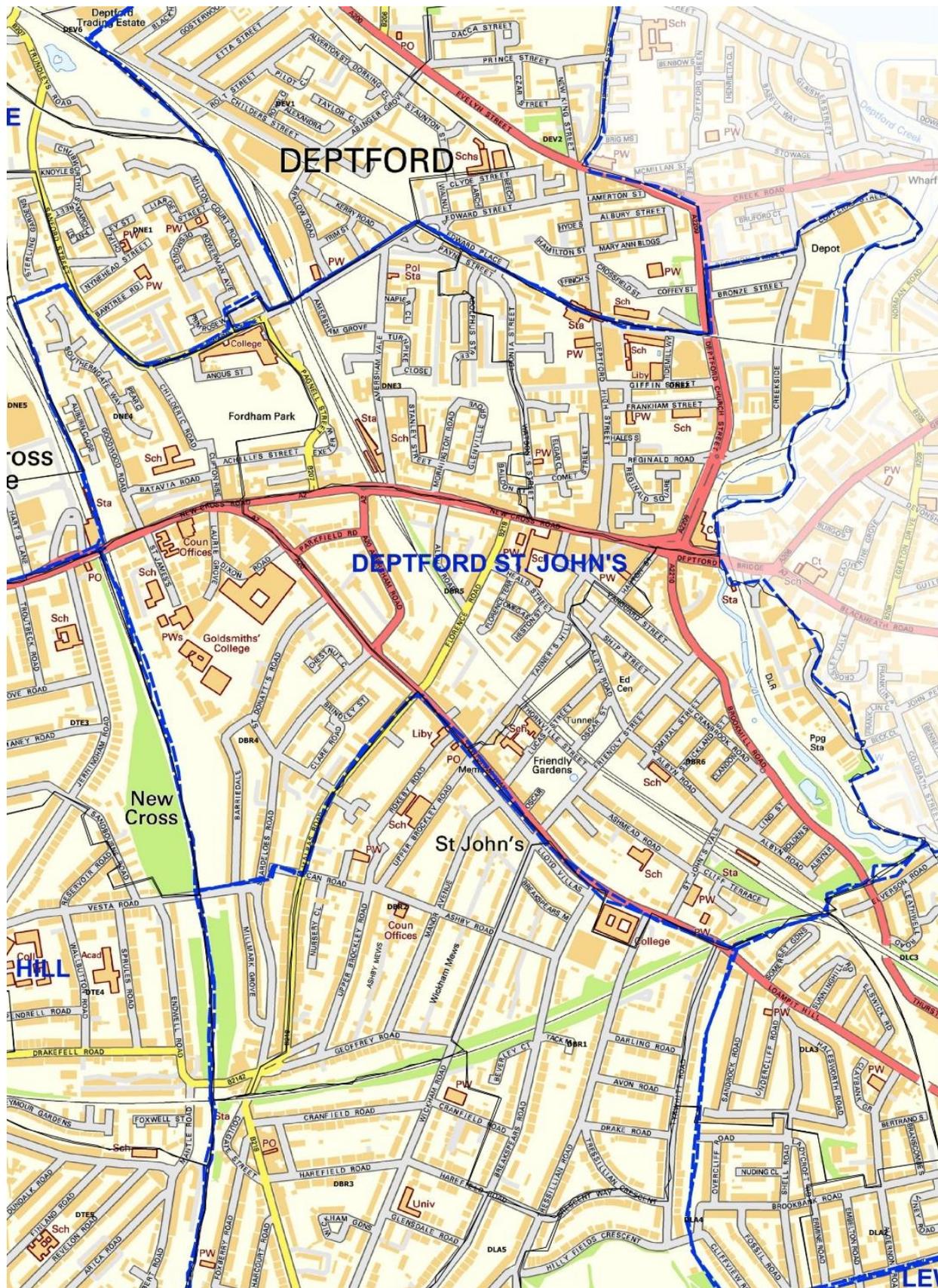


New Cross Gate is a reduced foot print of our existing New Cross Ward, again as a result and taking account of the growth in this northern tip of the borough. Careful consideration of our communities and analysis of the characterisation study shows that the review offers the opportunity to split the ward between New Cross and Deptford, providing Deptford with separate wards from its close neighbour, in line with the distinct identity that both New Cross and Deptford enjoy. Therefore we suggest incorporating part of existing Evelyn Ward into the east of the new ward and the south eastern corner of the current New Cross Ward into the newly formed Deptford St John's.

This ward incorporates two well-defined areas from the current Evelyn ward; including the Silwood Estate which is a self-contained area with well-defined boundaries and the streets between Evelyn Road and the railway. The new New Cross Gate ward runs all the way to our westerly border and retains its current border with the (unchanged) Telegraph Hill ward to the south west. New Cross Gate Station is retained within this ward with New Cross Station situated just over the ward boundary in Deptford St John's.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DEV5	1,328
DEV6	1,833
DNE1	1,953
DNE6	2,241
DNE4	1,038
DNE5	3,586
Total	11,979

