

Community Governance Review 2022/23

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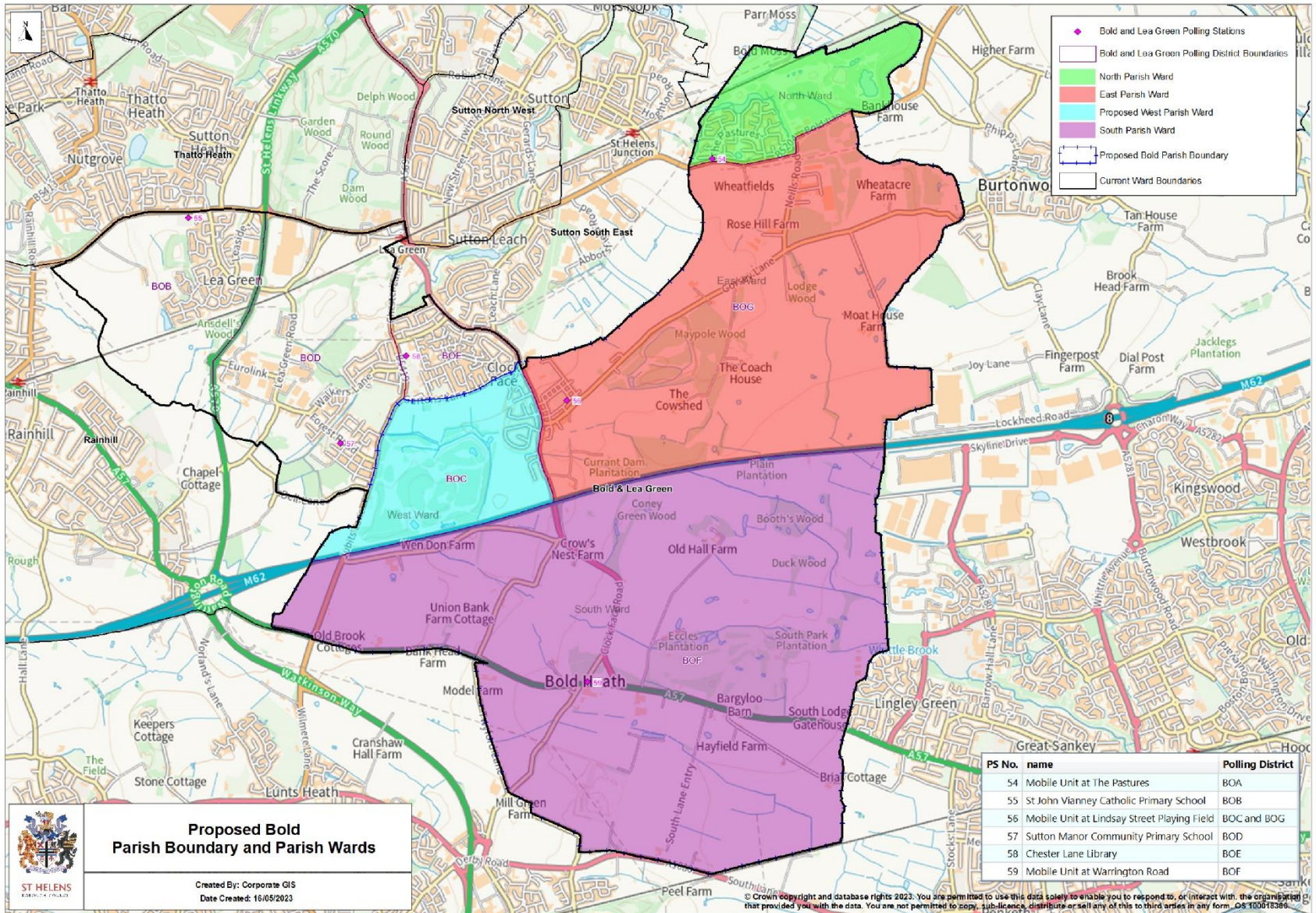
The following proposals set out in this Appendix to be adopted by the Council as Draft Recommendations for the purposes of the Community Governance Review.

