

## **EAST RIDING LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

### EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

#### PHASE TWO PROPOSAL

The Liberal Democrats are the official opposition group on East Riding of Yorkshire Council, holding 21 of the 67 seats across nine of the 27 wards, with others having been held historically. Our councillors represent a wide variety of communities including urban, rural and mixed wards across the authority from the north west to the south east, including the coast and both York and Hull city boundaries.

We have used our collective experiences of representing a range of urban, rural and mixed wards to propose a new set of boundaries which attempt to better reflect communities across the East Riding. We have also sought to address variations in the representation councillors are able to provide due to the size and structure of a ward compared to its neighbours.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP**

East Riding Liberal Democrats largely concur with the representations of the council working group.

As preferred by the working group, our proposal has abolished single member wards. Our submission moves from 16 three member, nine two member and one single member to 13 three member and 14 two member wards.

Where the Liberal Democrat view diverges from that of the working group is on the question of separating urban from rural wards. In some cases this would be the simplest arrangement, for example the Driffield area where the town is the correct size for a three member ward and any other arrangement would split the town council.

But as a general rule, entirely rural wards become geographically vast and the extra burden placed on those councillors to attend potentially upwards of 20 parish council meetings a month when a neighbouring ward has just one, means the rural councillors do not have the time to provide the same level of casework as their single-parish peers. That is on top of the significant additional challenges involved in staying in touch with residents across a sprawling rural area.

Therefore we favour mixed wards which may go some way to addressing vast differences in parish numbers, and we have tried where possible to make the most rural areas two member to avoid enormous geographic wards.

It is also the case that a town's satellite villages will naturally feel attached to the town where they shop, access services and where their children go to school. We have tried to reflect these connections in our proposal by either grouping these villages together (for example Beverley Rural) or by grouping a small town with the villages that use it most (for example Pocklington Derwent).

We have addressed some (but not all) of the proposed parish changes, for example Woodmansey, as mentioned by the working group.

We concur with the working group that the Dale ward area needs significant review, however this is an area we found difficult to reform due to the shape of some polling districts and the size of some parishes. We have explained this in more detail in the ward breakdown below.

We also do not entirely agree with the working group that Holderness should remain unchanged, as it is currently overrepresented. We have corrected this disparity in our submission.

We agree that the current Wolds Weighton should be split east-west to reflect transport and community connections, and we have reflected this in our proposal.

We also agree that the Snaith/Goole area and the urban Hull border wards should remain unchanged.

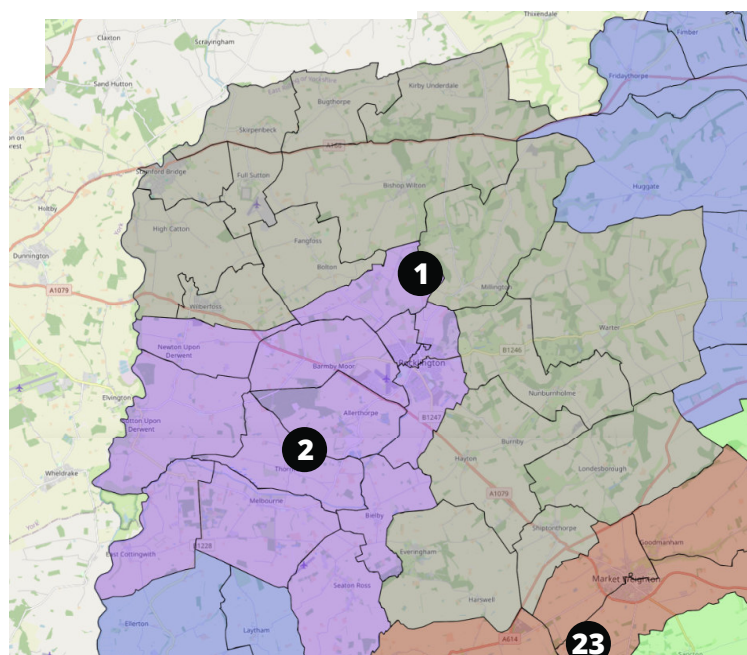
And we agreed that Cottingham should be amended to include surrounding villages.

## WARD PROPOSALS

Please refer to the map and spreadsheet appendices for reference. New ward names are for ease of reference only.