Proposed ward: Deptford St John's

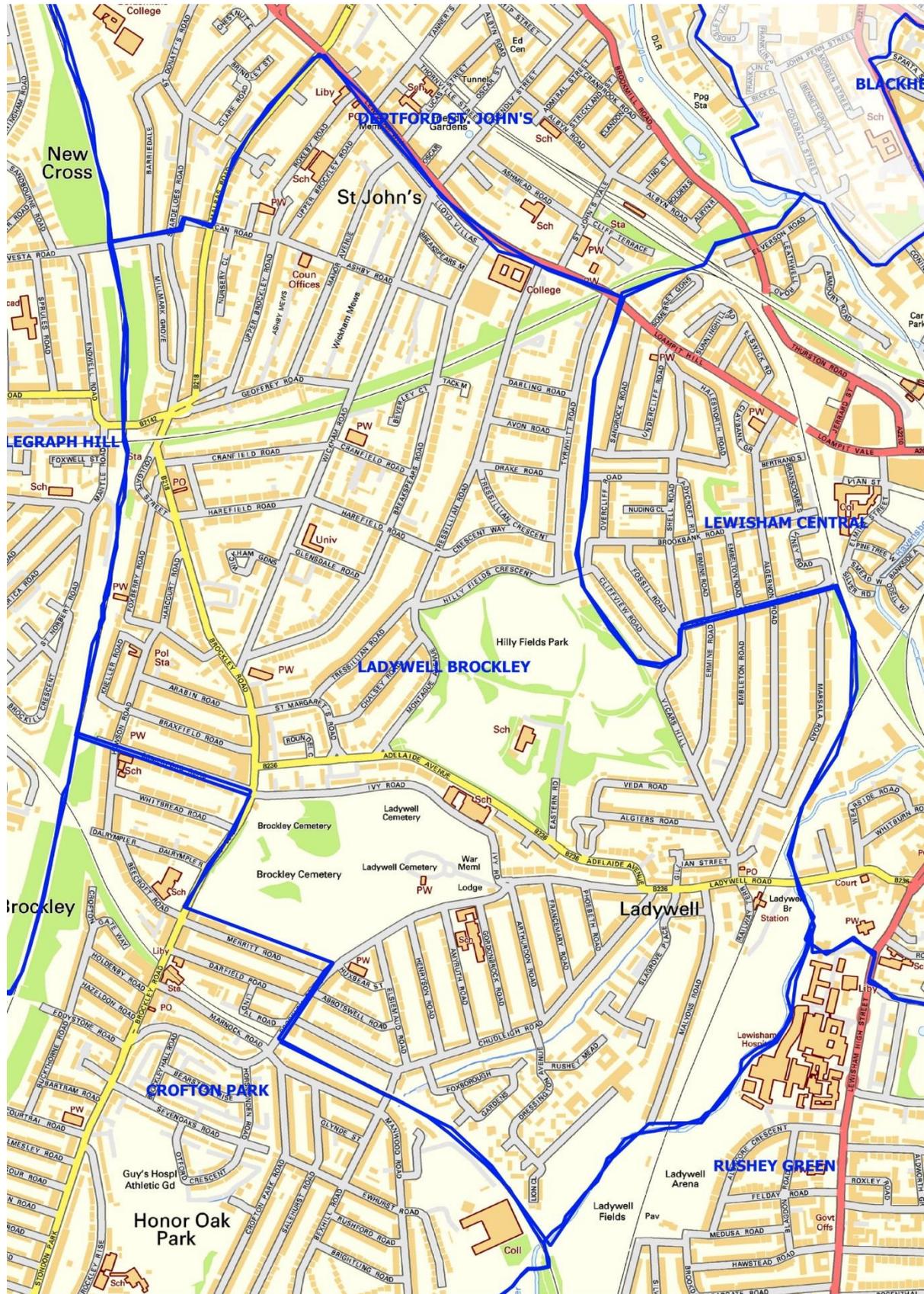


Deptford St John's is proposed as a new ward. The new ward is a key element in the revised configuration of the north of the borough, which has been designed to most appropriately divide the growing communities in this part of Lewisham.

The new warding pattern takes account of both the recent growth in this area, and the proud sense of community and history of the distinctive neighbouring areas of Deptford and New Cross. The new ward includes part of the vibrant Deptford High Street, Deptford Green School, Childeric School and Fordham Park to the north, and extends downwards incorporating St John's towards Brockley to the south. New Cross Gate ward and Deptford St John's ward better reflect the close yet distinct areas of Deptford and New Cross in this key, vibrant area in the north of the borough.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DNE2	2,928
DNE3	1,791
DNE4	884
DBR4	1,662
DBR5	1,869
DBR6	3,161
Total	12,295

Proposed ward: Ladywell Brockley



A new Ladywell Brockley ward now borders Deptford St John's to the North and extends down through Hilly Fields, Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery to border with Crofton Park and the re-drawn Lewisham Central ward to the East.

Brockley is a large area with fluid boundaries that overlap with its neighbouring wards. The reach and perception of Brockley as an area has changed over time. Ladywell is a long standing ward with a strong and growing community identity. Residents from a wide geographic area strongly identify with and gravitate towards both Brockley and Ladywell. The number of Ladywell and Brockley local "landmarks" situated within both the current Ladywell and Brockley wards as well as in neighbouring wards also contributes to residents' perceptions of the reach of their local area.

Significant growth in neighbouring wards to the North and East of the area has meant we have had to reconsider the boundaries whilst remaining mindful of the Boundary Commission criteria. Designing this ward has presented challenges as the number of electors and the wide reaching community boundaries has required some difficult choices in order to balance community identity and electoral equality criteria. In developing this ward we have taken account of all of these factors and created a ward that takes best possible account of the historic and changing community boundaries in this area and neighbouring areas, whilst ensuring electoral equality for local voters.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DBR1	1,502
DBR2	1,928
DBR3	1,805
DBR4	353
DLA1	1,116
DLA2	1681
DLA4	301
DLA5	2,134
DLA6	1,802
Total	12,622

Proposed ward: Telegraph Hill



We believe that Telegraph Hill ward should remain as it is having grown by only 450 electors and remaining very close to the target number of electors per ward. The very settled area is centred on Telegraph Hill Park at the peak of the hill and much of the area is a conservation area of the same name.

Telegraph Hill has strong relationships with neighbouring wards and connects the north and south of the borough, with residents at the northern edge identifying with New Cross and Brockley and Honor Oak to the south. The current ward promotes effective and convenient local government therefore no change is recommended.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DTE1	2,226
DTE2	2,335
DTE3	1,675
DTE4	1,871
DTE5	1,915
DTE6	1,706
Total	11,728

