

# New electoral arrangements for Liverpool City Council Final Recommendations

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# Introduction

## Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.<sup>1</sup> We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

2 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors OBE (Chair)
- Andrew Scallan CBE (Deputy Chair)
- Susan Johnson OBE
- Peter Maddison QPM
- Amanda Nobbs OBE
- Steve Robinson
- Jolyon Jackson CBE (Chief Executive)

## What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as the further guidance and information about electoral reviews and review process in general, can be found on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Why Liverpool?

7 We are conducting a review of Liverpool City Council ('the Council') as its last review was completed in 2003 and we are required to review the electoral arrangements of every council in England 'from time to time'.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, some councillors currently represent many more or fewer electors than others. We describe this as 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where the number of electors per councillor is as even as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Liverpool are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of electors represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the city.

9 During the preliminary stage of our work, the Council was subject to a Best Value Report which resulted in Directions being given to the Council in June 2021 by the then Secretary of State, including some that were relevant to aspects of the review. Specifically, the Council was directed:

*'... to consider and consult upon a new submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as part of the current boundary review.... consistent with elections on the basis of predominantly single-member wards, that is single-member wards across the whole council area save where the Local Government Boundary Commission consider a multi member ward is essential to balance their statutory duties of delivering electoral equality, reflecting interests and identities of local communities, and of promoting effective and convenient local government'.*

10 Commissioners were appointed to support the Council and their role included having specific '*regard to the council's Local Government Boundary Commission for England submission*'.

11 These Directions were to the Council and not to the Commission which, as an independent body, is bound by its own statutory duties and undertakes all electoral views against the criteria set out in legislation. Nevertheless, it is noted that the

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<sup>2</sup> Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 paragraph 56(1).

Council itself formally acknowledged the intentions of the then Secretary of State's Direction and, endorsed by the Liverpool Commissioners, submitted warding proposals for the first phase of the review informed by the aspirations set out in the Direction. This included reference to the desirability of single-member wards, with the Council setting out that its proposal was:

*'... in accordance with... the requirement placed upon the council by the Secretary of State, having produced a revised submission to the LGBCE reducing the council size to 85, to consult and consider... a submission approved by the Commissioners based on a predominantly single member ward pattern with the intention of increasing accountability to the electorate in Liverpool'.*

12 As explained above, the Directions do not override the three statutory criteria against which electoral reviews are conducted and all representations submitted will be considered against these criteria. However, we consider that the submission by the Council (and endorsed by the Liverpool Commissioners) for a largely single-member warding pattern was regarded by them as an explicit aspect of the 'effective and convenient' criterion that we use.

13 Producing acceptable uniform patterns whilst balancing the three criteria is inherently difficult, especially in dense urban settings where even small changes can result in significant electoral variations. In a number of specific locations other submissions have argued strongly, on grounds of community identity, that a multi-member ward would be more appropriate in that particular area. Our decisions have also been informed by two tours of the city.

## Our proposals for Liverpool

14 Liverpool should be represented by 85 councillors, five fewer than there are now.

15 Liverpool should have 64 wards, 34 more than there are now.

16 The boundaries of all wards should change.

17 We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Liverpool.

## How will the recommendations affect you?

18 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are

in that ward, and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your ward name may also change.

19 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the city or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

## Review timetable

20 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Liverpool. We then held two periods of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the city. The submissions received during consultation have informed our final recommendations.

21 The review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
1 October 2021	Number of councillors decided
7 October 2021	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
15 December 2021	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
31 March 2022	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
8 June 2022	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
6 September 2022	Publication of final recommendations



## Analysis and final recommendations

22 Legislation<sup>3</sup> states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors<sup>4</sup> there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

23 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

24 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2019	2027
Electorate of Liverpool	326,570	365,505
Number of councillors	85	85
Average number of electors per councillor	3,842	4,300

25 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All of our proposed wards for Liverpool will have good electoral equality by 2027.

## Submissions received

26 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Electorate figures

27 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2027, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2022. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 12% by 2027.

28 We received one submission during consultation that challenged the electoral figures put forward by the Council. This submission from the Liberal Democrats stated that there are flaws with the baseline data provided by the Council, as well as the forecast figures in the city centre being overly optimistic and development data

<sup>3</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

<sup>4</sup> Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

being speculative. Following examination of the baseline figures, we consider that the Council's methodology for producing these figures is sound.

29 We considered the information provided by the Council and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time. We have used these figures to produce our final recommendations.

## Number of councillors

30 Liverpool City Council currently has 90 councillors. We have looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that decreasing this number by five will ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

31 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 85 councillors: for example, 85 single-councillor wards or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

32 We received three submissions about the number of councillors in response to our consultation on our draft recommendations. Two submissions stated that the number of councillors should be reduced further, while another submission argued that the number of councillors should not be reduced from 90. None of these alternative proposals provided evidence that outlined how further reductions would be achieved in terms of the decision-making responsibilities of the Council or made reference to our key criteria. Additionally, the submission in favour of retaining the existing council size did not provide persuasive evidence. We have therefore maintained 85 councillors for our final recommendations.

## Ward boundaries consultation

33 We received 181 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included three city-wide proposals from the Council, Labour Group and Liberal Democrats, and a partial scheme from Garston Conservatives. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for particular areas of the city.

34 The three city-wide schemes proposed mixed patterns of single-, two- and three-councillor wards for Liverpool. We carefully considered the proposals received and were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries.

35 Our draft recommendations also took into account local evidence that we received, which provided further evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas we considered that the proposals did not provide for the

best balance between our statutory criteria and so we identified alternative boundaries.

36 We visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. This tour of Liverpool helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

37 Our draft recommendations were for one three-councillor ward, 12 two-councillor wards and 58 single-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations would provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

## Draft recommendations consultation

38 We received 220 submissions, including a petition, during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included full city comments from the Labour Group and the Liberal Democrats. The majority of the other submissions focused on specific areas across the city.

39 We once again visited Liverpool to look at the different proposals on the ground. This second tour helped us to make decisions on our final recommendations.

40 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations with modifications to the wards in the Garston, Grassendale and Cressington areas based on the submissions received. We also made minor modifications to a number of other wards.

## Final recommendations

41 Our final recommendations are for three three-councillor wards, 15 two-councillor wards and 46 single-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

42 The tables and maps on pages 9–48 detail our final recommendations for each area of Liverpool. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory<sup>5</sup> criteria of:

- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

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<sup>5</sup> Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

43 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 55 and on the large map accompanying this report.

## North West



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
3	Anfield	2	-4%
16	County	2	-9%
21	Everton East	1	8%
22	Everton North	1	-1%
23	Everton West	1	5%
33	Kirkdale East	1	-6%
34	Kirkdale West	1	-3%
41	Orrell Park	1	-8%
50	Stoneycroft	1	-8%
52	Tuebrook Breckside Park	1	7%

53	Tuebrook Larkhill	1	4%
54	Vauxhall	2	-6%
55	Walton	2	-2%
56	Waterfront North	1	-6%

### *Anfield*

44 We received three submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and one resident.

45 While one resident opposed any change to Anfield ward, both the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations. We were not persuaded by the resident's argument and we therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Anfield as final.

### *County*

46 We received eight submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and six residents.

47 The Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and one resident supported our draft recommendations for County ward.

48 Two residents argued that the 'Ship Roads', north of Queens Drive, should be in Walton Hall instead of County ward. While we do consider this a sensible suggestion and are of the view this arrangement would reflect local communities, it would create an electoral imbalance of -16% in County ward. On balance, we have not been persuaded that the evidence provided justifies this level of electoral inequality. We are therefore not proposing to make this change.

49 Three residents proposed alternative names for County ward. Two residents suggested Walton-on-the-Hill and another resident proposed Walton Village. However, due to the existence of Walton ward immediately to the north of County ward, we consider these names could be confusing for local residents. We are consequently not adopting these suggestions as part of our final recommendations.

50 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for County as final.

### *Everton North and Everton East*

51 We received three submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and one resident. The Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations.

52 The Labour Group proposed to combine Everton North and Everton South wards into a two-councillor Everton ward. They stated that Breck Road is a focal

point for the community and that people cross this boundary to access schools and shops.

53 As a consequence of our assessment of the extensive evidence discussed in paragraph 61, we have been persuaded to create a single-councillor Everton West ward to the west of this area. We have therefore not been convinced to group together Everton North and Everton South, as this would result in two Everton wards of unequal size. We also consider that Breck Road provides a strong and recognisable boundary in this area.

54 A resident stated that Everton South should be renamed to be geographically more accurate. With the creation of Everton West ward, we are renaming Everton South ward to Everton East. We consider this to be clearer for local residents.

55 Subject to this name change, we are confirming our draft recommendations for Everton North and Everton East as final.

#### *Everton West and Vauxhall*

56 We received nine submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, the Green Party, Everton Together, a petition containing 51 signatures, and four residents.

57 The Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations in this area, which were for a two-councillor Scotland Road ward and a single-councillor Vauxhall ward.

58 The Green Party, Everton Together and 54 residents (including the petition) opposed our suggested Scotland Road ward. They argued that the area of Everton West would be better represented in a single-councillor ward and that the two communities of Everton West and Scotland Road have very little in common.

59 The Green Party proposed to split Scotland Road and create a single-councillor Everton West ward south of Conway Street. The northern area of Scotland Road ward would be joined with Vauxhall to create a two-councillor Vauxhall ward. The Green Party argued that this arrangement would encapsulate the cohesive community of Everton West, with community hubs, such as schools, green spaces and community organisations, contained within this ward. They also stated that Scotland Road itself is a dividing line.

60 The Green Party further argued that their proposed Vauxhall ward has strong boundaries and is a cohesive area. They argued that the communities in this area centre around Eldonian Village post office, Trinity Catholic Primary School, League of Welldoers at the Lee Jones Centre and various green spaces. We further note

that a single-councillor ward cannot be created out of the northern area of Scotland Road ward, as this ward would have an electoral variance of -23%.

61 Following consideration of the evidence received, we have been persuaded to adopt the Green Party's proposal in this area. The Scotland Road ward we proposed at the previous stage will be split, with the southern area forming Everton West ward and the northern area being placed in a two-councillor Vauxhall ward. We consider that this proposal best reflects the community evidence we have received, as well as facilitates good levels of electoral equality.

62 A local resident stated that the area of Liverpool John Moores University east of Byrom Street should be linked with the campuses to the west and south in City Centre North ward. This would not affect any electors and we consider this to be a sensible modification. We are therefore adopting this change, and the boundary between Everton West and City Centre North will now run along the northern and eastern edge of the university campus.

63 Everton West will be represented by one councillor and Vauxhall ward will be represented by two councillors. Both will have good levels of electoral equality, with variances of 5% and -6%, respectively, by 2027.

#### *Kirkdale East and Kirkdale West*

64 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents.

65 Both the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats support our draft recommendations for our proposed Kirkdale and Melrose wards. One resident generally opposed the boundary dividing the two wards, but did not offer alternatives.

66 A local resident argued that Melrose ward should be renamed East Kirkdale, and that Kirkdale should be renamed West Kirkdale accordingly. They argued that the proposed name of Melrose is not used locally, stating that Melrose Road is in fact largely contained within Kirkdale ward. They stated that the name of East Kirkdale and West Kirkdale would be more identifiable for local residents.

67 Following consideration of the evidence, we have been persuaded to modify the names of the wards in this area. As per the resident's suggestion, Kirkdale will be named Kirkdale West, and Melrose will be named Kirkdale East. We consider that this best reflects the communities present within these wards.

68 Subject to these name changes, we confirm our draft recommendations for Kirkdale East and Kirkdale West as final.



### *Orrell Park and Walton*

69 We received nine submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor O'Byrne, Walton Vale Community Shop and five residents.