Recommendation 1

Parish Council	Final Recommendation		
Bold Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to the parish boundary at The Mews. • Amendment to the parish boundary at Gartons Lane/Jubits Lane. • That the changes take effect from the next scheduled parish elections in May 2026. 		
Current Electoral Arrangements			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
East	3	723	1:241
North	4	1,126	1:281
South	1	255	1:255
West	4	921	1:230
Total	12	3,025	1:252
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
<p>Amendment to correct the parish boundary at The Mews to include six properties represented by the parish.</p> <p>Amendment to Gartons Lane/ Jubits Lane to straighten the boundary line.</p>			
Reasons for recommendation:			
<p>Properties at The Mews are currently represented by Bold Parish Council, the parish map has been amended to reflect this. The boundary line at Gartons Lane through to Jubits Lane has been straightened to not cut through the properties.</p> <p>No further changes required. The CPWG suggest a future Community Governance Review of Bold Parish Council when the large housing development at Reginald Road, identified as allocated sight 4HA in the Local Plan, has progressed from 2029/2030 onwards.</p> <p>From the majority of the responses received, many of the comments were happy with the current arrangements for Bold Parish council, therefore the electoral arrangements will remain the same.</p>			

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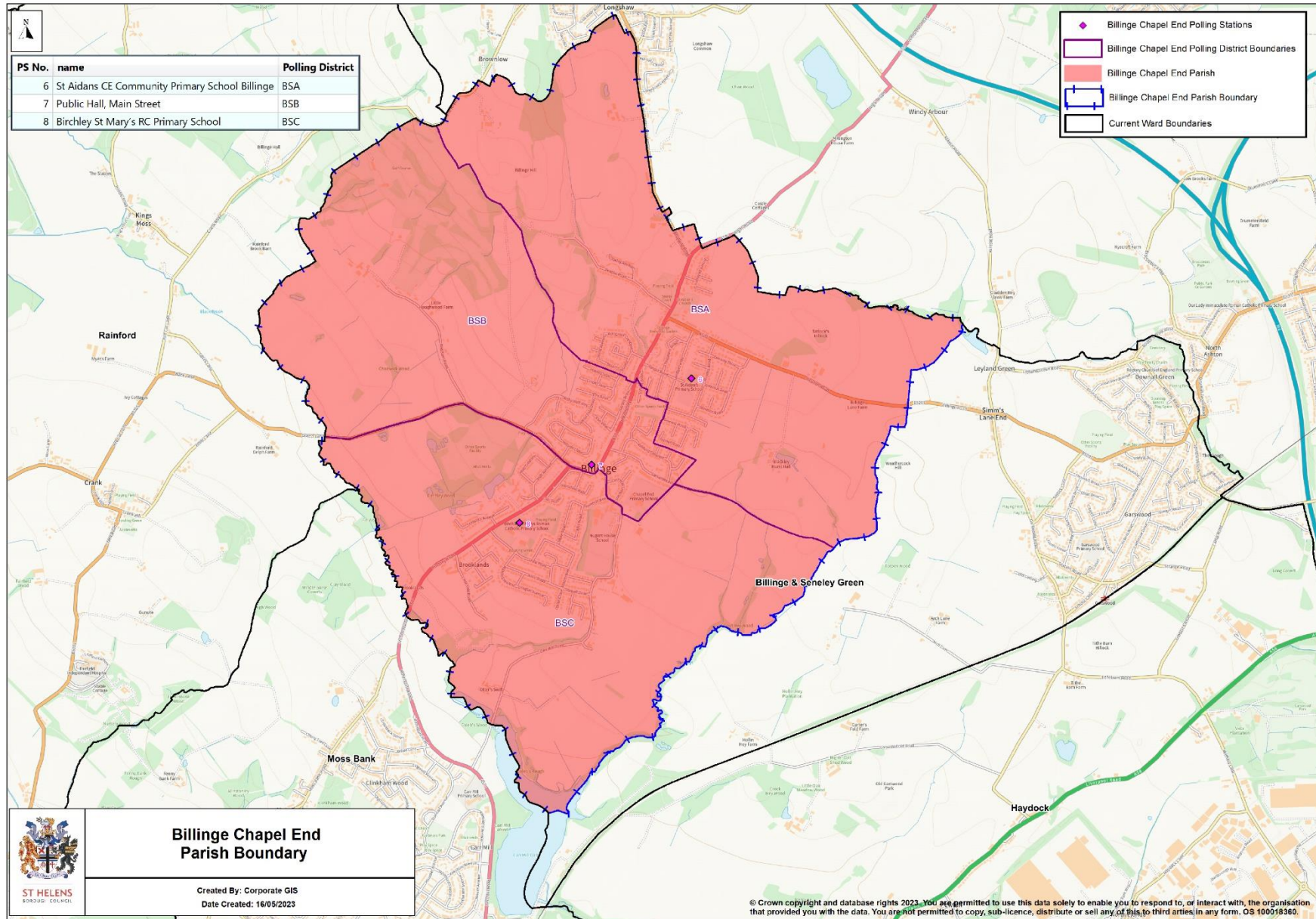
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Recommendation 2