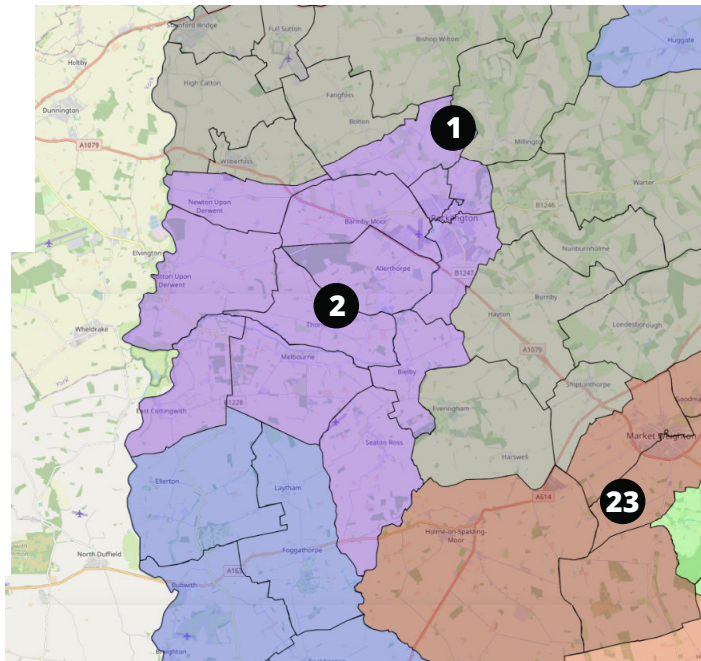
### 1. Bridge & West Wolds

This area currently spans the too-large Pocklington Provincial ward and the geographically sprawling Wolds Weighton. The largest settlements, Stamford Bridge and Wilberfoss, are more closely aligned with the City of York for employment and services than Pocklington, therefore we believe they would be better served in a new ward, along with smaller villages of a similar demographic spanning the A1079 and A166 main roads into York.



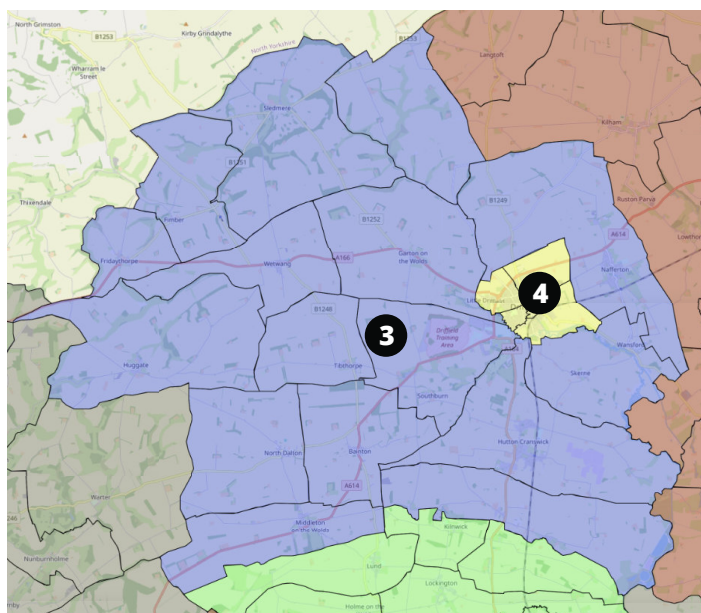
## 2. Pocklington Derwent

This new ward would contain much of the current Pocklington Provincial, but limiting it to the villages most closely aligned with Pocklington rather than York. It brings in similar villages on the outskirts in Yapham, Seaton Ross, Allerthorpe and Melbourne. This achieves the required reduction in size of the old ward while grouping communities that more naturally fit together.



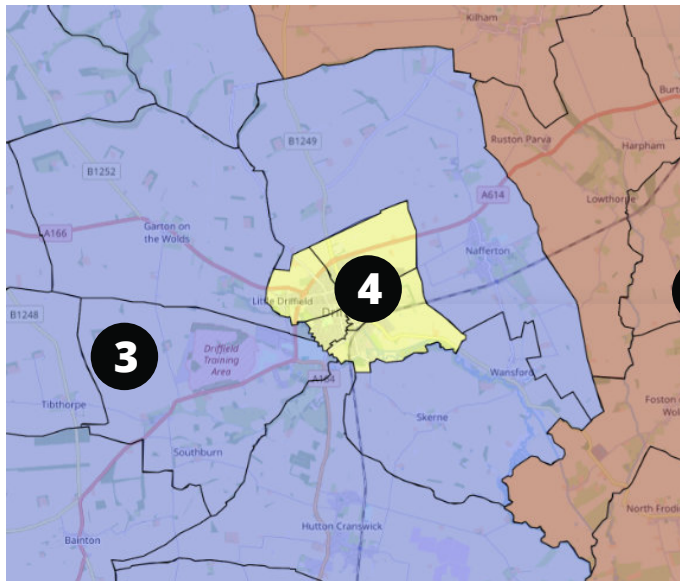
## 3. Driffield Rural

This new ward mainly comprises villages from Wolds Weighton, Driffield & Rural and East Wolds & Coastal wards. The town of Driffield is a size that naturally fits a three member ward by itself, so to avoid splitting the town council we've divided the area into a town ward and a rural ward. The rural ward encompasses the main routes into Driffield from the south, west and east and covers the villages that commonly use Driffield for services. Due to the low density population we would prefer this to be a two member ward as the current Wolds Weighton and East Wolds & Coastal are too unwieldy to represent as efficiently as the urban and mixed wards.