70 The Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and a resident supported our draft recommendations for Orrell Park.

71 A local resident proposed to group together the wards of Orrell Park and Walton Vale and the wards of Walton Hall and Clubmoor West into two two-councillor wards. This suggestion was not supported by community evidence, and we consider that Orrell Park ward utilises very strong and identifiable boundaries. Additionally, we were not persuaded by an arrangement which would cross Walton Hall Avenue to join Walton Hall and Clubmoor West, due to the strong boundary provided by Walton Hall Avenue. We are therefore not proposing to adopt either of these suggestions and are confirming our proposed Orrell Park ward as final.

72 The Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations for Walton Hall and Walton Vale wards, stating that Rice Lane is an effective boundary between these two communities. One resident also supported this suggestion.

73 The Labour Group, Councillor O'Byrne, Walton Vale Community Shop and three residents argued that Walton Hall and Walton Vale wards should be combined into a two-councillor ward. They argued that Rice Lane is a uniting and not dividing feature, with residents describing community groups that work across these two proposed wards. They further raised local issues, such as the transient population, that would be better managed in a two-councillor ward. Additionally, we noted that, at the southern end of Rice Lane, all the roads to both the east and west access solely onto Rice Lane.

74 Following careful consideration of the evidence, we have been persuaded to join together Walton Hall and Walton Vale wards into a two-councillor Walton ward. We consider that this best reflects both the community in this area and the access of residents.

75 As discussed in paragraph 48, two residents argued that the 'Ship Roads', north of Queens Drive, should be in Walton Hall instead of County ward. However, this would result in County ward having an electoral variance of -16%. While we consider this a sensible suggestion, we have not been persuaded that the evidence provided justifies this level of electoral inequality and are therefore not proposing to make this change.

76 As well as confirming our draft recommendations for Orrell Park ward as final, our final recommendations are for a Walton ward that will be represented by two-

councillors and have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of -2% by 2027.

*Stoneycroft, Tuebrook Breckside Park and Tuebrook Larkhill*

77 We received 22 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Radford, Tuebrook Hope Group Charity and 18 residents.

78 The Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for these three wards. The Liberal Democrats stated that residents in Tuebrook Edinburgh Park ward look towards Anfield and consider themselves as Anfield residents. They stated that Tuebrook Edinburgh Park is therefore an imperfect name but did not propose an alternative.

79 Councillor Radford, Tuebrook Hope Group Charity and 17 residents argued that Tuebrook and Stoneycroft should not be split, and instead proposed to combine these wards into a three-councillor Tuebrook & Stoneycroft ward. The Tuebrook Hope Group Charity and Councillor Radford also stated that Tuebrook Edinburgh Park and Tuebrook Larkhill could be combined into a two-councillor Tuebrook ward.

80 Respondents stated that residents share community facilities, such as the Tuebrook Hope Centre, Marlborough Road Community Centre and Peter Lloyd Sports Centre, with these community assets being based either side of West Derby Road, east of the railway line. However, the majority of submissions received argued that this area should not be split based solely on the fact that residents do not want to lose their local councillor. Unfortunately, this is not an argument we can consider when putting together our recommendations, as we do not consider who will be elected to any ward.

81 Following careful consideration of the evidence, we have not been convinced to group together these three wards into a three-councillor ward, or indeed group together two of the wards into a two-councillor ward. While we note the evidence that highlights the shared facilities around West Derby Road, we consider this road to be an extremely strong and identifiable boundary in this area. We visited this area when putting together the final recommendations and noted that there are few pedestrian crossings across West Derby Road. Additionally, we agreed with the Liberal Democrats that Tuebrook Edinburgh Park ward looks more towards Anfield than towards Stoneycroft, and therefore considered it would not be a good reflection of community identity to create a three-councillor ward containing both areas.

82 Councillor Radford suggested a minor amendment to the boundary between Old Swan West and Stoneycroft wards. As part of the draft recommendations, Derwent Road East and Derwent Road West were included in Stoneycroft ward. However, Councillor Radford argued that these roads should be placed in Old Swan

West, and that these roads better align with the Old Swan community. This change would affect a small number of electors and would therefore not greatly affect the electoral equality of either ward. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change, as we consider that this will better reflect the Old Swan community.

83 Regarding the name of Tuebrook Edinburgh Park ward, Tuebrook Breckside Park was suggested as an alternative name from Councillor Radford, Tuebrook Hope Group and a local resident. The respondents stated that Breckside Park is central to the proposed ward and is an already established community. We have been persuaded to make this change and consider that this name will better reflect the community within this ward.

84 Subject to these minor amendments, we confirm our draft recommendations for Tuebrook Breckside Park, Tuebrook Larkhill and Stoneycroft wards as final.

#### *Waterfront North*

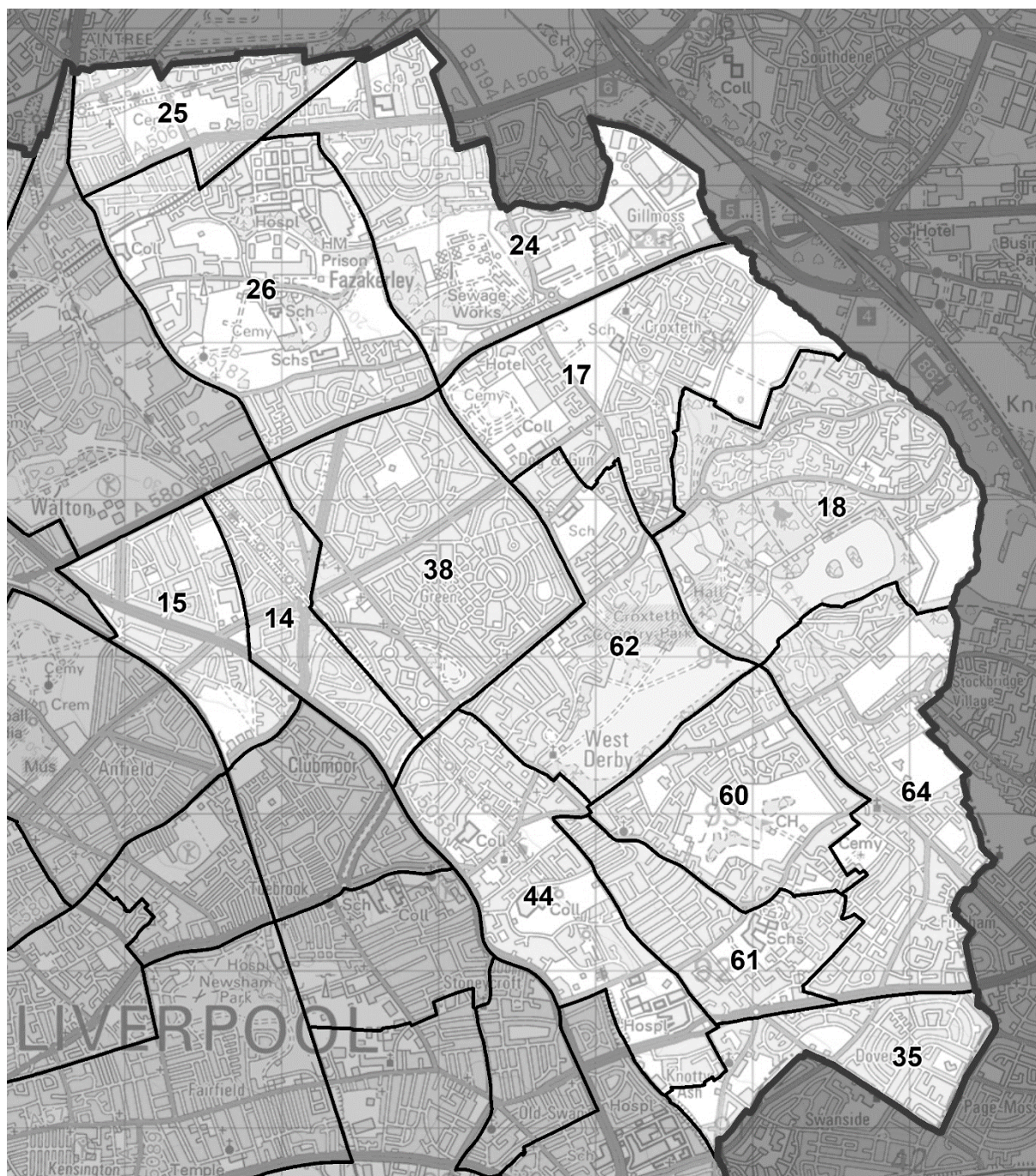
85 We received three submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and a resident.

86 The Labour Group supported our draft recommendations for Waterfront North. The Liberal Democrats supported the boundaries of this ward, but proposed to rename this ward North Docks, to reflect the historic docklands. However, we consider that the name Waterfront North accurately reflects the make-up of this ward and have not been persuaded to make this amendment.

87 A resident stated that the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and Stanley Flight Locks should be placed in Waterfront North ward. They argued that our draft recommendations split Stanley Flight Locks across Waterfront North and Vauxhall wards and that canal access to the waterfront is historically dependant on use of these locks. However, this change would mean moving the electors north of the lock, in the estate centred on Barmouth Way, from Vauxhall ward into Waterfront North ward. As these residents access mainly to the east into Vauxhall ward, with no direct access into Waterfront North ward, we did not consider that this change would allow for an effective reflection of communities in this area. We are consequently not proposing to adopt this change as part of our final recommendations.

88 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Waterfront North as final.

## North East



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
14	Clubmoor East	1	-3%
15	Clubmoor West	1	-7%
17	Croxteth	1	8%
18	Croxteth Country Park	1	5%
24	Fazakerley East	1	-6%
25	Fazakerley North	1	-9%
26	Fazakerley West	1	10%

35	Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park	1	1%
38	Norris Green	3	-4%
44	Sandfield Park	1	5%
60	West Derby Deysbrook	1	1%
61	West Derby Leyfield	1	9%
62	West Derby Muirhead	1	4%
64	Yew Tree	2	-8%

#### *Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West*

89 We received three submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and one resident. The Liberal Democrats and a resident supported our draft recommendations.

90 The Labour Group proposed to combine these two wards into a single Clubmoor ward, represented by two councillors. They stated that the proposed boundary along Richard Kelly Drive cuts through the Daneville Estate and the wider Clubmoor community, and that residents use the facilities on Utting Avenue.

91 Following consideration of the evidence, we have not been persuaded to combine Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West wards. We consider that the boundary along Richard Kelly Drive is clear, and that the estates across these two wards are self-contained, especially in the south-east where Queens Drive provides a strong boundary.

92 We are therefore confirming our draft recommendations for Clubmoor East and Clubmoor West as final.

#### *Croxteth and Croxteth Country Park*

93 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents.

94 The Labour Group supported the draft recommendations for Croxteth Country Park ward but proposed a slight amendment to Croxteth ward. As part of their proposal for a three-councillor Norris Green ward, they proposed to use Lower House Lane and Derryhouse Lane for the entirety of the boundary between Norris Green, West Derby Muirhead and Croxteth wards. This would mean that the area between Storrington Avenue, Stonebridge Lane and Carr Lane East, previously in our proposed Norris Green East ward, would be split between West Derby Muirhead and Croxteth wards. The area to the east of Worrow Road would be placed in Croxteth ward, with the area to the west being located in West Derby Muirhead.

95 As discussed in paragraph 107, we have been persuaded to adopt the Labour Group's proposal for a three-councillor Norris Green ward. We are therefore also

adopting this knock-on change to Croxteth and West Derby Muirhead wards. Consequently, Croxteth ward will now extend past Stonebridge Lane to Worrow Road. We consider that this allows for the use of a strong boundary along Lower House Lane and Dwerryhouse Lane.