Parish Council	Draft Recommendations	
Billinge Chapel End	No change to the current governance arrangements.	
Current Electoral Arrangements		
No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
9	4,975	1:553
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group		
The CPWG recommendation is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.		
Reasons for recommendation:		
<p>Having reviewed the evidence received during the first consultation exercise and the views/ feedback from the Parish Council, changes to the current arrangements would not benefit the parish council or the interests and identity of the community.</p> <p>The Cross-Party Working Group discussed the introduction of warding arrangements however no substantial evidence to support the warding suggestion was received and the parish council are not seeking to make any changes to the current arrangements. Based on the evidence available the electoral arrangements will remain the same.</p>		

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Recommendation 3

Parish Council	Draft Recommendations		
Eccleston Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellerslie ward (RHF) to be transferred to Rainhill Parish Council. • Foxwood ward (THF) to be removed from the parish to become an unparished area. • Councillors from Ellerslie and Foxwood wards be added to the West ward. • Amend the boundary at Windlebrook Crescent to follow the natural line of the brook. • Amend the boundary at the former fire station site on Knowsley Road to follow the natural line along the dam. • That the changes take effect from the next scheduled parish elections in May 2026. 		
Current Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
East	3	1,914	1:638
Eccleston Park	3	2,146	1:715
Ellerslie	1	253	1:253
Foxwood	1	668	1:668
West	4	3,544	1:886
Total	12	8525	1:710
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
<p>Ellerslie ward (133 properties) (RHF) to be transferred to Rainhill Parish Council. Foxwood ward (300 properties) (THF) to be unparished reducing the size of the parish council. The parish boundary to end at Eccleston Park ward as shown on the attached map.</p> <p>Parish Councillors from Ellerslie ward and Foxwood ward to be moved to West ward to enable better electoral equality.</p> <p>The boundary line which cuts through the former fire station site to be amended to follow the natural line along the dam, this doesn't affect any properties within the parish council currently. A minor amendment to the Windle/Eccleston border at Windlebrook Crescent to straighten the ward and Parish boundary. No housing is affected by either change.</p>			

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Current Electorate: 8,333 Proposed Electorate: 7,604
Current Councillor ratio 1:694 Proposed ratio 1:691

LCBC consent will be required for this recommendation.

Reasons for recommendation:

The Working Group discussed the boundaries of Foxwood and Ellerslie ward. It was agreed that, in line with the feedback received in the surveys for Rainhill Parish Council, that residents in the Ellerslie ward had more community ties and shared services with Rainhill Parish Council.

The Working Group also agreed to consult with residents in the Foxwood ward with the proposal of removing the area from Eccleston Parish council to become unparished. This is also in agreement with the findings in the Local Government Boundary Review of St Helens which placed the Foxwood area in the Thatto Heath ward.