Proposed ward: Lewisham Central

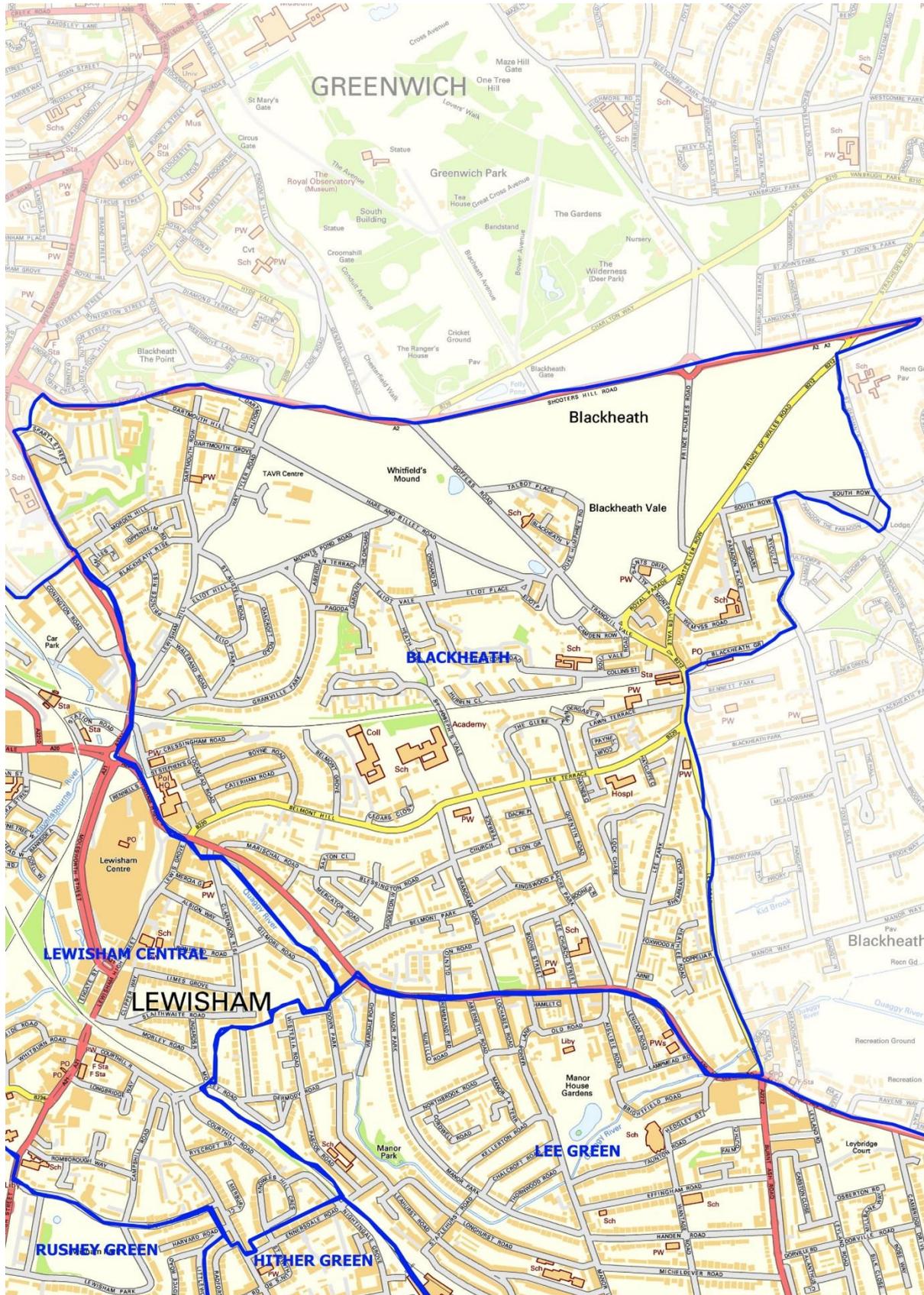


This re-drawn Lewisham Central has been formed from the existing Lewisham Central and Ladywell wards. The area is served by Lewisham DLR and rail stations and Lewisham Shopping Centre at the heart of the ward. This area has seen significant growth in electors due to the Lewisham Gateway development. Residents identify strongly with Lewisham Town Centre which is home to the borough's main shopping centre and is a distinctive and central part of our borough.

To rebalance the number of electors in the ward, the existing Lewisham Central ward has been reduced in size, with the southern border of the ward brought north above Lewisham Hospital, its eastern border brought slightly west, and where it borders Ladywell Brockley ward to the west. The new ward boundaries are very closely linked to the "Lewisham" area identified by the Characterisation Study which we have used to help form our submission across the borough.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DLA2	393
DLA3	1,624
DLA4	1,017
DLC1	128
DLC2	1,459
DLC3	4,314
DLC4	2,000
DLC5	267
Total	11,202

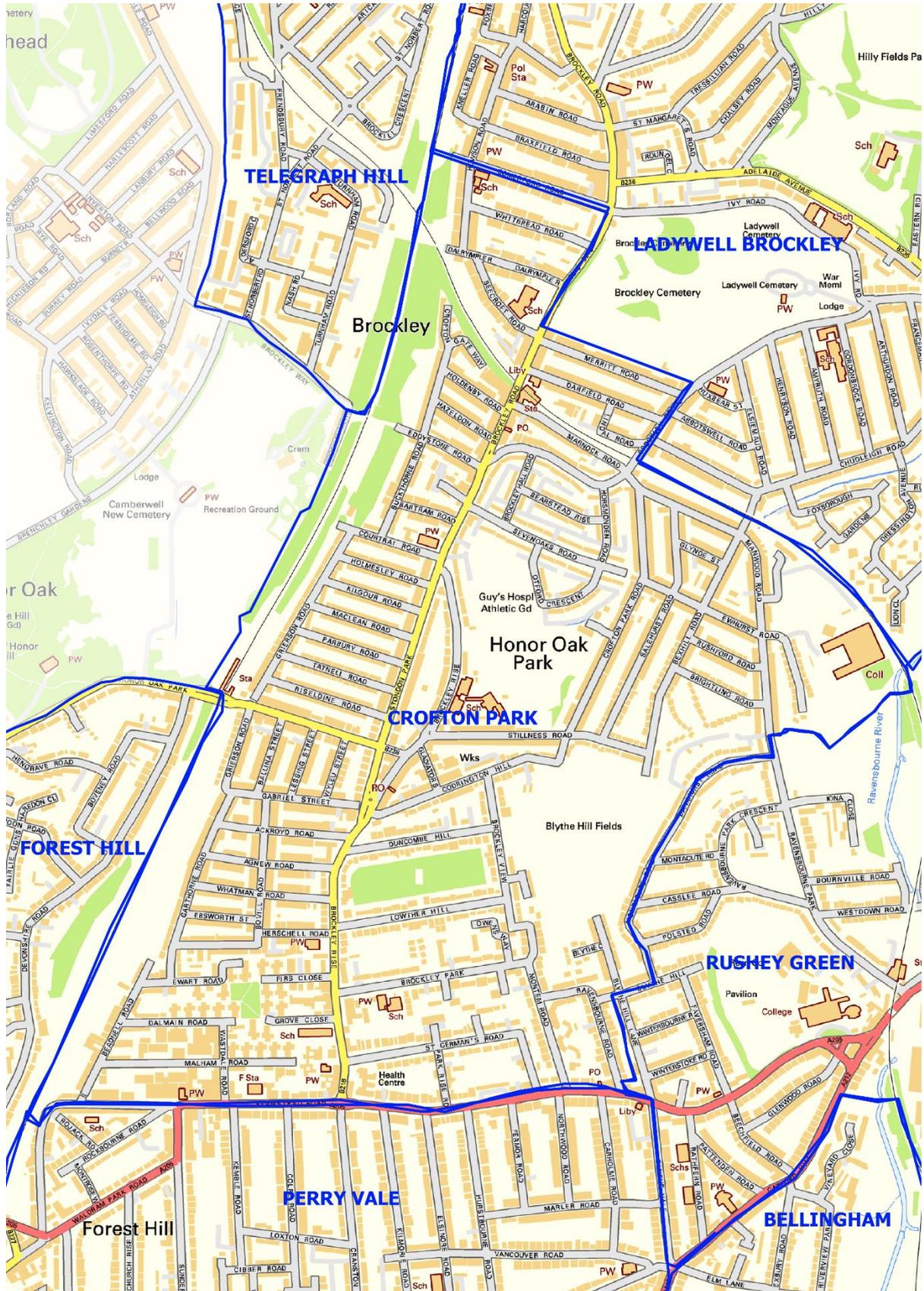
Proposed ward: Blackheath



This ward mainly maps onto the existing boundary of Blackheath which is a well-established community and existing ward in the north-east of the borough. The proposed boundaries remain very similar to the footprint of the existing Blackheath ward, with the addition of part of DLC2 along the existing natural boundary of the A20 Lee High Road, which already forms a natural and long standing boundary with neighbouring Lee Green. The additional area is the Mercator estate where residents already strongly identify with Blackheath ward and the Lee High Road is a strong boundary to the south of this ward.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DLC2	1,022
EBL1	1,670
EBL2	1,302
EBL3	1,837
EBL4	2,377
EBL5	1,297
EBL6	1,702
Total	11,207