96 The Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for both Croxteth and Croxteth Country Park wards, though again proposed that Abbeyfield Drive should be placed in Croxteth ward, rather than Croxteth Country Park ward, stating that this road sits in isolation between the two wards and that moving this road would improve electoral equality. We have not been persuaded to adopt this change, as we note that both wards currently have good levels of electoral equality without this proposed change.

97 One resident supported Croxteth Country Park ward, while another resident suggested that this ward should be renamed to Croxteth Park. However, we consider Croxteth Country Park to be an identifiable landmark in this ward and as such have not been persuaded to make this amendment.

98 Subject to the small amendment to Croxteth ward, as suggested by the Labour Group, we can confirm our draft recommendations for Croxteth and Croxteth Country Park wards as final.

#### *Fazakerley East, Fazakerley North and Fazakerley West*

99 We received 10 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and eight residents. The Labour Group supported our draft recommendations.

100 The Liberal Democrats supported the boundaries for these three wards but proposed an amendment to the ward names. They stated that the proposed name of Aintree would be confusing for residents, due to the proximity of Aintree within the neighbouring district. They stated that residents of this ward would consider themselves part of Fazakerley, and therefore Aintree should be renamed Fazakerley South, with the proposed Fazakerley West ward being renamed Fazakerley North to better reflect the geographic locations of each ward. They further proposed that Fazakerley East should be renamed Fazakerley Hall, as it incorporates Fazakerley Hall Recreation Ground and New Hall model village.

101 Six residents also argued that Aintree would be a confusing ward name. They stated the area covered by Aintree ward is part of Fazakerley, with it bordering Fazakerley station and containing Hartley's Village. Three residents proposed renaming Aintree ward to Fazakerley South, with two other residents proposing swapping around the names for Aintree and Fazakerley West wards.

102 Following consideration of the evidence, we consider that the name Aintree may be unclear for residents and that this area would be better named as part of Fazakerley. We are therefore proposing to rename Aintree ward to Fazakerley West. Our previous Fazakerley West ward will be renamed Fazakerley North, to better reflect the geographic positions of the three Fazakerley wards. We were not convinced by the Liberal Democrats' proposal to rename Fazakerley East to Fazakerley Hall and consider that the name Fazakerley East is clearer for residents.

103 Subject to these name changes, we confirm our draft recommendations for Fazakerley East, Fazakerley North and Fazakerley West as final.

### *Norris Green*

104 We received 15 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Kushner, Kinship Carers Liverpool, Norris Green Community Health Forum, Christ Church Norris Green and nine residents. The Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations for three single-councillor wards in Norris Green.

105 The Labour Group, Councillor Kushner, Kinship Carers Liverpool, Norris Green Community Health Forum, Christ Church Norris Green and eight residents argued that Norris Green should not be split between three wards. The Labour Group argued that Norris Green is a strong and recognisable community, and Councillor Kushner stated that there are lots of local issues that would be best served by the co-ordination of local services within a multi-member ward. Residents also stated that they use facilities across the entire area, including schools, nurseries and youth activities. On our tour of Liverpool, we also noted the lack of facilities away from Utting Avenue East, highlighting that this road is a unifying feature rather than a dividing feature in Norris Green.

106 As part of the Labour Group's proposal, they stated that unifying Norris Green into a three-councillor ward would allow for the eastern boundary to run along Lower House Lane and Dwerryhouse Lane, which would provide for a strong and identifiable boundary.

107 We have been persuaded to group together our proposed wards of Norris Green North, Norris Green West and Norris Green East into a three-councillor Norris Green ward. We consider that this best reflects the community in this area and allows for the use of clear external boundaries.

108 Norris Green ward would be represented by three councillors and would have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of -4% by 2027.

*Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park and Sandfield Park*

109 We received five submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and three residents. The Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for both of these wards.

110 The Labour Group proposed to rename Knotty Ash ward to Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park. They stated that the area south of East Prescott Road contains the two separate communities of Knotty Ash and Dovecot Park, and as such both communities should be represented in the ward name. A local resident also suggested renaming Knotty Ash ward to Dovecot South & Brookside.

111 We have been persuaded to make this change, and Knotty Ash ward will be named Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park to better reflect the communities present within this ward.

112 A resident stated that Clayford Crescent should be moved from Broadgreen ward to either Stoneycroft or Sandfield Park. Placing this area in Sandfield Park ward would result in an electoral variance of 17% for Sandfield Park. We are not proposing to adopt this change, due to this high level of electoral inequality.

113 As discussed in paragraph 119, we are making a small change to the boundary between Sandfield Park ward and West Derby Leyfield ward to allow for the inclusion of the Grange Avenue estate in West Derby Leyfield ward. Barnfield Drive will now be the northern boundary of West Derby Leyfield, instead of Mill Lane, and the area north of Barnfield Drive will be in Sandfield Park ward. This allows for a good level of electoral equality for West Derby Leyfield ward.

114 Subject to the above name change, we can confirm our draft recommendations for Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park and Sandfield Park wards as final.

*West Derby Deysbrook, West Derby Leyfield and West Derby Muirhead*

115 We received 18 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and 16 residents.

116 The Labour Group supported our draft recommendations for these three wards but proposed a minor amendment to West Derby Muirhead ward. As discussed in paragraph 106, as part of their proposal for a three-councillor Norris Green ward, they proposed to use Lower House Lane and Dwerryhouse Lane for the entirety of the boundary between Norris Green, West Derby Muirhead and Croxteth wards. This would mean that the area between Storrington Avenue, Stonebridge Lane and Carr Lane East, previously in our proposed Norris Green East ward, would be split between West Derby Muirhead and Croxteth wards. The area to the west of Worrow Road would be placed in West Derby Muirhead. We have been persuaded to make this change.



117 The Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations for West Derby Deysbrook and West Derby Leyfield. However, they proposed an amendment to West Derby Muirhead to provide a stronger boundary. They suggested moving Carr Lane East and Carr Close into Norris Green East from West Derby Muirhead to create a clearer boundary. However, as discussed above, we have already been persuaded by the Labour Group's submission to place the area between Dwerryhouse Lane and Worrow Road into West Derby Muirhead. We are therefore not making this change to our draft recommendations proposed by the Liberal Democrats.

118 Fifteen residents argued that the Grange Avenue estate, placed in Dovecot South in our draft recommendations, should instead be included in a West Derby ward. Residents argued that they use facilities and amenities in West Derby and that this estate accesses solely into West Derby, with no direct access into Dovecot South ward.

119 We were persuaded by these submissions and consider that placing the Grange Avenue estate in West Derby Leyfield ward would better reflect the community in this area. However, this change would also result in West Derby Leyfield having an electoral variance of 17%. We are therefore making a consequential change to the boundary between West Derby Leyfield and Sandfield Park. Our final recommendations propose that Barnfield Drive will now be the northern boundary of West Derby Leyfield, instead of Mill Lane, and the area north of Barnfield Drive will be in Sandfield Park ward. This allows for a good level of electoral equality for West Derby Leyfield ward.

120 West Derby Muirhead ward will be represented by one-councillor and will provide good electoral equality, with an electoral variance of 4% by 2027. We can also confirm our draft recommendations for West Derby Deysbrook and West Derby Leyfield as final.

### *Yew Tree*

121 We received 26 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Yew Tree Problem Solving Group and 23 residents. The Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations.

122 The Labour Group and Yew Tree Problem Solving Group both proposed to combine Dovecot North and Dovecot South wards into a two-councillor ward. The Labour Group stated that the boundary between the two wards is not clear or identifiable and is an arbitrary split of the community. They also argued that community associations operate over this boundary. The Yew Tree Problem Solving Group further argued that this is a long-standing community with a shared identity that should not be arbitrarily split.

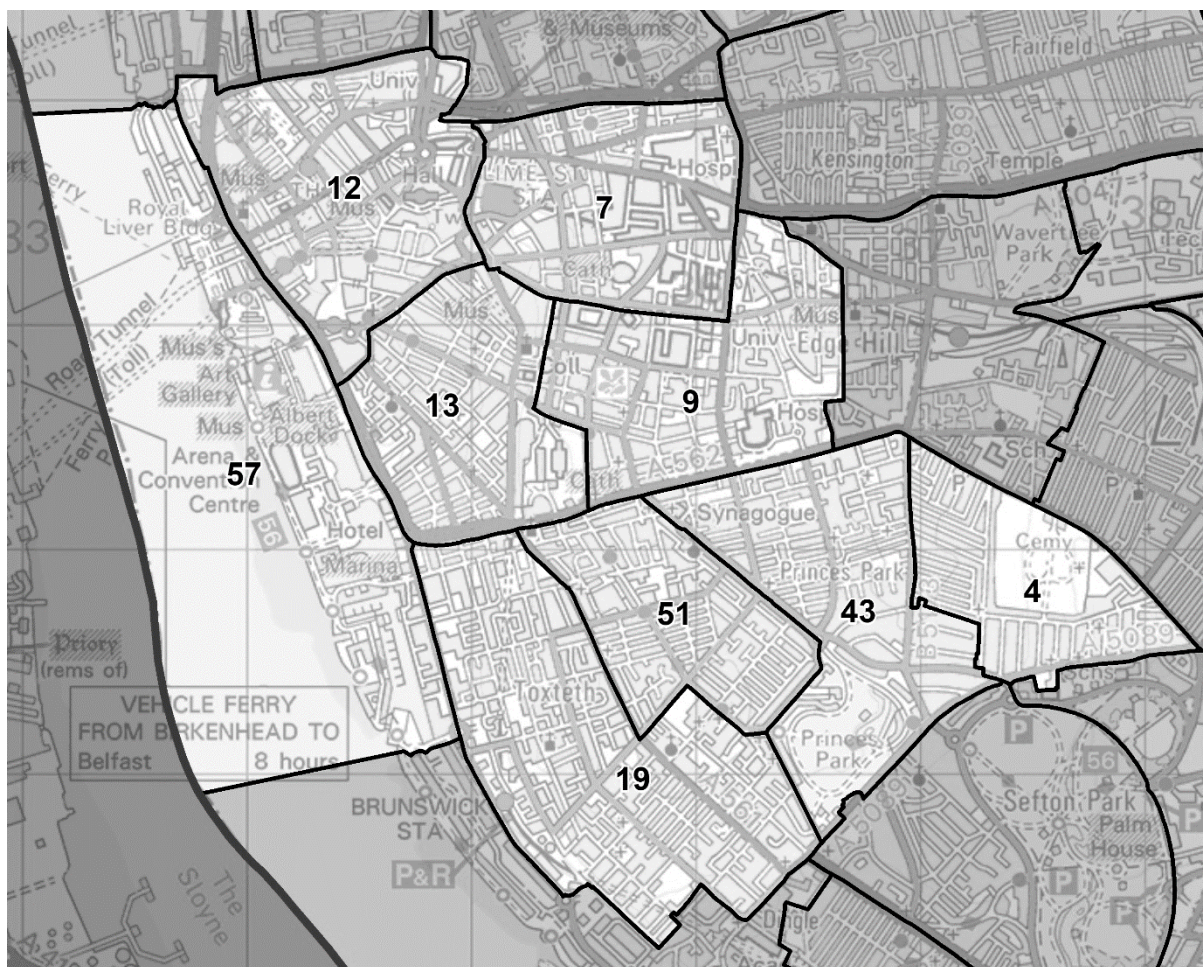
123 The Yew Tree Problem Solving Group suggested the name of Liverpool East for this two-councillor ward. They stated that residents in the northern area of the ward do not consider themselves as part of Dovecot. We also received a submission from a resident stating that people in Dovecot North ward do not associate themselves with Dovecot.