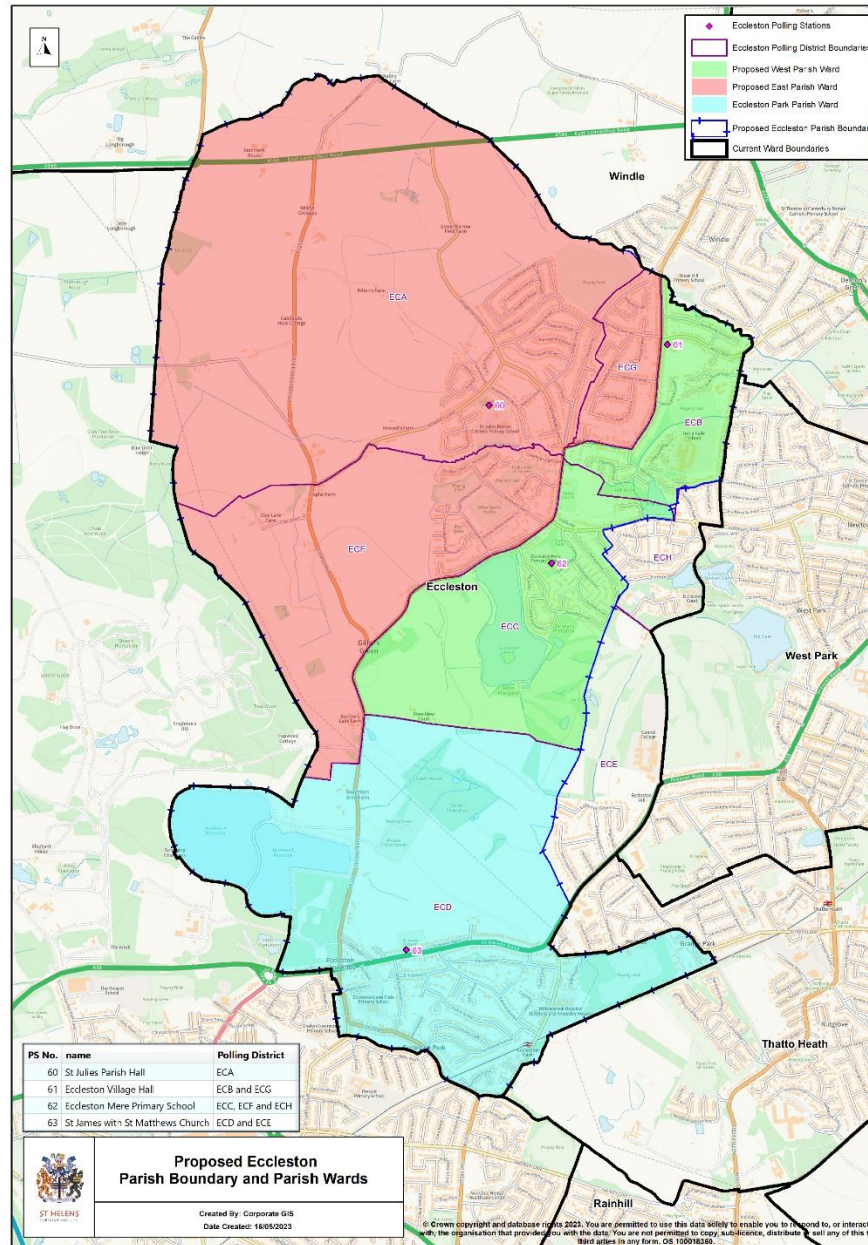
As a result of the reduced parish boundaries the two councillors from the Foxwood and Ellerslie ward to be added to the West ward to achieve better councillor/elector ratios.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements:

Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
East	3	1,914	1:638
Eccleston Park	3	2,146	1:715
West	6	3,544	1:591
Total	12	7,604	1:691