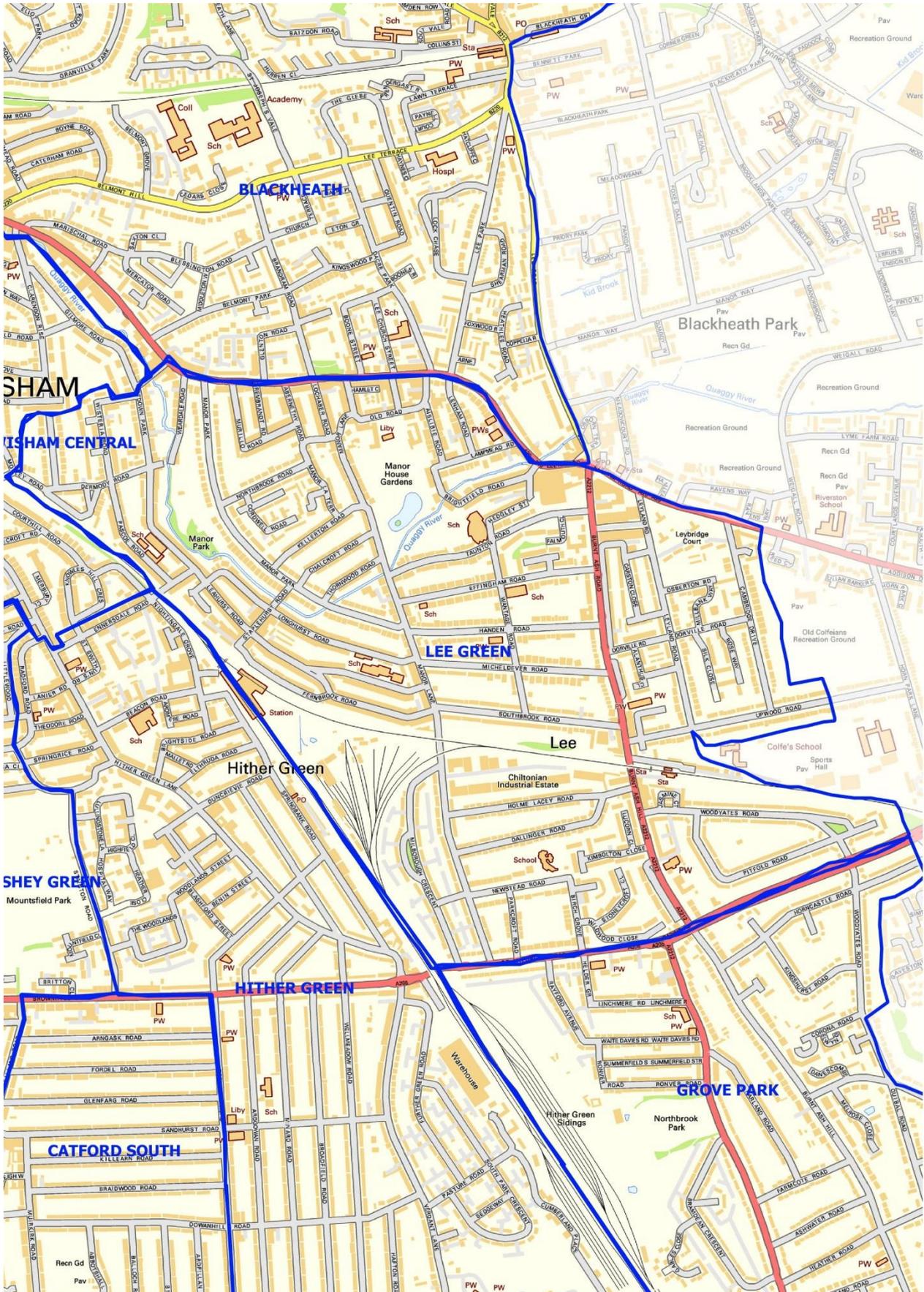
Proposed ward: Crofton Park



This ward remains the same as the existing Crofton Park ward. This ward includes Crofton Park station, Blythe Hill and Honor Oak Park Sports Ground. To the east it is bordered by Southwark and Forest Hill, with the railway line presenting a natural boundary. To the south is Perry Vale ward with a strong boundary along Stanstead Road. The population remains relatively fixed in the Crofton Park ward so changes are not recommended to this established area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DCR1	1,846
DCR2	1,851
DCR3	1,705
DCR4	1,927
DCR5	1,916
DCR6	1,664
Total	10,909