124 Following careful consideration of the evidence, we have been persuaded to combine Dovecot North and Dovecot South into a two-councillor ward. We consider that this best reflects the continuous community in this area and does not utilise an arbitrary boundary. However, we have not been convinced to name this ward Liverpool East. We consider that this proposed name is too generic and could be easily confused by residents. We also do not consider that naming this ward Dovecot would accurately reflect the composition of communities within this ward. We are therefore naming this ward Yew Tree, as proposed by the Liberal Democrats during the first round of consultation. We consider that this name will best reflect the communities present within this ward and is reflected in the names of community assets, such as the Yew Tree Health Centre and Yew Tree Nursery. We are also making a minor modification to place Yew Tree Cemetery into Yew Tree ward to better reflect access.

125 As discussed in the West Derby section, we have been persuaded to move the Grange Avenue estate from Dovecot South ward into West Derby Leyfield, following evidence provided by 15 residents. The boundary of Yew Tree ward will now run behind the properties on Kingsheath Avenue.

126 Yew Tree ward will be represented by two councillors and will provide a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of -8% by 2027.

## Central West



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
4	Arundel	1	5%
7	Brownlow Hill	2	-7%
9	Canning	2	-4%
12	City Centre North	2	-3%
13	City Centre South	3	2%
19	Dingle	2	0%
43	Princes Park	1	7%
51	Toxteth	1	-4%
57	Waterfront South	1	-1%

### Arundel

127 We received five submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Qadir and two residents.

128 The Labour Group supported our draft recommendations.

129 The Liberal Democrats proposed to incorporate Grove Park and Croxteth Grove into Arundel ward from Princes Park ward. They argued that this would create a clear and recognisable boundary for this ward. However, including these roads would result in an electoral variance of 16% for Arundel ward. We do not consider that the evidence provided justifies this level of electoral inequality and we are therefore not adopting this change.

130 Councillor Qadir proposed to combine Princes Park and Arundel wards into a two-councillor ward. They argued that these wards are split along Lodge Lane shopping district, which is a focal point, and that residents share common facilities, such as Unity Youth & Community Centre and Al-Rahma Mosque. Conversely, a resident proposed joining together Arundel and Edge Hill wards.

131 We note that during the first round of consultation we were provided with strong evidence describing Arundel as a recognisable community, covered by the Toxteth Park & Avenues Conservation Area.

132 On balance, we have not been convinced to combine Arundel ward with either Princes Park or Edge Hill. We consider that Arundel ward best reflects this community and provides a good level of electoral equality.

133 A resident stated that Holt House, on the south side of Ullet Road, is cut off from its natural neighbourhood with 'the Avenues' in Arundel ward. We note that this property only accesses onto Ullet Road and has no direct access into its current ward of Greenbank. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change to best reflect this access and community links.

134 Therefore, subject to this minor modification, we can confirm our draft recommendations for Arundel ward as final.

### *Brownlow Hill and Canning*

135 We received 12 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Picton ward councillors, Councillor Qadir, Councillor Small and seven residents.

136 The Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for both of these wards. Two residents supported our proposed Paddington ward and Councillor Small supported our proposed Brownlow Hill ward.

137 As discussed in paragraph 178, the Picton ward councillors argued that the proposed Paddington ward has no connection with Overbury Street and Smithdown Lane triangle. They stated that combining these different areas in a single ward would not work, and instead proposed placing Overbury Street and Smithdown Lane triangle in Edge Hill ward, using Grove Street as the eastern boundary of Paddington

ward. While we are sympathetic to the community evidence provided in this area, we unfortunately cannot make this change as it would result in electoral variances of -30% and -28% for Paddington and Edge Hill, respectively. We do not consider that the evidence justifies such a high level of electoral inequality and are therefore unable to adopt this proposal.

138 Two residents proposed alternative names for Paddington ward, arguing that the name Paddington reflects only a small area of this ward. They proposed the names of Abercromby and Canning, stating that both names are historic and well-known in the local area. We note that during the first round of consultation the Liberal Democrats also suggested both names for their proposed wards in this area. Following consideration of both options, we have been persuaded to rename Paddington ward to Canning ward. We consider that Canning is more representative of this ward, with Canning Street covering a larger portion of this ward than Abercromby Square.

139 Another resident proposed changing the name of Brownlow Hill to Royal Hospital or The Bully, arguing that The Bully would be familiar to residents in this area. However, we have not been persuaded to make these changes. We note that the name Brownlow Hill was universally proposed during the first round of consultation and that Brownlow Hill itself is a central feature of this ward.

140 Subject to the name change outlined above, we confirm our draft recommendations for Brownlow Hill and Canning wards as final.

### *City Centre North*

141 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Small and one resident.

142 The Labour Group and Councillor Small supported our draft recommendations.

143 The Liberal Democrats argued that City Centre North ward does not contain a single recognisable community. They instead argued that this ward should be split into two single-councillor wards. They stated that the southern area is based around the city centre and 'loft living', whereas the northern area of this ward is on the periphery of the city centre and is a mix of new builds and older communities of social housing. They proposed using Dale Street or Tithebarn Street as the dividing boundary between these two areas, with the northern ward being named Moorfield, and the southern ward named with Central or Whitechapel.

144 We looked at both options; however, neither provided for a good level of electoral equality. Using Dale Street as the boundary would result in electoral variances of 49% and -55% for Moorfield and Central wards, respectively. Using Tithebarn Street would result in electoral variances of 23% and -28% for Moorfield

and Central wards, respectively. We have therefore not been persuaded to split this ward into two single-councillor wards as we do not consider that the evidence justifies this high level of electoral inequality.

145 A local resident stated that the area of Liverpool John Moores University east of Byrom Street should be linked with the campuses to the west and south in City Centre North ward. This would not affect any electors and we consider this to be a sensible modification. We are therefore adopting this change, and the boundary between Everton West and City Centre North will now run along the northern and eastern edge of the university campus.

146 Subject to this minor modification, we confirm our draft recommendations for City Centre North ward as final.

### *City Centre South*

147 We received six submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Kim Johnson MP, Councillor Munby, Councillor Small and one resident.

148 The Liberal Democrats argued that City Centre South ward does not form a recognisable community and proposed to split this ward into two-single member wards along Park Lane and St James Street, with the southern ward named Baltic and the northern ward named St James. However, Baltic ward would have an electoral variance of 12%, and St James ward would have an electoral variance of -15%. We have not been convinced that the evidence provided justifies this level of electoral inequality.

149 The Labour Group, Kim Johnson MP, Councillor Munby and Councillor Small argued that City Centre South and Ropewalks wards should be combined into a three-councillor ward. They argued that residents in the proposed Ropewalks ward access facilities in City Centre South, and that they are part of a single community. Councillor Munby stated that Duke Street is the centre of the community, not the dividing line, and that using this street as the boundary would split Chinatown, which stretches from Seel Street to Nelson Street. The councillor further argued that the specific issues facing this area, such as the night-time economy, would be better handled in a multi-member ward. Additionally, Councillor Small stated that residents in Ropewalks ward access schools in City Centre South ward.

150 Following careful consideration of the evidence received, we have been persuaded to combine City Centre South and Ropewalks wards into a three-councillor ward. We have been persuaded by the arguments relating to community links and the night-time economy, and consider that this arrangement provides for the best reflection of our statutory criteria.

151 Regarding the name of this ward, the Liberal Democrats argued that St James would be a better name than City Centre South, as this ward includes St James Mount and Gardens, St James Street and the former St James station. They also stated that the name Baltic would be appropriate, as it reflects the Baltic Triangle. Baltic was also suggested by a local resident. However, following consideration of these options, we have decided that City Centre South should be the name of this ward. We consider that this name accurately reflects this ward and does not refer to only a small area within the ward, such as the Baltic Triangle.

152 City Centre South ward will be represented by three councillors and will have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of 2% by 2027.

### *Dingle*

153 We received nine submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Kim Johnson MP, Councillor Munby and six residents.

154 The Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for two single-councillor wards; however, they stated that South Hill Road, Ruby Street, Emerald Street, Bosnia Street and Dingle Lane should be in Dingle South ward rather than Festival Gardens ward as they are part of the Dingle community. As part of our draft recommendations, these streets were included in Festival Gardens ward as placing them in Dingle South ward would result in an electoral variance of -16% for Festival Gardens ward. We are not proposing this change as we do not consider the evidence justifies this higher level of electoral inequality.

155 The Labour Group, Kim Johnson MP, Councillor Munby and four residents argued that Dingle North and Dingle South ward should be combined into a two-councillor ward. They argued that Dingle is a very strong and distinctive community, where residents share schools, GPs and shops. They further stated that Grafton Street and Mill Street act as spines for this ward, with community groups active across both of our proposed wards.

156 A local resident suggested that Dingle North and Toxteth wards should be combined into a two-councillor ward, and that Dingle South and Princes Park wards should also be joined together. However, as discussed above, we received very strong evidence for combining the two Dingle wards into a two-councillor ward.

157 Following careful consideration of the evidence, we have been persuaded to combine Dingle North and Dingle South wards into a two-councillor Dingle ward. We consider that this ward will unite the Dingle community in a single ward and utilise strong boundaries.

158 Dingle ward will be represented by two councillors and will have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of 0% by 2027.

### *Princes Park and Toxteth*

159 We received 10 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Qadir and seven residents.

160 The Labour Group and one resident supported our draft recommendations.

161 The Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for Toxteth ward but stated that the eastern boundary of Princes Park should be the entirety of Lodge Lane, moving Grove Park and Croxteth Grove into Arundel ward. However, moving these roads would result in an electoral variance of 16% for Arundel ward. We do not consider that the evidence justifies this level of electoral inequality and we are therefore not adopting this change.

162 Councillor Qadir proposed to combine Princes Park and Arundel wards into a two-councillor ward. They argued that these wards are split along Lodge Lane shopping district, which is a focal point, and that residents share common facilities, such as Unity Youth & Community Centre and Al-Rahma Mosque. However, as discussed in paragraph 132, we have not been convinced to make this change as we consider Arundel ward better reflects the community identity in this area.

163 Three residents proposed renaming these wards, stating that Toxteth has negative connotations for the local area. One resident proposed renaming Toxteth ward to Admiral, after Admiral Street, and renaming Princes Park ward to Granby, as this is a name used locally. Another resident proposed renaming Toxteth ward to Princes Park South and renaming Princes Park to Princes Park North.

164 We considered these options but have not been persuaded to change the name of Toxteth ward. We note that there are many community assets within Toxteth ward that are also named Toxteth, such as Toxteth Library, Toxteth Community Fire Station and Toxteth Town Hall. We therefore consider that the name of Toxteth ward accurately reflects the community contained within its boundaries.

165 We consequently confirm our draft recommendations for Princes Park and Toxteth wards as final.

### *Waterfront South*

166 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Small and one resident.