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Recommendation 4

Parish Council	Final Recommendation		
Rainford Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new Old Hall ward consisting of electors from RFB of the Junction ward and RFD of the Muncaster ward. • Area RFH in the Crank ward to be moved to the Mosboro ward. • Electors in RFK unparished area of Rainford to be added into the Parish Council Mosboro ward. • Electors around Alfred Street and Parklands in RFD to be moved to RFC Randle ward. • Reduction of 1 Councillor from 15 to 14 Councillors. • Electoral arrangements reorganised to reflect the ward changes. • Amend the boundary at Sandy Lane to become coterminous with the ward boundary. • That the changes take effect from the next scheduled parish elections in May 2026. 		
Currenet Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
Crank	3	797	1:266
Junction	3	1,042	1:347
Mosboro	3	1,134	1:378
Muncaster	3	2,605	1:868
Randle	3	1,324	1:441
Total	15	6902	1:460
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
<p>This recommendation is based on a submission received by Rainford Parish Council. The submission has been adopted except for the number of councillors representing the Old Hall ward, the CPWG propose 2 councillors represent the ward instead of 3 councillors proposed by the parish council. This reduces the overall number of councillors to 14 in line with National Association of Local Councils recommendations.</p> <p>Electors in the Muncaster ward around Corpus Christie School have been moved to the Randle ward, these electors currently vote at Rainford High School, electors will now vote at Corpus Christie School reducing the distance to the polling station.</p> <p>The boundary line at Sandy Lane differs from the ward boundary, therefore the parish boundary has been amended to match the ward boundary. No properties or electors are affected by this.</p>			

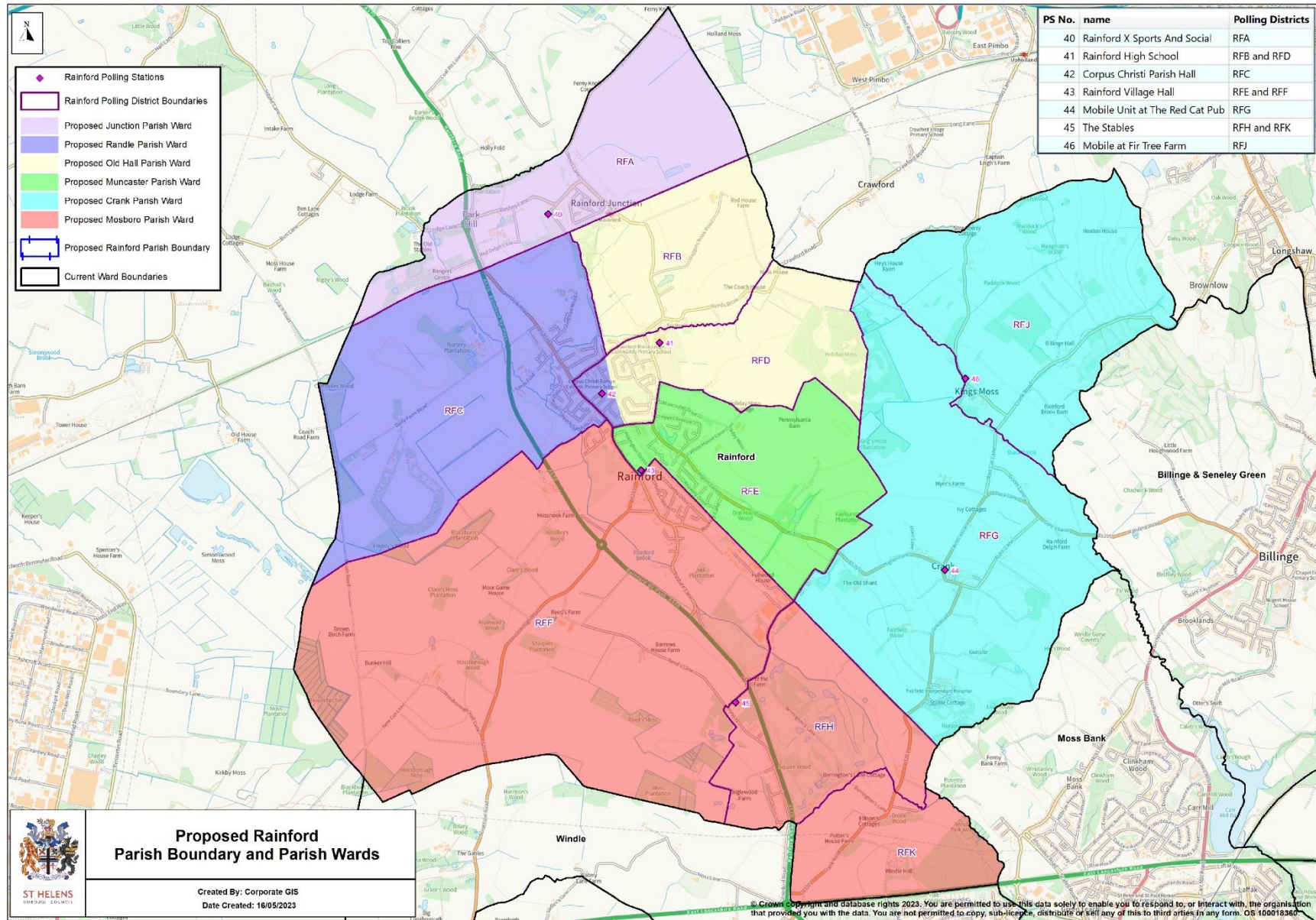
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Reasons for recommendation:			
Proposals based on the submission from the Parish Council and NALC suggested number of councillors.			
Proposed Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
Crank	1	535	1:535
Junction	2	846	1:423
Mosboro	3	1,395	1:465
Muncaster	3	1,357	1:452
Randle	3	1,574	1:524
Old Hall	2	1,194	1:597
Total	14	6901	1:493