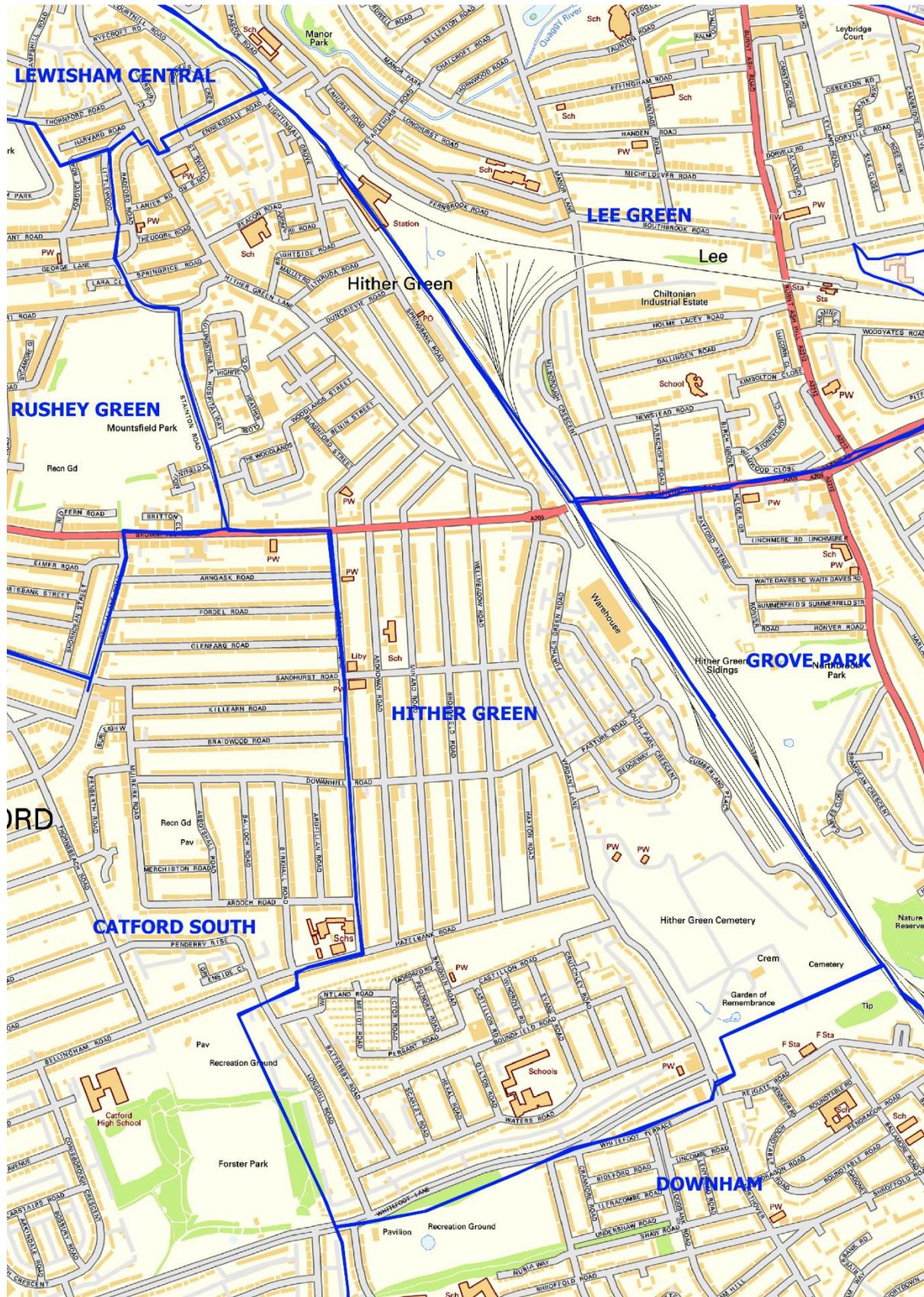
Proposed ward: Lee Green



Lee Green is exactly the same as the footprint of the current Lee Green ward as the number of electors is within the range, and the strong identity community and continuity allows for effective and convenient local government. Whilst adjoining the growing Lewisham central at its northern point, its communities and natural boundaries remain very similar to what has been for quite some time. It is bounded by the new natural neighbouring Hither Green ward to the west and the Royal Borough of Greenwich to the east. No changes have been made to Lee Green as the number of electors fits comfortably within the required range and there are strong community ties and sense of identity in the existing ward area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
ELG1	1,866
ELG2	2,048
ELG3	2,121
ELG4	1,876
ELG5	1,393
ELG6	1,414
Total	10,718

Proposed ward: Hither Green



Hither Green is a newly formed ward. It includes the popular area of Hither Green from the western side of Hither Green station and the train line through the area and extends down to include Hither Green Cemetery. As part of the reshaping of ward boundaries in this busy central corridor of the borough heading southwards, it widens out towards Catford on the westerly side and borders Downham to the South and Lee Green and Grove Park to the East across the railway tracks.

Hither Green is a distinct community in Lewisham and, as the Characterisation Study presents, many residents of the area identify as living in Hither Green. There is some overlap from the Hither Green community into Catford and Downham. We have chosen boundaries for the new ward that support both existing communities and effective and convenient local government. Whitefoot Lane and the cemetery form a strong boundary with Downham. Torridon Road does similar with Catford South—the type and layout of properties differ on each side of the road, making the centre of the road a good natural boundary in this particular instance.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DLC1	3,146
DLC6	1,858
ECA4	1,257
ECA5	1,551
EWH1	2,354
EWH2	1,124
EWH4	331
Total	11,621

Proposed ward: Rushey Green



The foundation of this ward is formed from the Rushey Green Ward in its entirety, with the town and civic centre of Catford at its core, as such it is proposed the existing name is retained. The alterations to this Ward have been made to take better account of significant growth in the area, the need for and to better reflect the community identities in the surrounding areas, as well as promoting effective and convenient local governance. Practically, the only boundary change is a minor move of a very small number constituents in the south west of the ward where the A212 Catford Hill meets the A205 Catford Road. This will enable effective and convenient local government through consolidating an area that is a key gateway to the Catford Town Centre. The new northern border of the ward includes Lewisham Hospital reflecting the municipal impact (parking/servicing etc) of the hospital on its near neighbours around Albacore Crescent (currently Rushey Green ward) and Lewisham Park (currently Lewisham Central ward). These minor changes enable effective and convenient local government in this area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
DLC4	15
DLC5	1,407
ERU1	2,866
ERU2	1,939
ERU3	1,927
ERU4	2,446
ERU5	1,802
WBE2	50
Total	12,452