167 The Labour Group and Councillor Small supported the draft recommendations for this ward.

168 The Liberal Democrats supported the boundaries for this ward, but again stated that they consider the forecast electorate in this area to be optimistic. They further

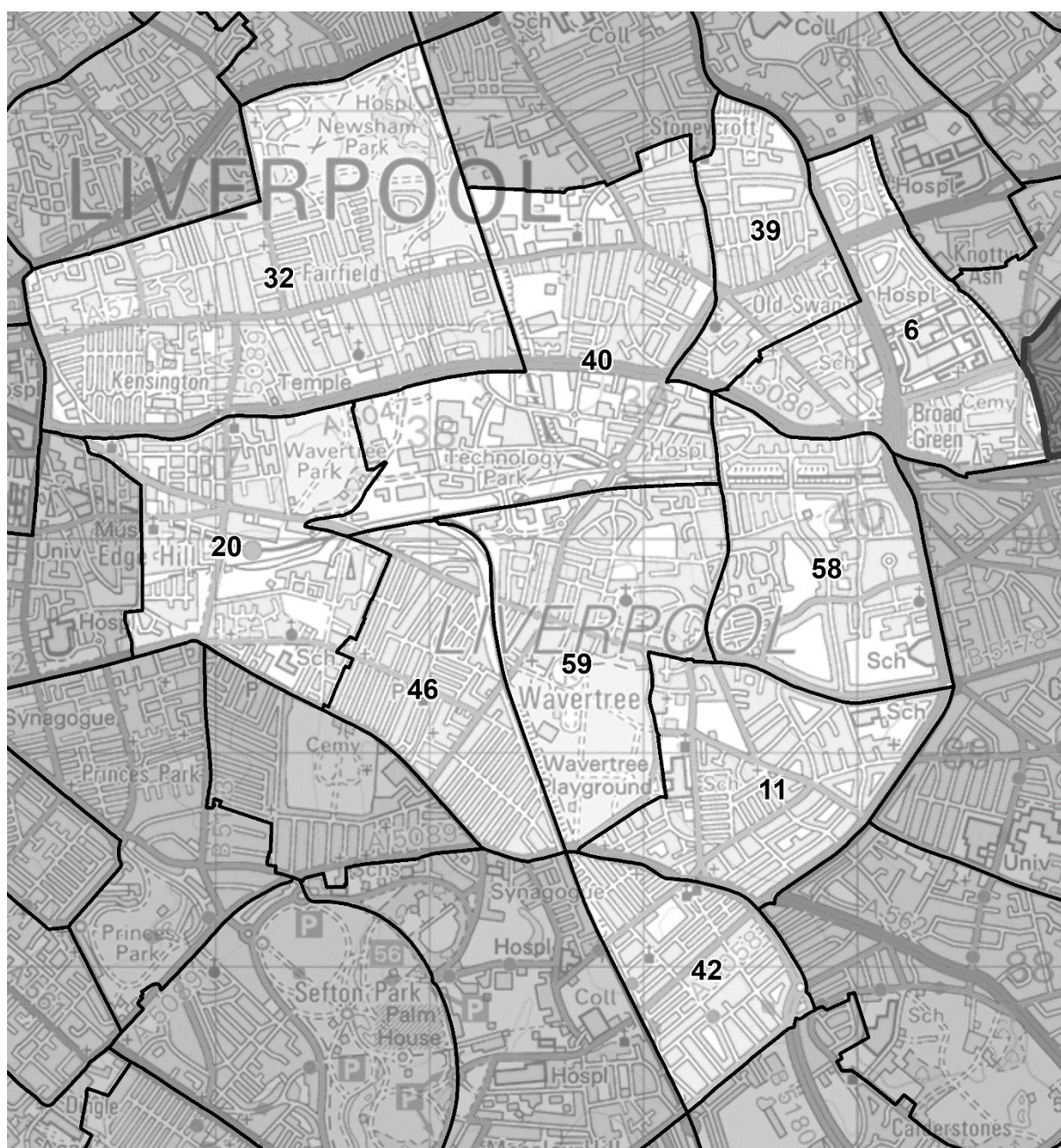


proposed that this ward should be renamed South Docks to reflect the historic docklands. However, we consider that the name Waterfront South accurately reflects the composition of this ward and have not been persuaded to make this amendment.

169 A resident proposed to split Waterfront South ward between two wards. They stated that the northern area of Waterfront South should be linked with Vauxhall and Waterfront North wards, and that the southern area should be joined with Aigburth and Festival Gardens. However, both suggested wards would have high levels of electoral inequality, with variance of 20% and 22% respectively. We are therefore not adopting this change.

170 We confirm the draft recommendations for Waterfront South as final.

## Central East



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
6	Broadgreen	1	-9%
11	Church	1	3%
20	Edge Hill	1	-6%
32	Kensington & Fairfield	3	8%
39	Old Swan East	1	-7%
40	Old Swan West	1	6%
42	Penny Lane	1	3%
46	Smithdown	2	4%

58	Wavertree Garden Suburb	1	-9%
59	Wavertree Village	1	3%

### *Broadgreen*

171 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents.

172 Both the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported our draft recommendations.

173 One resident stated that Clayford Crescent should be moved from Broadgreen ward to either Stoneycroft or Sandfield Park ward. Removing this area would result in an electoral variance of -21% for Broadgreen ward. We are not proposing to adopt this change, due to this high level of electoral inequality.

174 One resident proposed an alternative boundary between Broadgreen and Childwall wards, in order to improve electoral equality. They proposed to move the boundary to include Bowring Park Road and Orchard Avenue to Broadgreen, as these roads are considered part of Broadgreen, despite the obstruction caused by the M62. However, we consider the M62 to be an extremely strong and identifiable boundary in this area and received strong evidence during the first round of consultation that the area south of the M62 should be placed in Childwall ward. We also note that both Broadgreen and Childwall wards have good levels of electoral equality. We have consequently not been convinced to make this change.

175 We therefore confirm the draft recommendations for Broadgreen ward as final.

### *Edge Hill and Smithdown*

176 We received eight submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Picton ward councillors, Crossfield Tenants' & Residents' Community Association, Councillor Qadir and three residents.

177 The Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for both wards.

178 The Picton ward councillors, Councillor Qadir and Crossfield Tenants' & Residents' Community Association opposed Edge Hill ward. The Picton ward councillors argued that the proposed Paddington ward has no connection with Overbury Street and Smithdown Lane triangle, and that these areas are closely linked to the Edge Hill and Chatsworth area. They instead proposed placing Overbury Street and Smithdown Lane triangle in Edge Hill ward, using Grove Street as the boundary between Edge Hill and Paddington ward. All three of these

respondents stated that the proposed Edge Hill ward would split the community in this area.

179 We carefully considered the proposal put forward by the Picton ward councillors. However, while we are sympathetic to the community evidence provided in this area, we have not made these amendments as they would result in high electoral variances of -30% and -28% for Paddington and Edge Hill, respectively. We do not consider that the evidence justifies such a high level of electoral inequality.

180 We received submissions from three residents regarding the name of Smithdown ward, stating that this name has negative connotations for the local area. They proposed this ward be named Greenbank or Greenbank Dales. However, the ward to the south of Smithdown Road is named Greenbank Park, and we consider that renaming this ward Greenbank Dales would cause confusion for local residents. Additionally, we consider that Smithdown Road is a notable road in this area and is a recognisable name.

181 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Edge Hill and Smithdown wards as final.

#### *Kensington & Fairfield*

182 We received six submissions from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Small and three residents.

183 The Labour Group and Councillor Small supported the draft recommendations. Councillor Small and one resident supported placing Kensington Fields into this ward, stating that this area has a stronger connection to Kensington than the city centre. Conversely, another resident stated that this area is better suited to a city centre ward; however, we consider that Kensington Fields is best placed in Kensington & Fairfield ward and that this best reflects the community within this area.

184 The Liberal Democrats argued against a three-councillor ward for Kensington & Fairfield. They stated that Fairfield is a distinct community and should therefore be a single-councillor ward, with a two-councillor Kensington ward. We did consider this when putting together the draft recommendations but were not of the view that the boundaries proposed by the Council for Fairfield ward were strong or identifiable. Additionally, the boundaries did not allow for internal access within either Fairfield or Kensington wards.

185 A local resident also stated that Kensington & Fairfield ward should be split into Kensington, Fairfield and Newsham Park wards, but did not define these areas or suggest boundaries. The Liberal Democrats did not propose any alternative boundaries for their proposed split, and we do not consider there is a clear boundary

in this area to split Kensington & Fairfield. We are consequently not adopting either suggestion to split Kensington & Fairfield and consider that this ward provides for a sensible grouping of communities, with strong boundaries and electoral equality.

186 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Kensington & Fairfield ward as final.

#### *Old Swan East and Old Swan West*

187 We received five submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Radford and two residents. Both the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for these wards.

188 Councillor Radford suggested a minor amendment to the boundary between Old Swan West and Stoneycroft wards. As part of the draft recommendations, Derwent Road East and Derwent Road West were included in Stoneycroft ward. However, Councillor Radford argued that these roads should be placed in Old Swan West, and that these roads better align with the Old Swan community. This change would affect a small number of electors and would therefore not greatly affect the electoral equality of either ward. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change, as we consider that the amendment will better reflect the Old Swan community.

189 A resident stated that Old Swan West should be included in a ward with Kensington and that Old Swan East should be renamed Old Swan, with the community of Old Swan being represented in a single ward. We are unable to make this change. In order to provide good electoral equality with these additional electors, Kensington & Fairfield ward would need to be represented by four councillors. We take the view that a ward returning more than three councillors could potentially dilute the accountability of members to the local electorate. In this case, we were not persuaded enough compelling evidence had been received for us to move away from that position.

190 Another resident stated that Old Swan West and Old Swan East wards should be combined into a two-councillor ward. However, they did not provide any community evidence to substantiate this proposal and as such we have not been convinced to adopt this change.

191 Following the minor amendment around Derwent Road West and Derwent Road East, we can confirm our draft recommendations for Old Swan East and Old Swan West as final.

#### *Penny Lane and Church*

192 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Kemp and a resident.

193 The Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and Councillor Kemp strongly supported Penny Lane ward, and the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats also supported the draft recommendations for Church ward.

194 A resident proposed joining together Penny Lane and Greenbank wards and linking together Church and Menlove wards to form two two-councillor wards. They offered no community evidence for these proposals. Given the strong support we have received for both Penny Lane and Church as single-councillor wards, we have not been persuaded to make this change.

195 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Penny Lane and Church as final.

#### *Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village*

196 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Coleman and one resident.

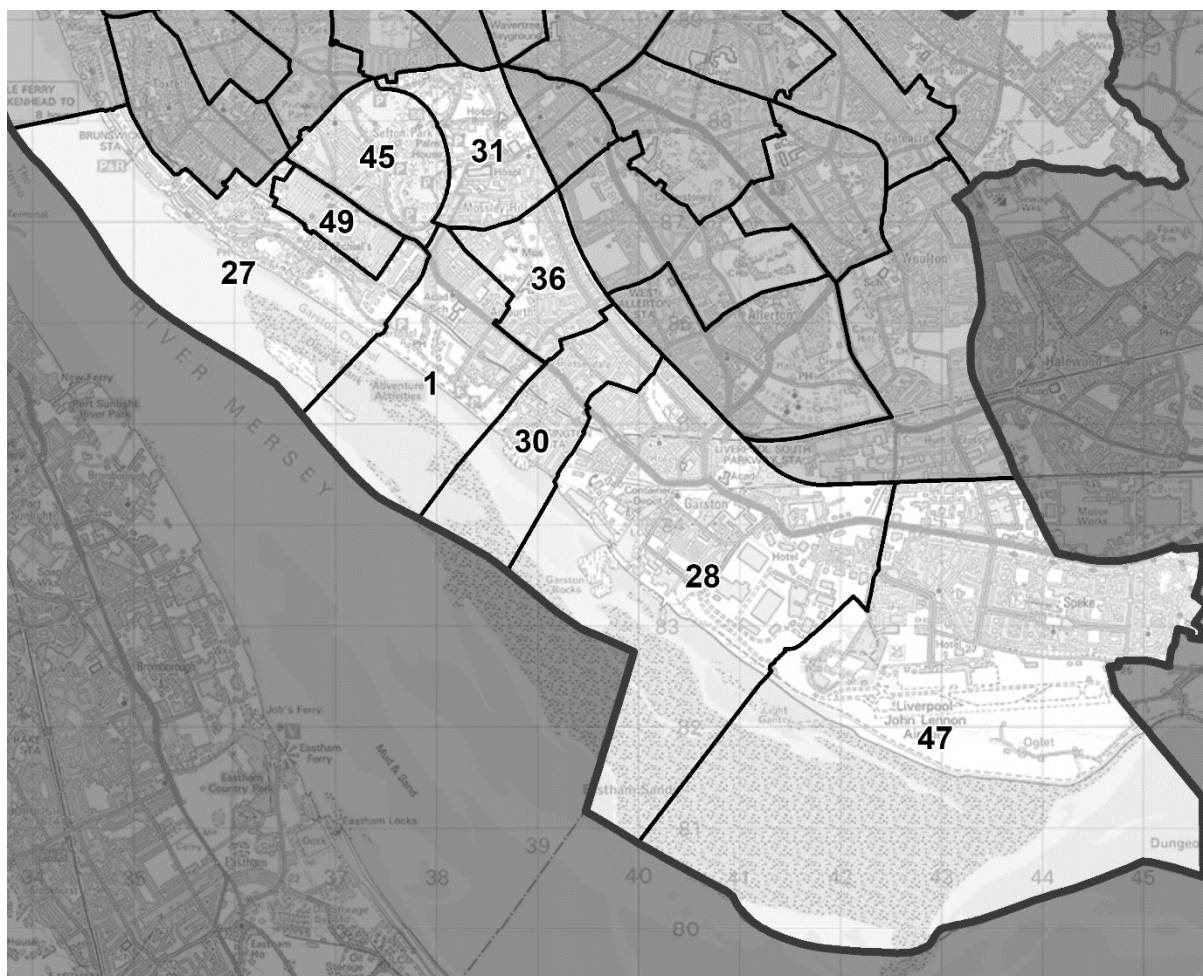
197 The Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for both wards and stated that Wavertree Village is a distinct community with different issues from neighbouring Wavertree Garden Suburb and Church wards.

