

# Electoral Review of New Forest District Council

Warding Patterns – Principles for  
the Council Submission

# An Update

- LGBCE are due to determine the Council Size tomorrow.
- General Election has delayed consultation:-
  - 17 December 2019 – 2 March 2020
- Full Council to agree submission on 24 February 2020.
- New draft timetable is as follows.....

Review Stage	Key Dates
Commission Meeting: Council size	19 November 2019
Warding patterns consultation period	17 December 2019 – 2 March 2020
Commission Meeting: Draft Recommendations	19 May 2020
Draft recommendations consultation period	2 June 2020 – 10 August 2020
Commission Meeting: Final Recommendations	20 October 2020
Final Recommendations	3 November 2020
Order laid	Winter 2020
Implementation	2023

# Phase two

- Group the District into “Zones”.
- Town and Parishes – building blocks.
- Go out to each Zone and invite Ward Councillors to feed in their local knowledge.
- Work within each Zone to balance the criteria and create warding pattern options.
- Bring recommended options back to the Task and Finish Group, Cabinet and Council.
- Submit full proposals to the LGBCE.

# Warding Patterns - Criteria

- Electoral Equality for voters.
- Community Identities and Interests.
- Effective and convenient Local Government.
  
- These are all of equal balance and importance.

# Electoral Equality

**Figure one:** electoral variances

Local authority A has an electorate of 100,000 in 2012. In 2018 (five years after the planned completion of the review), the electorate of Local authority A is expected to be 103,000.

The Commission has decided that it is minded to recommend a council size of 40 councillors for Local authority A.

In these circumstances, the Commission will base its new ward patterns on each councillor representing around 2,500 electors.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2018</b>
10% fewer electors	2,250	2,318
Perfect electoral equality	2,500	2,575
10% more electors	2,750	2,833

# Community Identities & Interests

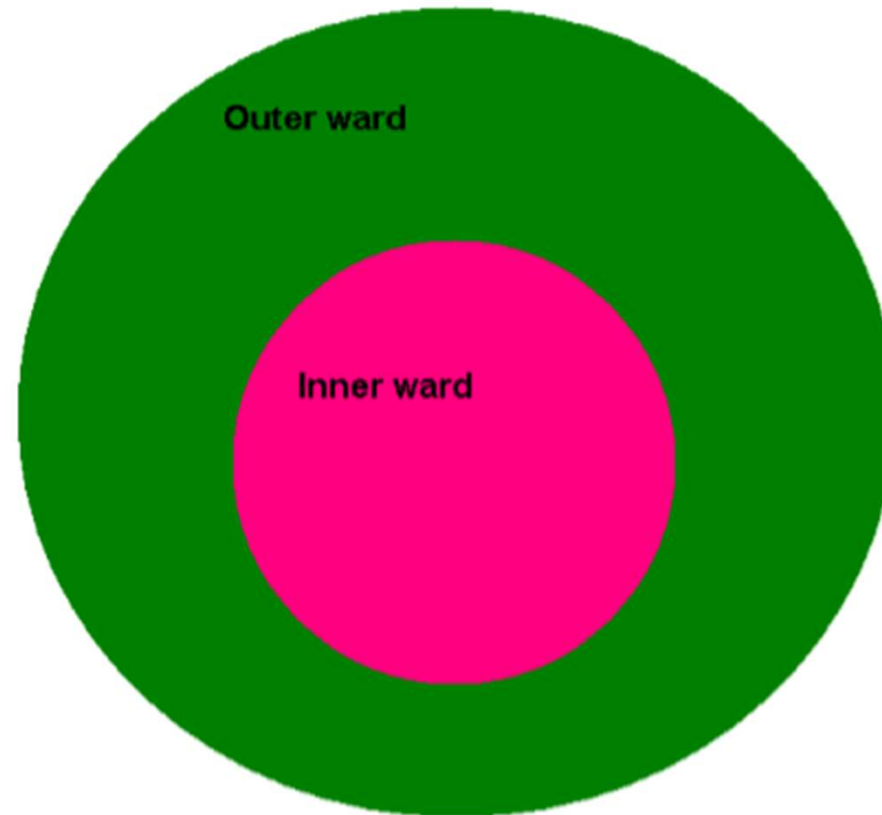
- Transport links
- Community groups
- Facilities
- Identifiable boundaries
- Parishes
- Shared interests

# Effective and Convenient Local Government

- Number of councillors in each ward or division.
  - 1, 2 or 3 Member Wards
- ‘Doughnut’ Wards are not considered effective by the LGBCE.