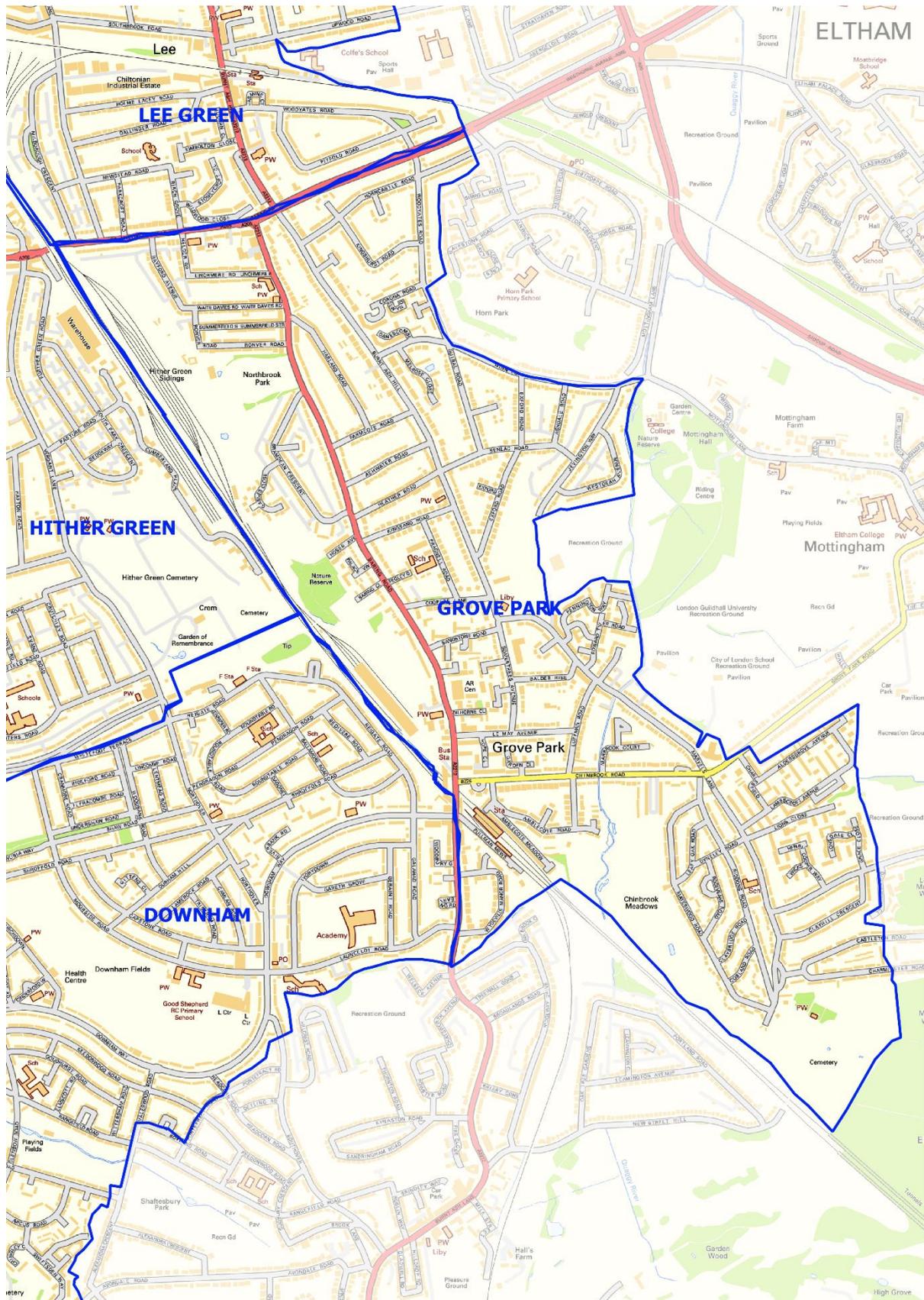
Proposed ward: Catford South



This ward is very similar to the current Catford South ward, with the easterly part of the current ward joining the new Hither Green ward. Catford South is the quieter, more residential part of Catford than its neighbouring Rushey Green, with many distinctive communities living within its many sought after estates. The Bromley Road remains the boundary with the distinct estates of Bellingham. The addition of Forster Park and the roads to the east of Catford High School to the south of Bellingham Road are natural additions to this ward.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
ECA1	1,468
ECA2	2,064
ECA3	1,671
ECA4	620
ECA6	1,935
ERU3	86
EWH5	1,559
EWH6	1,373
Total	10,776

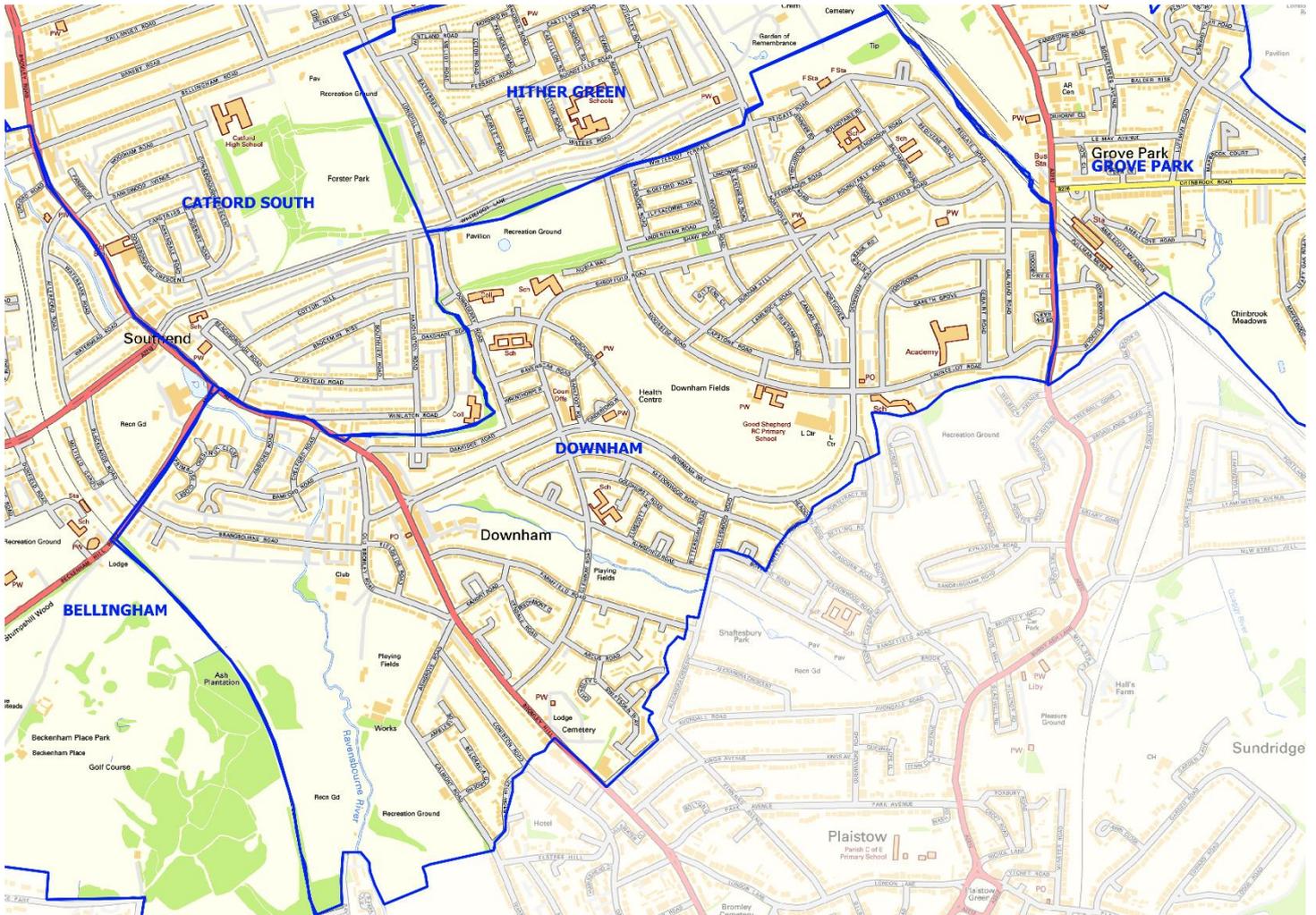
Proposed ward: Grove Park



This ward retains the same footprint as the current ward of Grove Park. With the Borough Boundary to the East and South, and the logical boundary with the distinctive Downham estate and the train line to the West, the scope to alter the ward boundaries in any beneficial way is limited. Despite the total electorate being just under the lower limit we believe that this ward should remain as it is, particularly given the low electoral registration rate in the ward. We have therefore designed this ward assuming that the number of registered residents will increase as a result of reform to the annual electoral registration canvass. Indeed, by 2025, the registration rate is likely to be within the quota.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
EGR1	1,652
EGR2	1,426
EGR3	1,945
EGR4	2,335
EGR5	1,244
EGR6	1,724
Total	10,326