198 The Labour Group and Councillor Coleman stated that Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village should be combined into a two-councillor ward. They stated that Wavertree High Street serves communities in both wards, and that these areas share schools.

199 Following consideration of the evidence, we have not been persuaded to join Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village wards. We note the evidence from the Liberal Democrats who define these two wards as separate communities and consider that these communities would be best represented in two single-councillor wards.

200 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Wavertree Garden Suburb and Wavertree Village as final.

## South West



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
1	Aigburth	1	-10%
27	Festival Gardens	1	-5%
28	Garston	2	3%
30	Grassendale & Cressington	1	10%
31	Greenbank Park	1	-7%
36	Mossley Hill	1	-2%
45	Sefton Park	1	4%
47	Speke	2	6%
49	St Michaels	1	1%

### *Aigburth*

201 We received six submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and four residents. The Labour Group and one resident supported the draft recommendations.

202 The Liberal Democrats stated that while they do support the draft recommendations for Aigburth ward, they had heard from the Sudley Area Residents' Association and would support merging Aigburth and Mossley Hill wards. They argued that this would address the issue of part of the Aigburth community being included in Mossley Hill ward, defining this part of the Aigburth community as the area between North Sudley Road and Aigburth Road and between Elmswood Road and Rosemont Road.

203 Two residents argued that Aigburth Road generates local issues for residents, such as speeding and road noise. They argued that these issues affect residents on both sides of this road and therefore Aigburth Road should not be used as a boundary in this area. They instead proposed that the boundary should be North Sudley Road and Barkhill Road. The residents argued that due to the natural boundaries of Sudley Fields, Holt Field and Mossley Hill Athletic Club, residents in Mossley Hill will use different facilities to those around North Sudley Road.

204 Following this evidence from the Liberal Democrats and residents, we consider that running the boundary along Aigburth Road does not best reflect communities in this area. We are therefore amending our draft recommendations so that the boundary runs along North Sudley Road and Barkhill Road, reflecting the evidence we have heard from residents about their local community. We have not been convinced to join Aigburth and Mossley Hill wards as we have heard that residents in Aigburth ward access different facilities to those in Mossley Hill ward and have different local issues.

205 Due to the changes being made to the neighbouring ward of Grassendale & Cressington (paragraphs 213–220), we are also amending our proposed south-eastern boundary of Aigburth ward. As part of our draft recommendations, the boundary ran along Grassendale Road. To unite the area between Beechwood Road and Salisbury Road in Grassendale & Cressington ward, the boundary will now run along Beechwood Road. Liverpool Cricket Club will remain in Aigburth ward, and we further received a submission from a local resident who defined Liverpool Cricket Club as a natural boundary for Aigburth ward.

206 Aigburth ward will be represented by one councillor and will have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of -10% by 2027.

#### *Festival Gardens and St Michaels*

207 We received six submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and four residents.

208 The Labour Group proposed an amendment to the boundary between Festival Gardens and St Michaels. They stated that Dingle Vale should be included in Festival Gardens ward, as this area does not have direct vehicular access into St



Michaels ward and is further separated by Dingle Recreation Ground. They also argued that this area has community links with the area south of Dingle Mount and Dingle Road, such as accessing the same schools and children's centres. We have been persuaded to adopt this change, as we consider it better reflects community links and access in this area.

209 The Liberal Democrats generally supported Festival Gardens ward but stated that South Hill Road, Ruby Street, Emerald Street, Bosnia Street and Dingle Lane should be in Dingle South ward rather than Festival Gardens ward as they are part of the Dingle community. As part of our draft recommendations, these streets were included in Festival Gardens ward: placing them in Dingle South ward would result in an electoral variance of -16% for Festival Gardens ward. We have therefore not made this amendment to our draft recommendations as we do not consider the evidence justifies this higher level of electoral inequality.

210 One resident generally opposed Festival Gardens ward, while another resident opposed the name Festival Gardens. Separately, a resident suggested the name of Riverside for this ward, as this ward is connected along Riverside Drive; however, they stated that they also supported the name of Festival Gardens.

211 Following consideration of this evidence, we have not been persuaded to change the name of Festival Gardens ward. We consider that this name best reflects the composition of this ward.

212 Following the minor amendment to the boundary between these two wards, we confirm our draft recommendations for Festival Gardens and St Michaels wards as final.

#### *Garston and Grassendale & Cressington*

213 We received 11 submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Gorst and eight residents. The Labour Group and one resident supported the draft recommendations for three single-councillor Garston North, Garston South & Cressington and Grassendale wards.

214 Councillor Gorst put forward an alternative proposal for this area. They proposed to combine Garston North and Garston South & Cressington wards to create a two-councillor Garston ward. As part of this proposal, the western boundary of Garston ward south of Garston Way would be Church Road and Dale Street, thereby splitting Cressington from Garston. Grassendale ward would be extended to the River Mersey to include the entire area of Cressington and Grassendale Park. While this proposed two-councillor Garston ward would have an electoral variance of -12%, a single-councillor Grassendale & Cressington ward would have an electoral variance of 54%.

215 Councillor Gorst and four residents stated that Cressington should be linked with Grassendale, arguing that Cressington has different local issues to Garston and is physically separated. They stated that Cressington is more closely linked with Grassendale and that the Garston community should be represented in a single ward.

216 Separately, the Liberal Democrats proposed that the western boundary of Garston North ward should be Garston Old Road. They argued that this is a more recognisable and logical boundary.

217 Following consideration of the evidence, we have been convinced that Grassendale and Cressington are closely linked and as such should be represented together in a single ward. In order to achieve this, we are combining Garston into a two-councillor ward, utilising the Liberal Democrats' proposed boundary of Garston Old Road as the western boundary. Under this proposal, the estate centred on Lowestoft Drive would remain in Garston ward. We consider that this arrangement best reflects the interconnected nature of the Garston community in this area.

218 The area between Salisbury Road and Beechwood Road, split in our draft recommendations, would be linked in its entirety to Grassendale across Aigburth Road. This ward would be named Grassendale & Cressington. We consider that this arrangement better reflects the community links across Aigburth Road, and further allows for a strong boundary between this ward and Aigburth. To achieve electoral equality, we are further adopting and extending the boundary proposed by the Council during the first round of consultation between their proposed Grassendale and Mossley Hill wards. The boundary between Grassendale & Cressington and Mossley Hill will run behind the properties on The Serpentine, and along Aigburth Hall Road and Glenhead Road before crossing Brodie Avenue and running behind the properties on Lanville Road to meet the railway line.

219 We consider that this reorientation of the wards in this area best reflects the community evidence we have received regarding the links across Garston Way and Aigburth Road.

220 Garston ward will be represented by two councillors and Grassendale & Cressington ward will be represented by one councillor. Both wards will have a good level of electoral equality, with electoral variances of 3% and 10% by 2027, respectively.

### *Greenbank Park*

221 We received seven submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats, Councillor Robertson-Collins and four residents.

222 The Labour Group supported the draft recommendations but proposed to rename Greenbank ward to Greenbank Park. They stated that the most prominent local amenity within this ward is Greenbank Park, and that this is the focal point of the ward. They also stated that this name would be better understood by residents. Councillor Robertson-Collins also made this suggestion. We have been persuaded to make this change and consider that this name will be more identifiable for residents.

223 The Liberal Democrats again stated that Greenbank Drive should be the boundary between Greenbank and Sefton Park wards. They stated that this would allow Sefton Park Community Centre and Sefton Park Cricket Club to be placed in Sefton Park ward. However, this alteration would also include a large number of electors between Ullet Road and Greenbank Drive in Sefton Park ward. This would result in an electoral variance of -18% for Greenbank ward. We do not consider that the evidence justifies this level of electoral inequality and as such have not been persuaded to make this change.

224 Two residents argued that part of the Mossley Hill community is located in Greenbank ward. They stated that Queens Drive should instead be the boundary between these two wards. However, using this proposed boundary would result in electoral variances of -29% and -51% for Mossley Hill and Greenbank wards, respectively. We do not consider that the evidence justifies this level of electoral inequality and as such have not been persuaded to make this change.

225 A resident stated that Holt House, on the south side of Ullet Road, is cut off from its natural neighbourhood with 'the Avenues' in Arundel ward. We note that this property only accesses onto Ullet Road and has no direct access into its current ward of Greenbank. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change to best reflect this access and community links.

226 Subject to this minor amendment, we confirm our draft recommendations for Greenbank Park ward as final.

### *Mossley Hill*

227 We received six submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and four residents. The Labour Group supported the draft recommendations.

228 The Liberal Democrats stated that while they do support the draft recommendations for Mossley Hill ward, they had heard from the Sudley Area Residents' Association and would support merging Aigburth and Mossley Hill wards. They argued that this would address the issue of part of the Aigburth community being included in Mossley Hill ward. Two residents argued Aigburth Road should not be used as a boundary in this area. They instead proposed that the boundary should

be North Sudley Road and Barkhill Road. They argued that due to the natural boundaries of Sudley Fields, Holt Field and Mossley Hill Athletic Club, residents in Mossley Hill will use different facilities to those around North Sudley Road.

229 As discussed in paragraph 204, we have been persuaded to alter the boundary between Mossley Hill and Aigburth wards to North Sudley Road to better reflect community ties across Aigburth Road.

230 Two residents argued that part of the Mossley Hill community is located in Greenbank ward. They stated that Queens Drive should instead be the boundary between these two wards. However, using this proposed boundary would result in electoral variances of -29% and -51% for Mossley Hill and Greenbank wards, respectively. We do not consider that the evidence justifies this level of electoral inequality and as such have not been persuaded to make this change.

231 As discussed in paragraph 217, we have been persuaded to make changes to Grassendale & Cressington ward. In order to facilitate good levels of electoral equality, we are proposing a slight modification to the boundary between Mossley Hill and Grassendale & Cressington. The boundary between Grassendale & Cressington and Mossley Hill will run behind the properties on The Serpentine, and along Aigburth Hall Road and Glenhead Road before crossing Brodie Avenue and running behind the properties on Lanville Road to meet the railway line.

232 Mossley Hill ward will be represented by one councillor and will have a good level of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of -2% by 2027.

### *Sefton Park*

233 We received two submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats. Both supported our draft recommendations for Sefton Park.

234 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Sefton Park as final.