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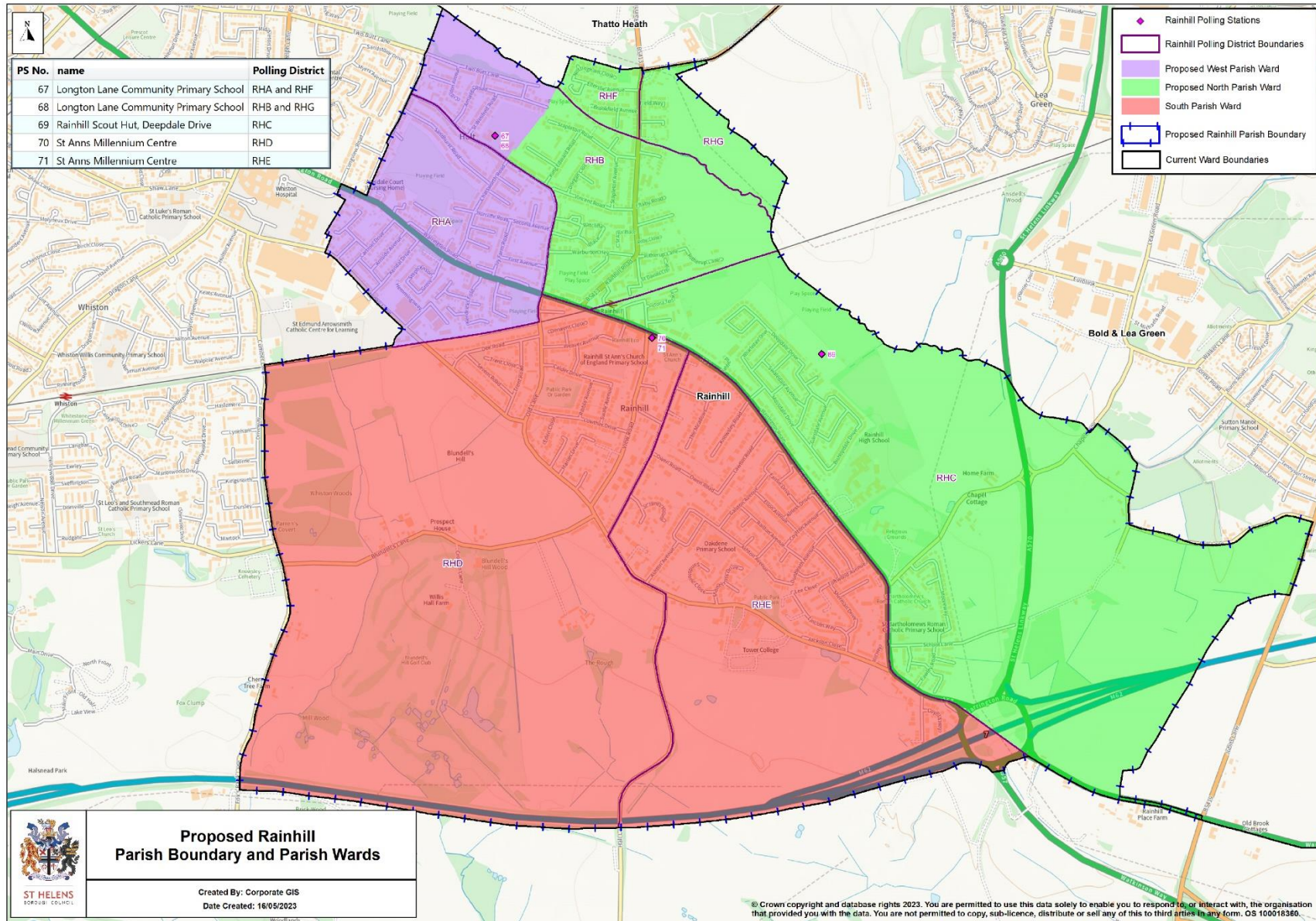
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Parish Council	Draft Recommendations		
Rainhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellerslie ward of Ecclestone Parish Council (RHF) to be transferred to Rainhill Parish Council. • Properties around Amanda Road to be moved from the North ward to the West ward. • Electors in RHG of the unparished area of Rainhill to be added into the parish North ward. • Increase the number of Councillors in the South ward to 5 and reduce the number of Councillors in North ward to 5. • That the changes take effect from the next scheduled parish elections in May 2026. 		
Current Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
North	6	3,464	1:577
South	4	3,396	1:849
West	4	2,194	1:548
Total	14	9,236	1:660
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
<p>To adopt the transfer of the Ecclestone Parish Council Ellerslie ward(133 properties) into the North ward of Rainhill Parish Council. The properties around Amanda Road to be added to the West ward and the electoral arrangements for the number of councillors to be amended for better representation and electoral equality.</p>			
Reasons for recommendation:			
<p>Local support and representations received suggest that the Ellerslie ward should be part of Rainhill Parish Council and reflect the borough ward boundary. The change in the number of councillors provides more equal representation across the parish council.</p>			
Proposed Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
North	5	3,298	1:660
South	5	3,396	1:679
West	4	2,613	1:653
Total	14	9,307	1:665