Proposed ward: Downham

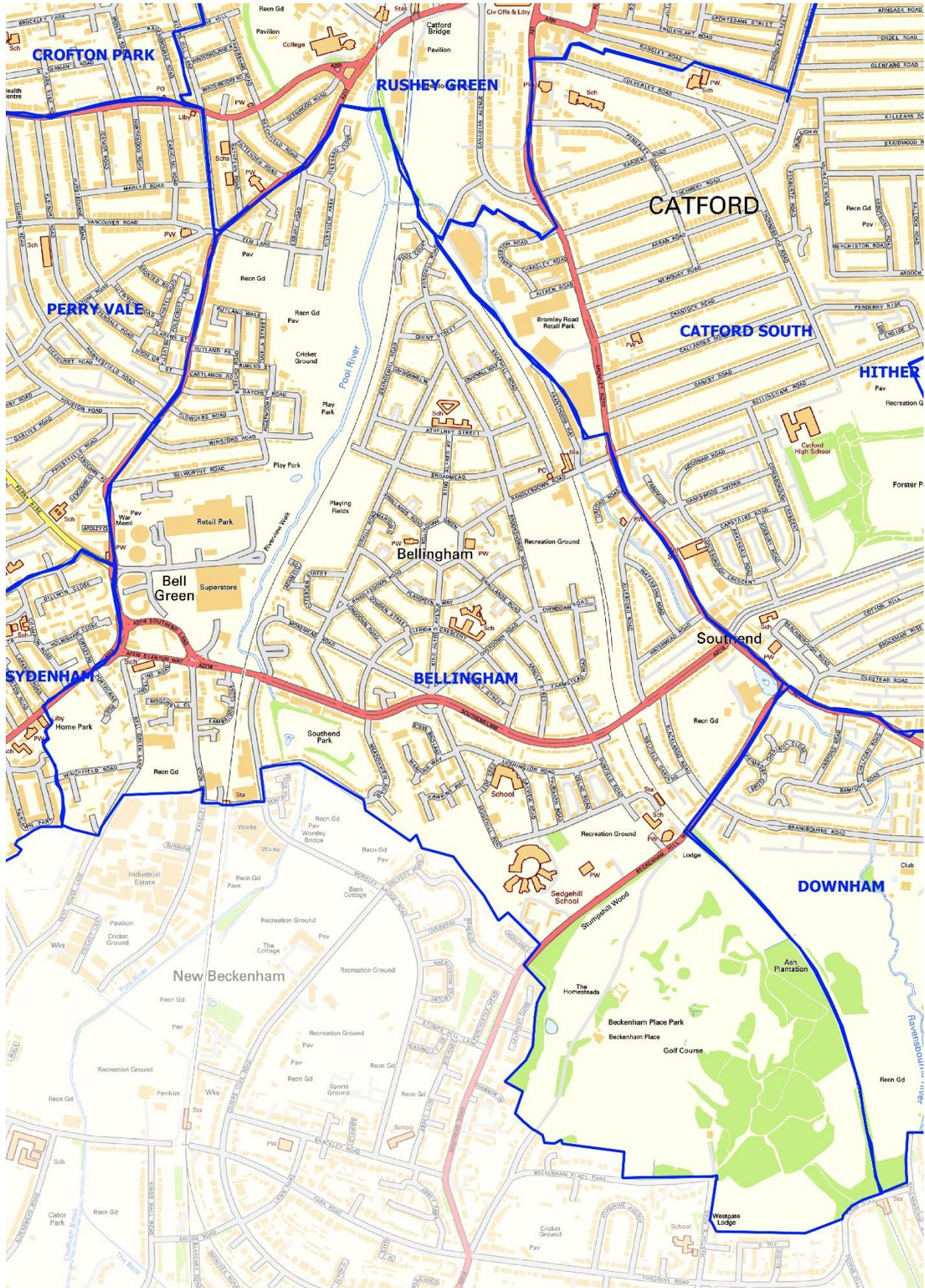


Downham is at the Southerly tip of the borough, bordering the London Borough of Bromley. The 'Downham' area extends beyond the current Downham ward and given the number of electors it is possible to expand to include far more of the area which identifies as Downham than before.

This revised ward is inclusive of the well-known Downham estate, and its borders have been extended to include a proportion of the current Whitefoot Ward which is certainly within the recognised "Downham" area. Whitefoot Lane is the proposed boundary here. The "Downham Community Action" group agree that this new ward covers the vast majority of residents who would benefit from the group.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
EDO1	1,274
EDO2	1,226
EDO3	1,668
EDO4	2,088
EDO5	2,595
EDO6	1,150
EWH3	1,308
EWH4	903
EWH5	90
Total	12,302

Proposed ward: Bellingham



Bellingham Ward is named after the distinctive estate at its heart as is the train station serving the ward and neighbouring communities.

This new ward has a similar footprint to the current Bellingham ward. However we propose a number of small changes to the boundaries of this ward to better reflect the community identities in these areas.

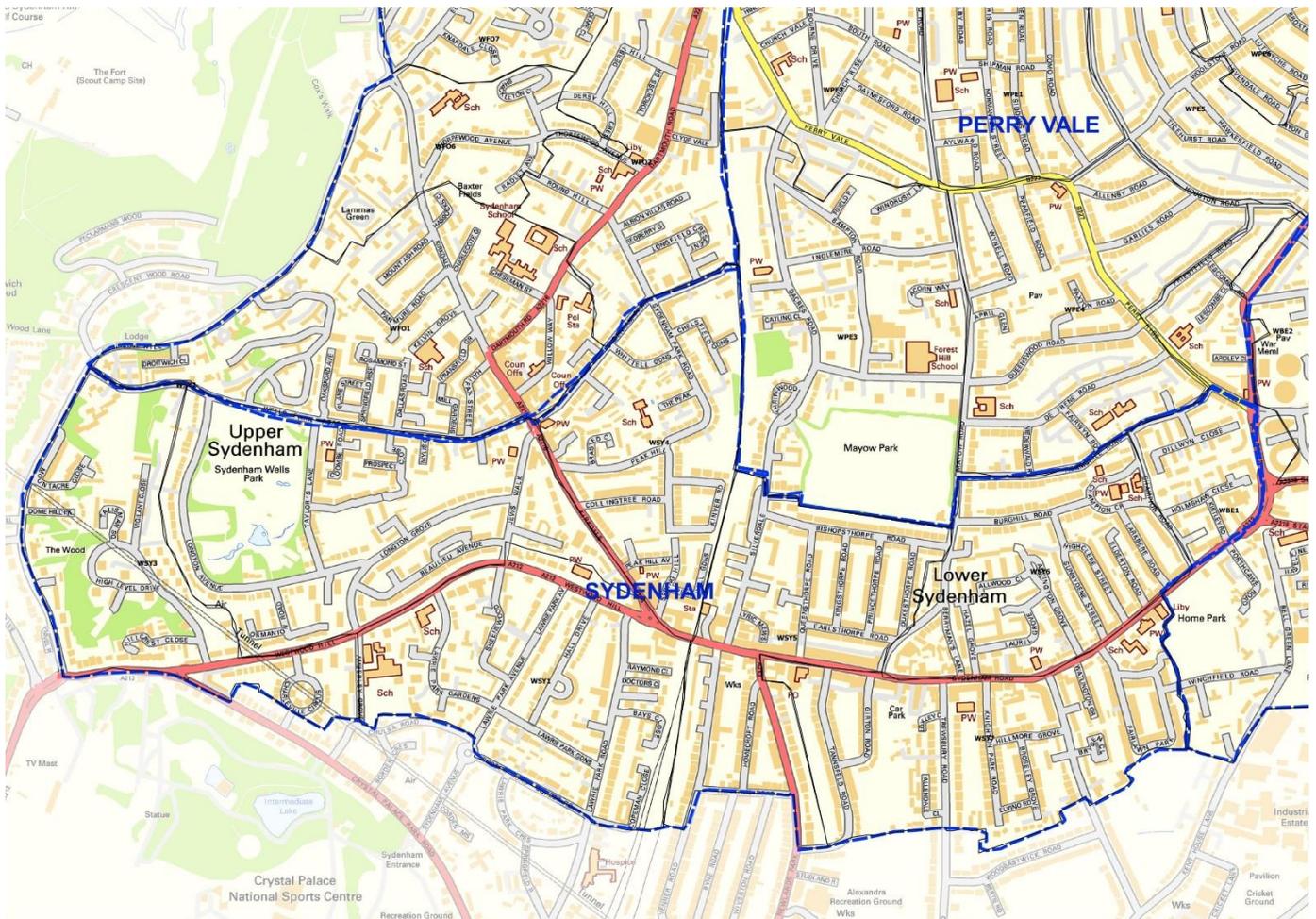
At the northern tip of this ward we are moving a handful of properties by Catford Bridge into Rushey Green ward to better align with community identity in that area.