### *Speke*

235 We received five submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and three residents.

236 The Labour Group and three residents supported the draft recommendations for Speke ward.

237 The Liberal Democrats instead argued that Speke ward should be split into two single-councillor wards. They stated that housing type varies across the ward, calling it a 'significant divide'. They proposed to split Speke between Conleach Road and Ganworth Road. The western ward, named Speke West, would have an electoral variance of 22%, whereas Speke East would have an electoral variance of -9%.

238 We note that running the boundary along these two roads would divide a number of community assets, such as Lifestyles Austin Rawlinson, Parklands Library and Parklands Playing Fields. We also do not consider that it would be appropriate to split the Speke community, as we have heard strong evidence in both stages of consultation about this community. Additionally, this proposal would not provide a good level of electoral equality. We have consequently not been persuaded to make this change.

239 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Speke as final.

## South East



Ward number	Ward	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
2	Allerton	1	-4%
5	Belle Vale	2	10%
8	Calderstones	1	-3%
10	Childwall	2	9%
29	Gateacre	1	8%
37	Much Woolton & Hunts Cross	2	3%
48	Springwood	1	0%
63	Woolton Village	1	-6%

### *Allerton and Calderstones*

240 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents. The Labour Group supported the draft recommendations.

241 The Liberal Democrats generally supported Calderstones ward but stated that they would not oppose merging this ward with Menlove ward to form a two-councillor Calderstones ward. However, they offered little community evidence and as such we have not been persuaded to create a two-councillor ward in this area.

242 A resident proposed that Calderstones Park should be placed in Menlove ward, and that Menlove ward should be renamed Calderstones ward accordingly. They argued that residents define Calderstones as stretching from the park to Woolton Road, which was incorporated in our proposed Menlove ward. They further proposed that the Calderstones ward we proposed as part of our draft recommendations should be renamed Allerton, and Allerton Road should be used as the boundary between Allerton and Calderstones wards. They stated that west of Allerton Road is locally considered as Allerton and this would be a clear boundary for local residents.

243 We carefully considered this proposal and have been persuaded to adopt this suggestion. We note that the majority of access into Calderstones Park is located on the north-eastern side, and that this reflects the proposed reorientation of these wards. Additionally, we consider that the name Allerton best reflects the area to the west of Allerton Road, with evidence provided to us during the first round of consultation describing the many community assets in this area, such as West Allerton station and Allerton United Reformed Church. We are adopting the boundary proposed in the first round of consultation by the Liberal Democrats, with the boundary between Calderstones and Allerton ward running along Yewtree Road, Allerton Road and between Garth Drive and Calderstones School, with Calderstones School being included in Calderstones ward.

244 We consider that these changes better reflect the communities in this area and that the names of these wards are recognisable for local residents.

245 Allerton and Calderstones wards will be represented by one councillor each and both will have a good level of electoral equality, with electoral variances of -4% and -3% by 2027, respectively.

### *Belle Vale*

246 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents.

247 The Labour Group and one resident supported the draft recommendations for Belle Vale.

248 The Liberal Democrats argued that Belle Vale and Netherley are two distinct communities and therefore Belle Vale ward should be split into two single-councillor wards to reflect these different communities. We considered this suggestion during the first round of consultation and while we acknowledge the evidence provided about Netherley, we are unable to create a single-councillor ward for Netherley that provides a good level of electoral equality and clear boundaries. A single-councillor Netherley ward would have an electoral variance of 11%. We have therefore not been convinced to split Belle Vale ward.

249 The Liberal Democrats further argued that the entirety of the Liverpool Loop Line should be used as the western boundary for Belle Vale ward. While we agree this would provide a strong boundary, using this as the boundary would result in an electoral variance of 15% for Belle Vale. The Liberal Democrats also proposed moving just Herdman Close, Oakwood Close and Besford Road into Belle Vale ward; however, this would result in an electoral variance of 12% for Belle Vale.

250 We consider that our draft recommendation for a two-councillor Belle Vale ward offers the best balance of our statutory criteria and do not consider that the evidence justifies either splitting Belle Vale or extending this ward to the Liverpool Loop Line to create wards with higher levels of electoral inequality.

251 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Belle Vale ward as final.

### *Childwall*

252 We received five submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and three residents.

253 The Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and a resident supported the draft recommendations.

254 Despite their support, however, the Liberal Democrats were more generally concerned that this ward would be too big. They proposed removing a councillor from the city centre and using that councillor to make a new ward incorporating some of Belle Vale and Childwall wards. However, Belle Vale and Childwall wards both provide good levels of electoral equality, with an electoral variance of 10% each, and we consider that they use well-defined boundaries and reflect the local communities in each area. We have therefore not adopted this proposal.

255 The Liberal Democrats further proposed a minor amendment to the boundary between Childwall ward and Gateacre ward. They stated that the proposed boundary between Gateacre and Childwall wards was unclear and that Gateacre ward should



be extended to Childwall Valley Road to create a clearer, more distinct boundary between these communities. We consider this amendment to be sensible, with the modification providing a clearer boundary between Childwall and Gateacre wards. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change.

256 One resident proposed an alternative boundary between Broadgreen and Childwall wards, in order to improve electoral equality. They proposed to move the boundary to include Bowring Park Road and Orchard Avenue to Broadgreen, as these roads are considered part of Broadgreen, despite the obstruction caused by the M62. However, we consider the M62 to be an extremely strong and identifiable boundary in this area and received strong evidence during the first round of consultation that the area south of the M62 should be placed in Childwall ward. We also note that both Broadgreen and Childwall wards have good levels of electoral equality. We have therefore not been convinced to make this change.

257 Subject to the amendment to the boundary between Childwall and Gateacre wards, we confirm our draft recommendations for Childwall ward as final.

#### *Gateacre*

258 We received seven submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and five residents.

259 The Labour Group and one resident supported the draft recommendations.

260 The Liberal Democrats again proposed to join Gateacre and Woolton Park ward into a two-councillor ward, stating that this would reflect the historic parish of Little Woolton. A resident also stated that these two wards should be combined, arguing that these two communities are interchangeable and that residents access the same facilities and services. We carefully considered the evidence but were not convinced to join the wards of Gateacre and Woolton Park into a two-councillor ward. We consider the evidence provided during the first consultation, which proposed a single-councillor ward for Gateacre, to be compelling. We are also of the view that the boundary between these two wards would be identifiable for residents. We have therefore not been persuaded to adopt this amendment.

261 The Liberal Democrats further argued that the entirety of the Liverpool Loop Line should be used as the eastern boundary for Gateacre ward. While we agree this would provide a strong boundary, using this as the boundary would result in an electoral variance of 15% for Belle Vale. We do not consider the evidence provided justifies this level of electoral inequality and therefore are not adopting this change.

262 The Liberal Democrats further proposed a minor amendment to the boundary between Childwall ward and Gateacre ward. They stated that the proposed boundary between Gateacre and Childwall wards was unclear and that Gateacre ward should

be extended to Childwall Valley Road to create a clearer, more distinct boundary between these communities. We consider this amendment to be sensible, with the modification providing a clearer boundary between Childwall and Gateacre wards. We have therefore been persuaded to make this change.

263 Subject to this amendment, we confirm our draft recommendations for Gateacre ward as final.

#### *Much Woolton & Hunts Cross and Woolton Village*

264 We received nine submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and seven residents.

265 The Labour Group supported the draft recommendations for both wards. The Liberal Democrats strongly supported the draft recommendations for Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward, stating that this ward defines a recognisable community with common interests and amenities. They proposed some minor amendments for Woolton Park ward.

266 The Liberal Democrats stated that Dunsdon Road, Dunsdon Close, Aldbourne Avenue, Aldbourne Close and Smalley Avenue should be retained within Woolton Park ward to better reflect recognised communities, rather than being incorporated within the L18 community of Menlove. However, we note that Black Wood and St Francis Xavier's College offer a natural boundary between these roads and the rest of Woolton. Additionally, little community evidence was offered for why these areas should be included in Woolton, with the rationale being postcodes, which we do not consider. We have therefore not been convinced to make this amendment and consider that the boundary provided by Black Wood and St Francis Xavier's College is strong and identifiable for residents.

267 One resident argued that the Woolton community is split between Woolton Park and Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. They stated that residents in these wards access the same facilities and that the area of 'Much Woolton' has a greater affinity with Woolton than Hunt Cross. They therefore proposing grouping together these two wards into a three-councillor Woolton & Hunts Cross ward.

268 We carefully considered this evidence but on balance have not been persuaded to make this change. We consider that the wards of Woolton Park and Much Woolton & Hunts Cross use identifiable boundaries and note the support for Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward from the Labour Group and Liberal Democrats, who stated that this ward reflects a recognisable community with common interests.

269 Two residents argued that the ward of Much Woolton & Hunts Cross should be split along Woolton golf course into two single-councillor wards of Hunts Cross and Much Woolton. This was proposed and considered during the first round of

consultation. We did not adopt this change as it would result in high levels of electoral inequality for both wards, with variance of -22% for Hunts Cross ward and 26% for Much Woolton ward.

270 A resident proposed a slight amendment to the boundary between Springwood ward and Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. They argued that the southern boundary of Springwood ward should be moved to run along the northern railway line leading to Hunts Cross, rather than along southern line, thereby moving the Triumph Way industrial estate into Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. The resident stated that issues concerning the Triumph Way industrial estate will have an impact on the Hunts Cross area, and not on residents in Springwood ward, and therefore should be included in Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. We consider this a sensible modification and that this would better reflect local interest. We are therefore making this modification.

271 Regarding the name of Woolton Park ward, the Liberal Democrats proposed to rename this ward Woolton Village. They stated that Woolton Park is a poor description of the community and would be confusing for residents. They argued that the name Woolton Village better reflects the historic nature of this community and would be clearer. We have been persuaded to make this change.

272 Following these minor amendments, we confirm our draft recommendations for Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward and Woolton Village ward as final.

### *Springwood*

273 We received four submissions regarding this area from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrats and two residents.

274 The Labour Group and Liberal Democrats supported the draft recommendations for Springwood ward.

275 A resident proposed a slight amendment to the boundary between Springwood ward and Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. They argued that the southern boundary of Springwood ward should be moved to run along the northern railway line leading to Hunts Cross, rather than along southern line, thereby moving the Triumph Way industrial estate into Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. They stated that issues concerning the Triumph Way industrial estate will have an impact on the Hunts Cross area, and not on residents in Springwood ward, and therefore should be included in Much Woolton & Hunts Cross ward. We consider this a sensible modification and that this would better reflect local interest. We are therefore making this modification.

276 Another resident proposed naming this ward Allerton, as this ward contains part of the historic community of Allerton. However, they also stated that Springwood is a

locally recognised name. Following consideration of the evidence, we have not been convinced to adopt the name Allerton for this ward. As discussed in paragraph 243, we have been persuaded to rename the Calderstones ward we proposed at the previous stage to Allerton ward, to better reflect the community in this area following changes made to the orientation of the wards in the area. We consider that Springwood is a recognisable name for this area.

277 Subject to the minor amendment to the boundary between Springwood and Much Woolton & Hunts Cross wards, we confirm our draft recommendations for Springwood ward as final.

## Conclusions

278 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality in Liverpool, referencing the 2019 and 2027 electorate figures against the proposed number of councillors and wards. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found at Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided at Appendix B.

### Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2019	2027
Number of councillors	85	85
Number of electoral wards	64	64
Average number of electors per councillor	3,842	4,300
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	40	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	23	0

#### Final recommendations

Liverpool City Council should be made up of 85 councillors serving 64 wards representing 46 single-councillor wards, 15 two-councillor wards and three three-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

#### Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Liverpool City Council. You can also view our final recommendations for Liverpool on our interactive maps at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)



## What happens next?

279 We have now completed our review of Liverpool City Council. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2023.





## Equalities

280 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.



