

SECTION 3: Identifying the new ward boundaries for North Lincolnshire for 2023

Background

The Council currently has seventeen wards with a mixture of one, two and three councillors, making a total of 43 members across the authority area. In North Lincolnshire all councillors are elected at the same time at four yearly intervals. The next Council election in North Lincolnshire is scheduled for May 2023.

This submission proposes new warding arrangements for the Borough of North Lincolnshire comprising sixteen wards, with eleven wards represented by three councillors and five wards represented by two councillors. This retains forty three councillors as was proposed in the first phase of the review process, but decreases the number of wards in the Borough by one from seventeen to sixteen.

The Council is aware that, as there has been no change in the warding situation in the last twenty years, the local current arrangements are well embedded in the local communities and so significant changes would only be appropriate where needed.

As stated already, some of the current wards in North Lincolnshire have achieved a form of suburban maturity and have seen as a result minimal changes in elector numbers.

In these wards, there has been less proposed change than in others, and this is reflected in the proposals and the justification for them later in this submission.

However, this is not the case in other parts of the Borough. At current, the council has four wards with an electoral variation of greater than 10%. It is in these areas that the most significant changes have been proposed.

The Council's approach has been to find suitable boundaries across the Authority area using the following principles:

- Securing electoral equality
- Achieving community identity (strong ward boundaries that reflect communities);
- Securing effective and convenient local government (coherent wards);

Detailed explanations of the proposals in each case are detailed below.

Electorate in 2023 forecast by new proposed wards

Proposed New Name Ward	Previous name(s)	Forecast of electors	Target of electors	Variance	%
Ashby and Lakeside	Ashby	9,681	9,543	138	1%
Axholme North	Axholme North	9,304	9,543	-239	-3%
Axholme South	Axholme South	9,607	9,543	64	1%
Barton	Barton	9,817	9,543	274	3%
Bottesford & Yaddlethorpe	Bottesford	9,225	9,543	-318	-3%
Brigg and Wolds	Brigg and Wolds	10,316	9,543	773	8%
Broughton and Scawby	Broughton and Appleby	6,406	6,362	44	1%
Old Brumby & Kingsway	Kingsway with Lincoln Gardens	9,815	9,543	272	3%
Burringham, Gunness and Skippingdale	Burringham and Gunness	7,092	6,362	730	11%
Burton upon Stather and Winterton	Burton upon Stather and Winterton	9,355	9,543	-188	-2%
Crosby and Park	Crosby and Park	8,510	9,543	-1,033	-11%
Ferry	Ferry	9,276	9,543	-267	-3%
Frodingham	Frodingham	6,732	6,362	370	6%
Ridge	Ridge	8,962	9,543	-581	-6%
Scunthorpe West	Brumby	7,160	6,362	798	13%
Town and University	Town	5,544	6,362	-818	-13%