

Wakefield

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Hello

Please find attached my submission to the Electoral Review of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council.

I have taken note of the concerns expressed at the briefing given to Local Councillors.

My proposal will affect 4 Wards in varying degrees, and I have estimated the likely changes should the proposals be implemented. Should you require illustrated maps I will try to supply them, but I have identified the polling districts by number and name.

Attached Documents:

- submission-to-lgbce.docx

SUBMISSION TO LGBCE
WARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WAKEFIELD. M.D.C.

Submitted by Councillor Tony Hames Ward13 Pontefract South.

Having given the matter a great deal of consideration and taking on board the comments from the commissioners at the early briefing.

I would be pleased if you could give consideration to the following changes.

Wards Affected	Predicted Electorate After changes proposed	Electoral Variance
Ward 12 Pontefract North	13,629	-1.2%
Ward13 Pontefract South	13,252	-3.9%
Ward 1 Ackworth, North Elmsall and Upton	14,404	4.45%
Ward 9 Knottingley	14,848	7.6%

To comply with the changes introduced by WMDC as a result of the recent local Governance Review.

My first proposal is to move polling districts 01HO (115 electors) and 01HP(80 electors) from Ward 1 Ackworth, North Elmsall and Upton into Ward13 Pontefract South polling districts 13NG and 13NJ respectively.

In the interest of Equality of Electorate Numbers and Community Identity And concerns expressed by the Commissioners.

My second proposal is to move polling district 12NB 'Castle No 2' (2415 electors) from Ward 12 Pontefract North into Ward 9 Knottingley.

To reinforce the balancing of equality my third proposal is to move polling district 13NA 'Baghill No1' (2159 electors) from Ward13 Pontefract South to Ward12 Pontefract North and conversely polling districts 12NF 'Park No2' (595 electors) and 12NH 'Central No2' (1339 electors) from Ward 12 Pontefract North into Ward13 Pontefract South. By keeping the changes to moving existing polling districts the existing boundaries will remain clearly defined and in the case of polling district 12 NF 'Park no2' it will be a positive improvement.

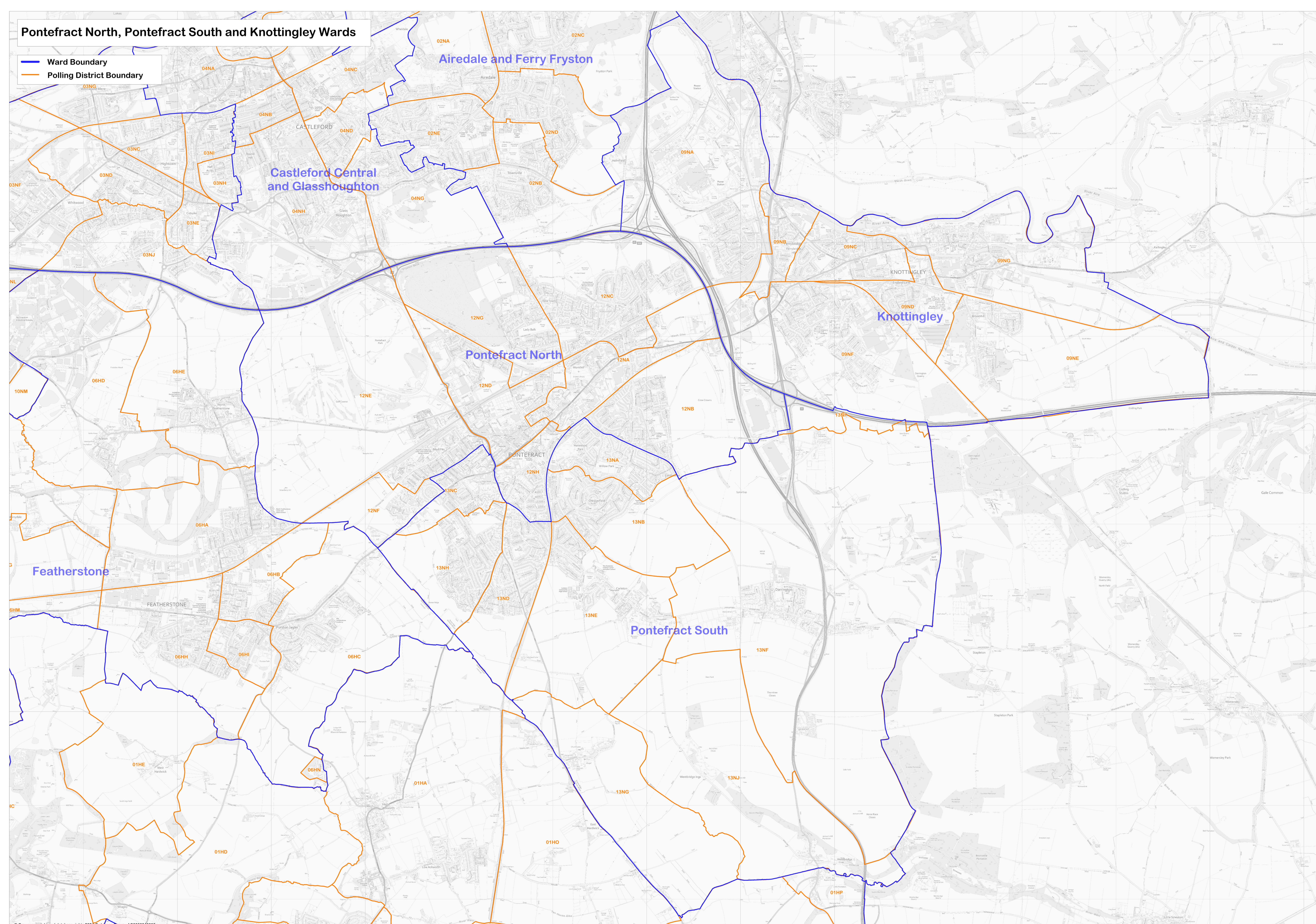
As illustrated in the table forecasting the likely electoral numbers Ward 09 Knottingley has historically had the worst % variance. Implementation of these proposed changes brings the ward substantially more in line and therefore more equally represented in Local affairs.

I would also like to propose that with the proposed raising of the electorate in Ward 09 Knottingley to bring it more in line with the whole District may I suggest that the Ward be renamed to reflect the Community identity and be known as “ Knottingley and Pontefract East.”

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Pontefract North, Pontefract South and Knottingley Wards

 Ward Boundary
 Polling District Boundary



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