# Appendices

## Appendix A

### Final recommendations for Liverpool City Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Aigburth	1	4,187	4187	9%	3,872	3872	-10%
2	Allerton	1	4,252	4252	11%	4,141	4141	-4%
3	Anfield	2	8,132	4066	6%	8,294	4147	-4%
4	Arundel	1	3,477	3477	-9%	4,535	4535	5%
5	Belle Vale	2	9,967	4984	30%	9,462	4731	10%
6	Broadgreen	1	4,734	4734	23%	3,916	3916	-9%
7	Brownlow Hill	2	2,026	1013	-74%	8,034	4017	-7%
8	Calderstones	1	5,238	5238	36%	4,178	4178	-3%
9	Canning	2	4,097	2049	-47%	8,265	4133	-4%
10	Childwall	2	9,962	4981	30%	9,354	4677	9%
11	Church	1	4,696	4696	22%	4,447	4447	3%
12	City Centre North	2	3,998	1999	-48%	8,368	4184	-3%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 City Centre South	3	5,026	1675	-56%	13,164	4388	2%
14 Clubmoor East	1	4,549	4549	18%	4,156	4156	-3%
15 Clubmoor West	1	4,471	4471	16%	4,007	4007	-7%
16 County	2	7,939	3970	3%	7,854	3927	-9%
17 Croxteth	1	4,526	4526	18%	4,642	4642	8%
18 Croxteth Country Park	1	5,164	5164	34%	4,496	4496	5%
19 Dingle	2	7,588	3794	-1%	8,617	4308	0%
20 Edge Hill	1	3,303	3303	-14%	4,021	4021	-6%
21 Everton East	1	4,147	4147	8%	4,641	4641	8%
22 Everton North	1	4,093	4093	7%	4,265	4265	-1%
23 Everton West	1	2,753	2753	-28%	4,524	4524	5%
24 Fazakerley East	1	4,119	4119	7%	4,049	4049	-6%
25 Fazakerley North	1	4,050	4050	5%	3,925	3925	-9%
26 Fazakerley West	1	4,295	4295	12%	4,740	4740	10%
27 Festival Gardens	1	2,834	2834	-26%	4,092	4092	-5%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
28 Garston	2	8,139	4070	6%	8,889	4444	3%
29 Gateacre	1	4,825	4825	26%	4,626	4626	8%
30 Grassendale & Cressington	1	4,675	4675	22%	4,720	4720	10%
31 Greenbank Park	1	3,820	3820	-1%	4,013	4013	-7%
32 Kensington & Fairfield	3	11,457	3819	-1%	13,951	4650	8%
33 Kirkdale East	1	2,730	2730	-29%	4,045	4045	-6%
34 Kirkdale West	1	4,006	4006	4%	4,190	4190	-3%
35 Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park	1	4,383	4383	14%	4,344	4344	1%
36 Mossley Hill	1	4,002	4002	4%	4,212	4211	-2%
37 Much Woolton & Hunts Cross	2	9,826	4913	28%	8,838	4419	3%
38 Norris Green	3	11,157	3719	-3%	12,443	4148	-4%
39 Old Swan East	1	4,296	4296	12%	4,009	4009	-7%
40 Old Swan West	1	4,334	4334	13%	4,556	4556	6%
41 Orrell Park	1	4,443	4443	16%	3,974	3974	-8%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
42 Penny Lane	1	4,001	4001	4%	4,440	4440	3%
43 Princes Park	1	4,577	4577	19%	4,620	4620	7%
44 Sandfield Park	1	4,866	4866	27%	4,525	4525	5%
45 Sefton Park	1	4,179	4179	9%	4,456	4456	4%
46 Smithdown	2	7,367	3684	-4%	8,987	4493	4%
47 Speke	2	9,108	4554	19%	9,150	4575	6%
48 Springwood	1	4,937	4937	29%	4,299	4299	0%
49 St Michaels	1	4,299	4299	12%	4,334	4334	1%
50 Stoneycroft	1	4,233	4233	10%	3,975	3975	-8%
51 Toxteth	1	4,230	4230	10%	4,124	4124	-4%
52 Tuebrook Breckside Park	1	3,517	3517	-8%	4,591	4591	7%
53 Tuebrook Larkhill	1	4,932	4932	28%	4,455	4455	4%
54 Vauxhall	2	4,847	2424	-37%	8,104	4052	-6%
55 Walton	2	9,002	4501	17%	8,464	4232	-2%
56 Waterfront North	1	567	567	-85%	4,035	4035	-6%

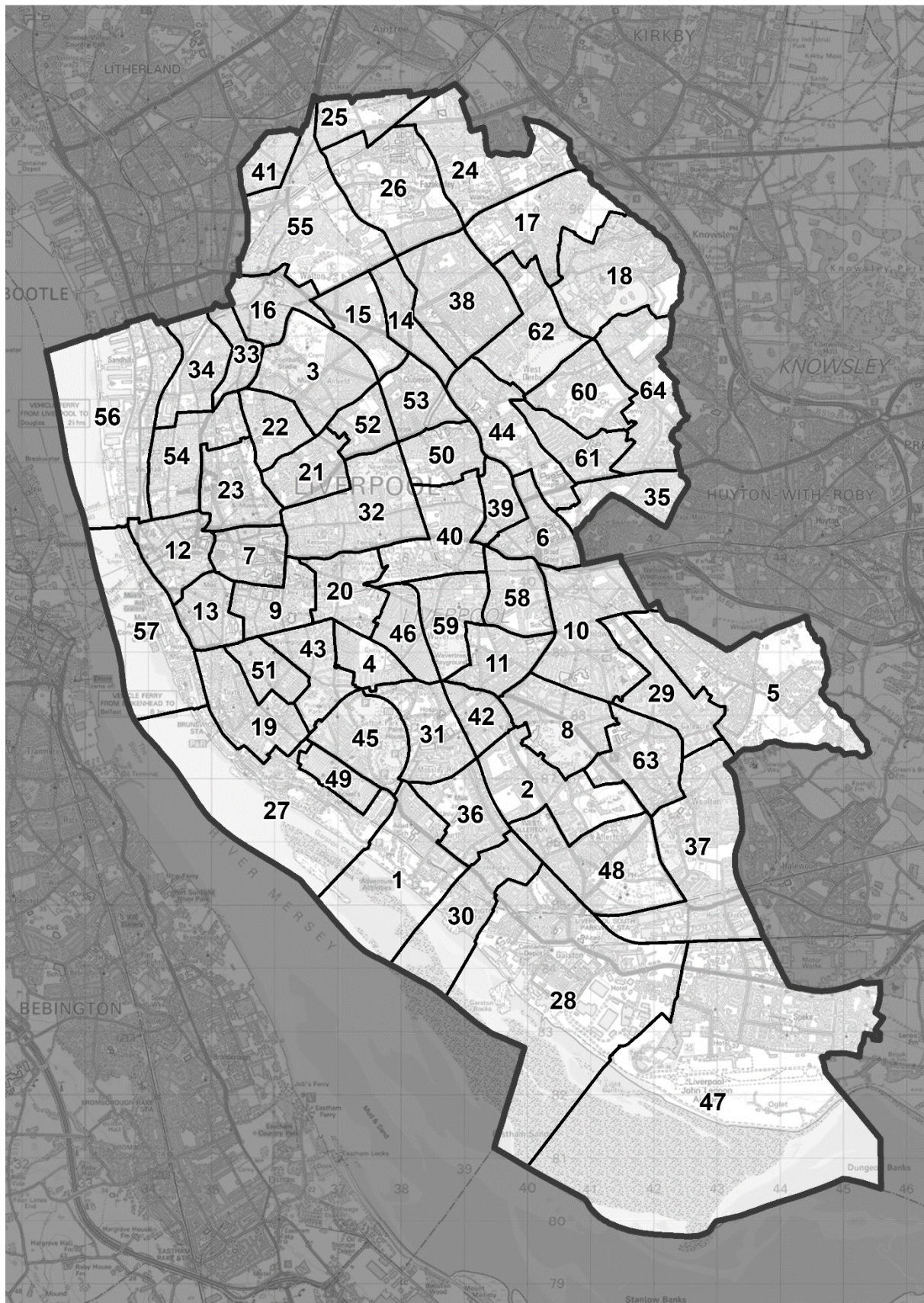
Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
57 Waterfront South	1	1,586	1586	-59%	4,241	4241	-1%
58 Wavertree Garden Suburb	1	4,111	4111	7%	3,929	3929	-9%
59 Wavertree Village	1	4,287	4287	12%	4,430	4430	3%
60 West Derby Deysbrook	1	4,554	4554	19%	4,350	4350	1%
61 West Derby Leyfield	1	4,895	4895	27%	4,686	4686	9%
62 West Derby Muirhead	1	4,532	4532	18%	4,465	4465	4%
63 Woolton Village	1	4,241	4241	10%	4,050	4050	-6%
64 Yew Tree	2	7,986	3993	4%	7,924	3962	-8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>326,570</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>365,505</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>–</b>

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Liverpool City Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the city. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

# Appendix B

## Outline map





Number	Ward name	Number	Ward name
1	Aigburth	33	Kirkdale East
2	Allerton	34	Kirkdale West
3	Anfield	35	Knotty Ash & Dovecot Park
4	Arundel	36	Mossley Hill
5	Belle Vale	37	Much Woolton & Hunts Cross
6	Broadgreen	38	Norris Green
7	Brownlow Hill	39	Old Swan East
8	Calderstones	40	Old Swan West
9	Canning	41	Orrell Park
10	Childwall	42	Penny Lane
11	Church	43	Princes Park
12	City Centre North	44	Sandfield Park
13	City Centre South	45	Sefton Park
14	Clubmoor East	46	Smithdown
15	Clubmoor West	47	Speke
16	County	48	Springwood
17	Croxteth	49	St Michaels
18	Croxteth Country Park	50	Stoneycroft
19	Dingle	51	Toxteth
20	Edge Hill	52	Tuebrook Breckside Park
21	Everton East	53	Tuebrook Larkhill
22	Everton North	54	Vauxhall
23	Everton West	55	Walton
24	Fazakerley East	56	Waterfront North
25	Fazakerley North	57	Waterfront South
26	Fazakerley West	58	Wavertree Garden Suburb
27	Festival Gardens	59	Wavertree Village
28	Garston	60	West Derby Deysbrook
29	Gateacre	61	West Derby Leyfield
30	Grassendale & Cressington	62	West Derby Muirhead
31	Greenbank Park	63	Woolton Village
32	Kensington & Fairfield	64	Yew Tree

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## Appendix C

### Submissions received

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#### *Political Groups*

- Liverpool Green Party
- Liverpool Labour Group
- Liverpool Liberal Democrats

#### *Councillors*

- Councillor A. Coleman (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor S. Gorst (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor R. Kemp (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor B. Kushner (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor S. Munby (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor N. Nicholas, Councillor A.B. Qadir and Councillor C. Smeda (Picton ward councillors) (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor A. O'Byrne (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor A.B. Qadir (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor S. Radford (two submissions) (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor L. Robertson-Collins (Liverpool City Council)
- Councillor N. Small (Liverpool City Council)

#### *Members of Parliament*

- Kim Johnson MP (Liverpool, Riverside)

#### *Local Organisations*

- Christ Church Norris Green
- Crossfield Tenants' & Residents' Community Association
- Everton Together
- Kinship Carers Liverpool
- Norris Green Community Health Forum
- Tuebrook Hope Group Charity (two submissions)
- Walton Vale Community Shop CIC
- Yew Tree Problem Solving Group

*Local Residents*

- 194 local residents

*Petitions*

- Petition (Everton West)

## Appendix D

### Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority.
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. We only take account of electors registered specifically for local elections during our reviews.
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at <a href="http://www.nalc.gov.uk">www.nalc.gov.uk</a>
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

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