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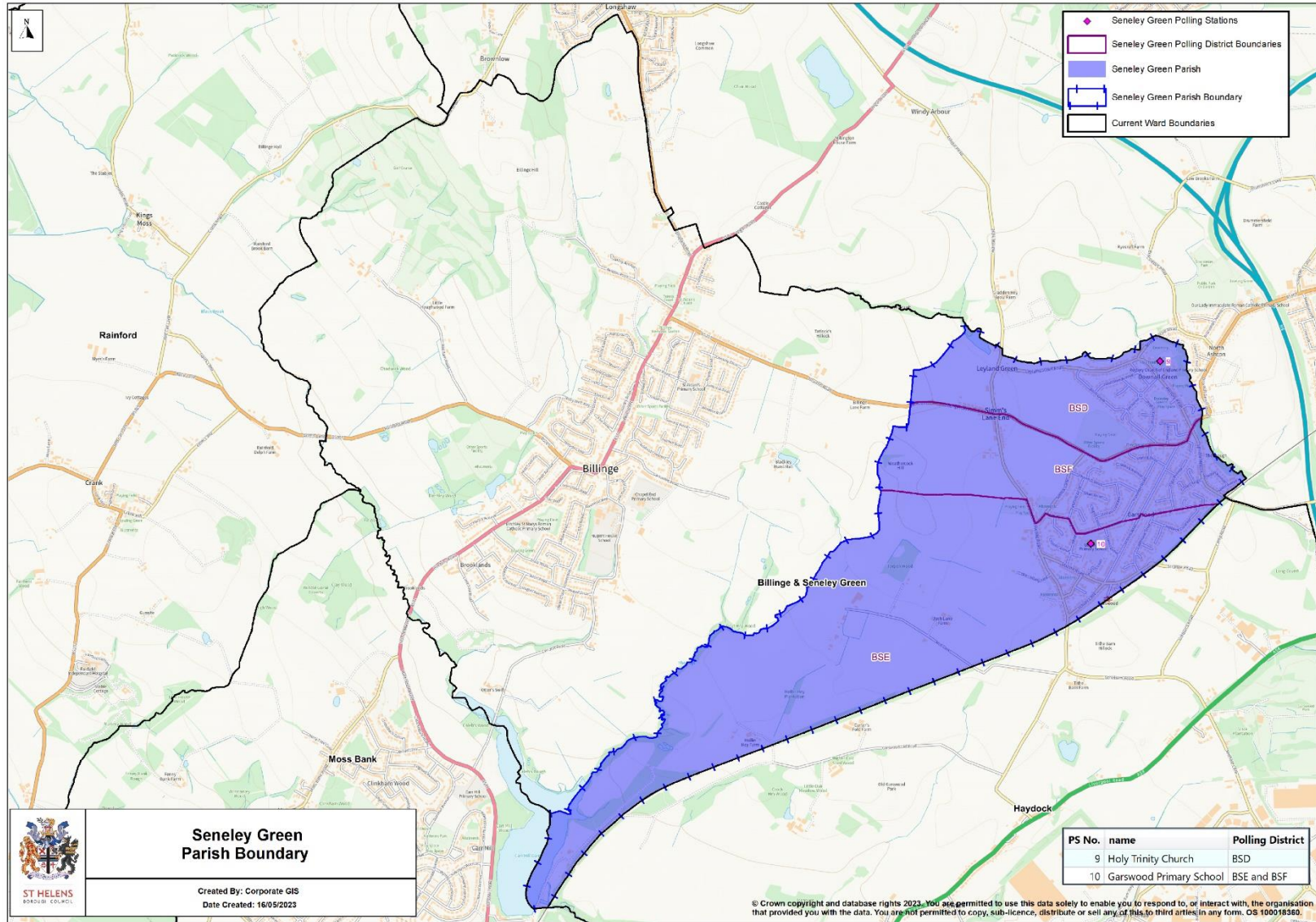
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Recommendation 6