# 'Doughnut' Ward



My area is in the  
Domesday Book

We don't associate with  
the neighbouring area

Station Road looks like  
a boundary but actually  
it's where all the shops  
are for us and the  
people to the North

We have a local  
carnival organised by  
our Community Council  
that is vital to our local  
area's identity

Make all the wards  
single-member wards

We are cut off from the  
neighbouring area by a  
high-speed railway line

Our polling station is  
too far away, changing  
the ward would fix this

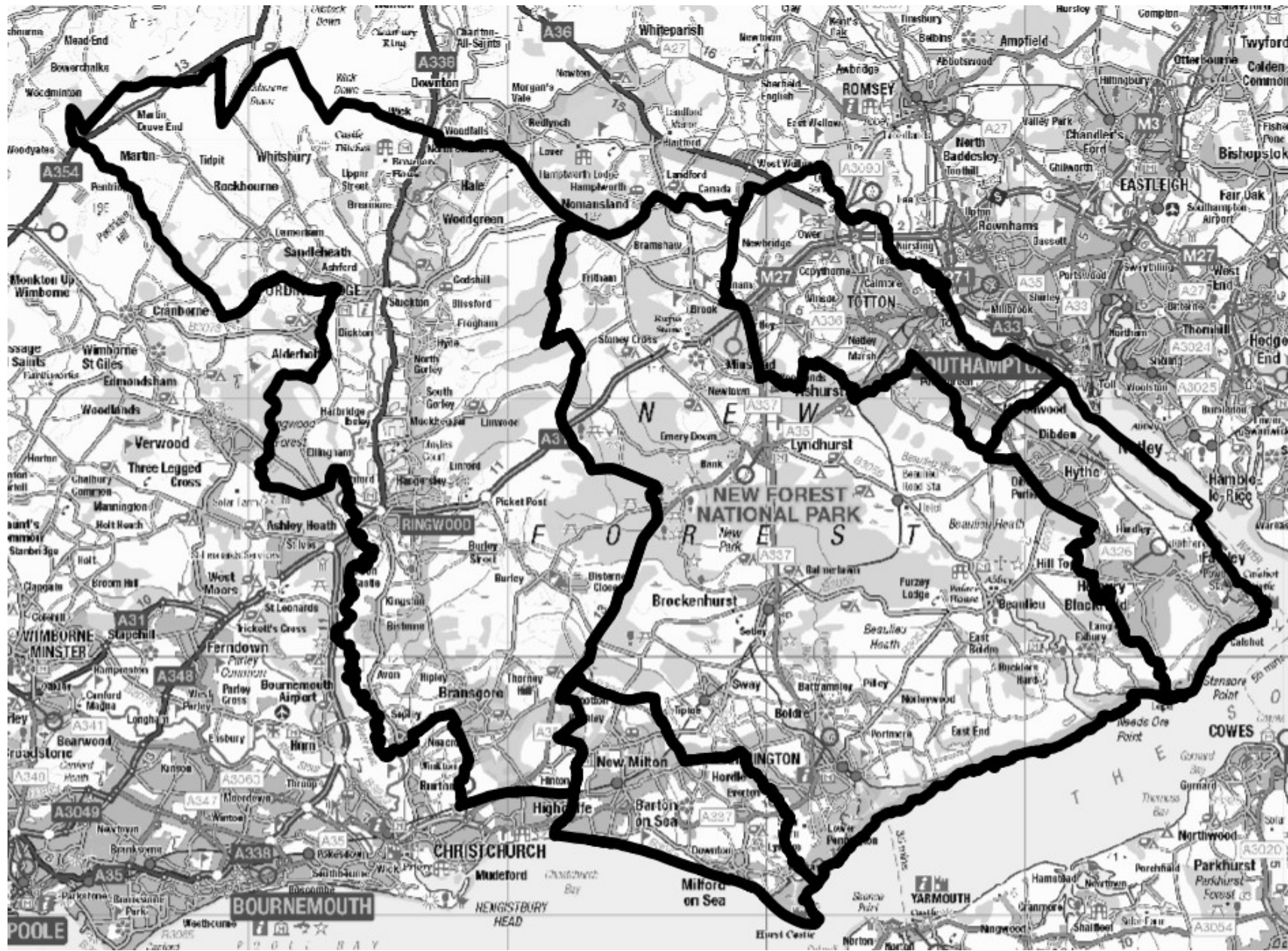
Oakhill should be with  
Maryland because they  
share access to the  
park and the doctor's  
surgery

It should go back to  
how it was 20 years  
ago, it worked better

The Residents'  
Association represents  
these ten roads, and  
hold regular meetings  
at X Community Centre

Our Parish Council has  
a detailed  
neighbourhood plan

If it ain't broke, don't fix  
it



# The West

- Current Number of Councillors – 11
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- The West Electorate Per Councillor – 3069 ✓

# The West

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Fordingbridge & North West**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 4 —————> Target 3
  - Electorate – 3091 ✓
- **Area 2 – Ringwood & South West**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 7 —————> Target 6
  - Electorate – 3058 ✓



# New Milton, Milford & Hordle

- Current Number of Councillors – 13
- Target Number of Councillors – 10
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- New Milton, Milford & Hordle Electorate Per Councillor – 3131



# New Milton, Milford & Hordle

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – New Milton**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 9 —————> Target 7
  - Electorate – 3059 ✓
- **Area 2 – Milford & Hordle**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 4 —————> Target 3
  - Electorate – 2972 ✓

# Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central

- Current Number of Councillors – 10.5
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central Electorate Per Councillor – 2933





# Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Lymington & Pennington**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 5 —————> Target 4.5
  - Electorate – 2932 ✓
- **Area 2 – Rural Central**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 5.5 —————> Target 4.5
  - Electorate – 2934 ✓