To the west of the ward we use the A212 as the boundary which forms the border for both Perry Vale and Sydenham wards. In doing this, the area to the west of the main road above Bell Green moves into Perry Vale and Dilwyn Close and Holmshaw Close move into Sydenham ward, in accordance with the views of local residents of the area. Both these changes create a stronger and more natural boundary between the Bellingham community and their neighbours, and enable more effective local government as a result.

We also propose moving a small number of electors into Bellingham from the current Downham ward along Beckenham Hill Road to the South in line with community identity and which also improves effective and convenient local government.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
ECA2	5
EDO1	425
EWH6	910
WBE1	1,209
WBE2	2,112
WBE3	1,528
WBE4	1,608
WBE5	1,249
WBE6	1,663
Total	10,709

Proposed ward: Sydenham



This ward has a very similar footprint as the existing Sydenham Ward. Sydenham includes upper and lower Sydenham and is linked through the middle of the ward by the A212. Sydenham has a distinct High Street and identity with vibrant and active local residents groups in the area. The only change we recommend to this well-established area is moving a small part of the existing Bellingham ward to the west of Bell Green (A212) into Sydenham as the main road is a more logical border to the eastern boundary of the ward. This area of Bell Green is already considered by many to be part of Sydenham, most notably by the residents themselves and the Sydenham Society, so it appropriate to place it together within its natural community.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
WBE1	452
WSY1	1,385
WSY2	1,647
WSY3	1,262
WSY4	1,466
WSY5	1,896
WSY6	1,736
WSY7	1,712
Total	11,556

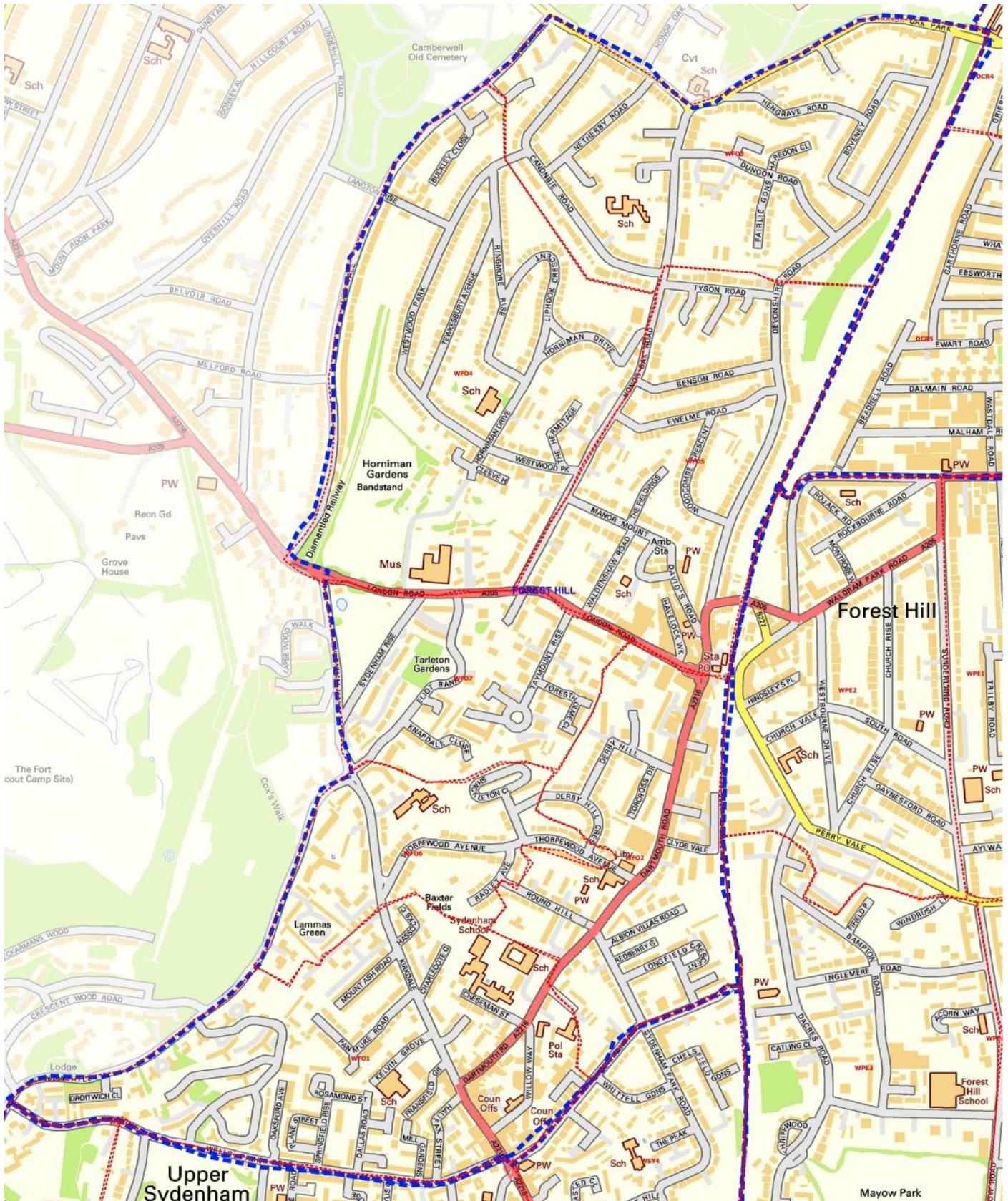
Proposed ward: Perry Vale



Perry Vale is an existing ward is situated between the distinctive town centres of Forest Hill and Sydenham, comprising primarily of predominately quiet residential streets. Its boundary with Forest Hill town centre to the West is the length of the train line which has provided a logical boundary for many years. We recommend only one change to this ward which is to extend the eastern border along Perry Hill (A202) all the way to the bottom of the ward. This creates a stronger boundary between the three wards that meet in this area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
WBE1	318
WBE2	64
WPE1	2,103
WPE2	2,021
WPE3	1,590
WPE4	1,706
WPE5	1,638
WPE6	1,937
Total	11,377

Proposed ward: Forest Hill



Forest Hill is the Southwest corner of the Borough, bordering London Borough of Southwark along the length of its westerly boundary. Focused on the busy shopping areas in Forest Hill town centre on the A205 London road and including the popular Horniman Museum and Forest Hill pools and library, and along the A2216 Dartmouth Road towards Sydenham. The Railway line is a very clear boundary to the East of the ward and the electorate numbers in the area remain within the target so therefore recommend no change to this well-established area.

Polling District	Projected 2025 electorate
WFO1	2,313
WFO2	1,530
WFO3	1,950
WFO4	1,502
WFO5	1,825
WFO6	607
WFO7	1,093
Total	10,820