Parish Council	Final Recommendation		
Seneley Green Parish	No change to the current governance arrangements.		
Current Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
Seneley Green	8	3,919	1:490
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
The CPWG recommendation is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.			
Reasons for recommendation:			
<p>Having reviewed the evidence received during the consultation exercise and the views/ feedback from the Parish Council, changes to the current arrangements would not benefit the parish council or the interests and identities of the community.</p> <p>The Cross-Party Working Group discussed the introduction of warding arrangements, identifying two communities within the parish council area, Downhall Green and Garswood, however local opinion does not support the suggestion of warding and believe this would create a further divide in the parish council. The parish council are not seeking any changes to the current arrangements, based on the evidence available the electoral arrangements will remain the same.</p>			

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Recommendation 7

Parish Council	Parish Wards Draft Recommendations		
Windle Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the boundary at Windlebrook Crescent to follow the natural line of the brook. • Amend the boundary at Hartington Road to straighten the boundary. • Amend the boundary at Rainford Road to straighten the boundary to follow the Road. • That the changes take effect from the next scheduled parish elections in May 2026. 		
Current Electoral Arrangements:			
Ward	No. Of Councillors	Electorate forecast	Councillor Ratio
North	1	119	1:119
South	8	1968	1:246
Total	9	2087	1:232
Proposal of CGR Cross-Party Working Group			
<p>The following boundary lines will be amended not to cross through properties and to follow the natural boundary line of the road.</p> <p>Change to Windlebrook Crescent to follow the line of the brook. Change to Hartington Road to straighten the boundary line. Change to Rainford Road to straighten the boundary to follow the road.</p>			
Reasons for recommendation:			
No properties or electors are affected by straightening the boundary line.			

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