# Hythe & Dibden / Fawley

- Current Number of Councillors – 11
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- Hythe & Dibden / Fawley Electorate Per Councillor – 3143



# Hythe & Dibden / Fawley

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Hythe & Dibden**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 6.5 —————> Target 5.5
  - Electorate – 3076 ✓
- **Area 2 – Fawley**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 4.5 —————> Target 3.5
  - Electorate – 3248 ✓

# Totton & North East


- Current Number of Councillors – 14.5
- Target Number of Councillors – 11
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- Totton & North East Electorate Per Councillor – 3087



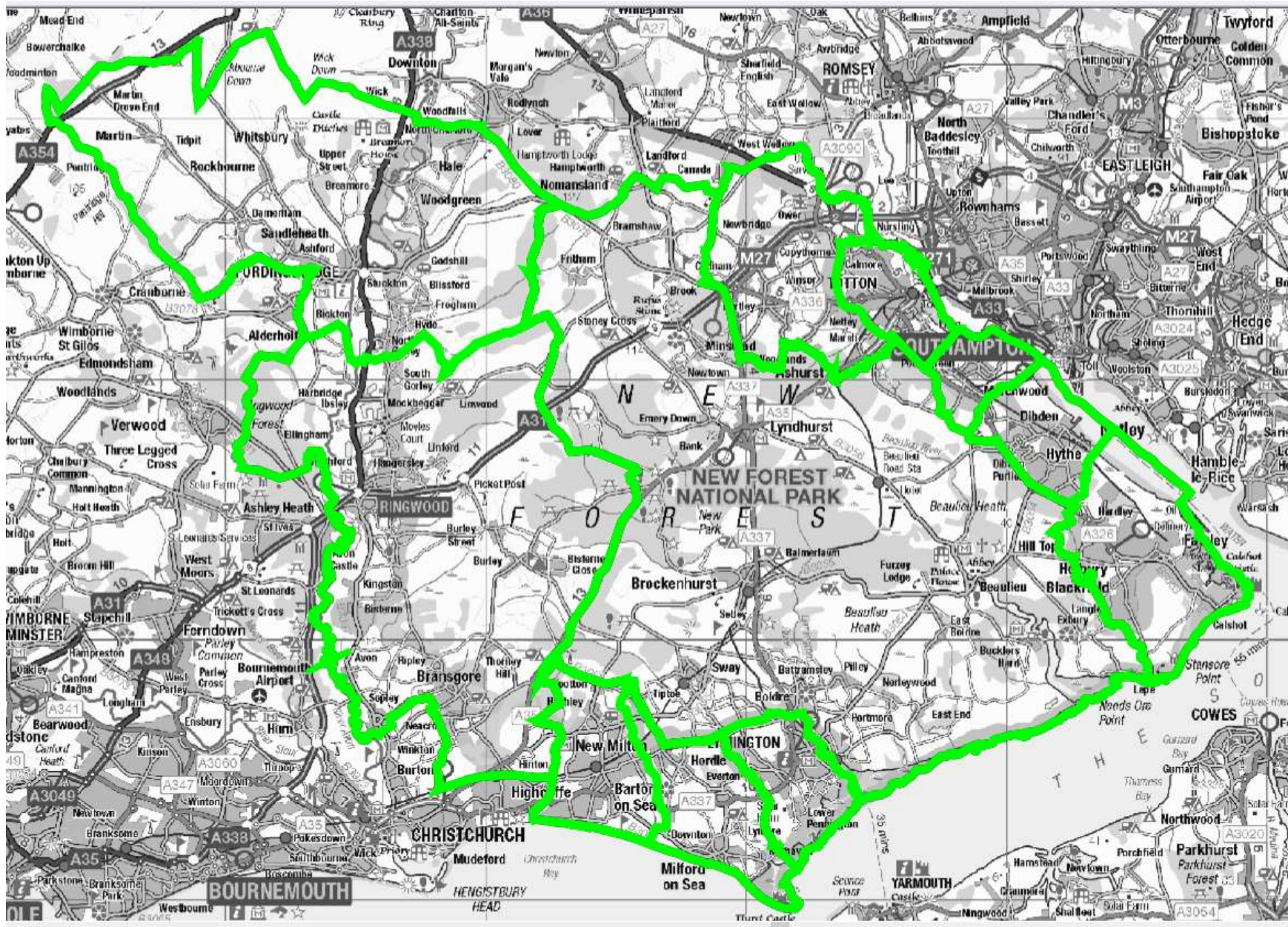
# Totton / North East

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Totton & Eling**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 10 —————> Target 7.5
  - Electorate – 3105 ✓
- **Area 2 – Marchwood**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 2 —————> Target 1.5
  - Electorate – 3163 ✓

# Totton / North East

- **Area 3 – Copythorne, Netley Marsh, Ashurst**
- **Councillor Numbers**
  - Current 2.5  Target 2
  - Electorate – 2964 ✓





# Next Steps

- Does the Task and Finish Group agree to this approach?
- Any obvious areas of change identified?