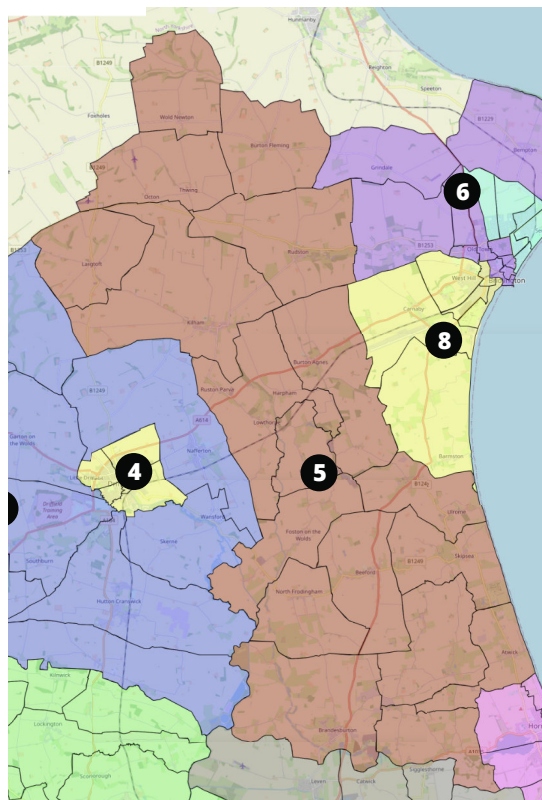
#### 4. Driffield Town

As mentioned above, the thriving market town of Driffield is the correct size to be represented as one self-contained ward and we agree that would be the simplest option for residents and their representatives.



#### 5. Burton Dickering

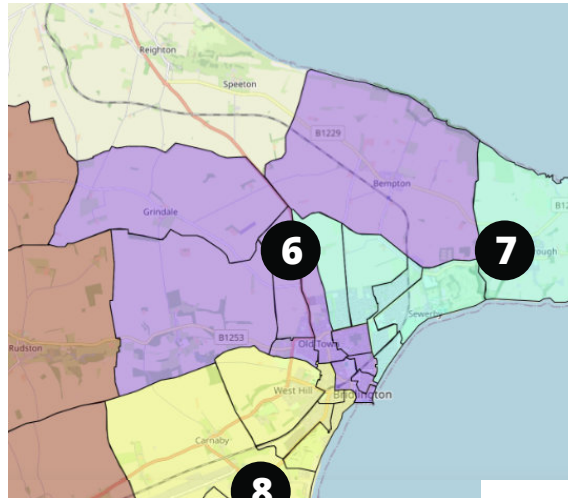
The majority of this area falls under the current East Wolds and Coastal ward but without most of the Wolds, hence the name change. Central to the ward is the parish of Burton Agnes and stately home of the same name, in the north is Burton Fleming and in the south Brandesburton. Dickering was an ancient administrative division of this area. Like Driffield Rural, we have preferred to reduce this area to two members and have aligned the villages most like to use the town of Bridlington (though much of this area will use both Bridlington and Driffield).





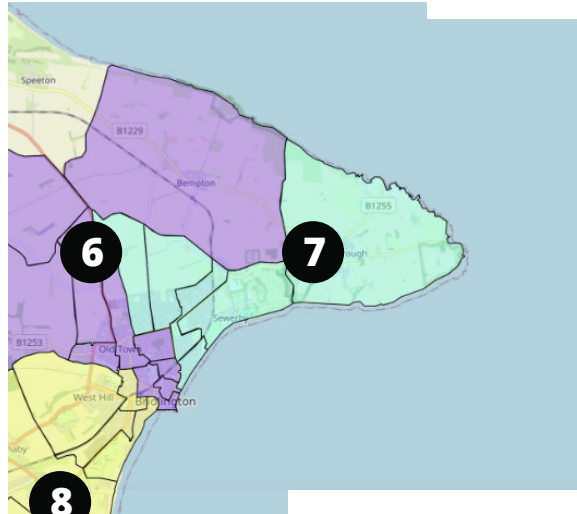
## 6. Bridlington Central & Bempton

This ward is mostly the current Bridlington Old Town & Central, although the current ward does not contain much of central Bridlington. So to marry Old Town and central Bridlington we have extended this ward to become a three member. We have retained Bempton so that each Bridlington ward has an equal share of neighbouring villages.



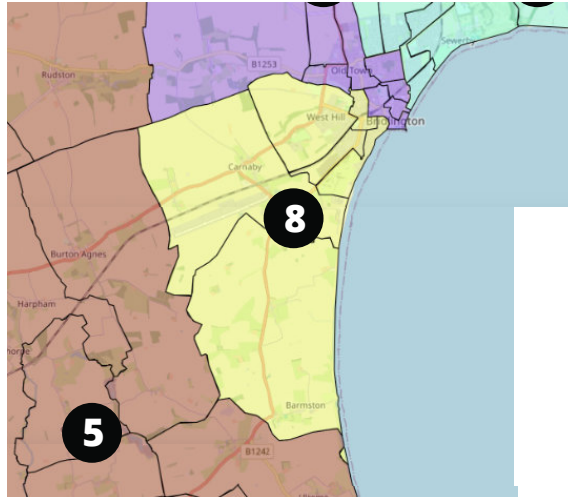
## 7. Bridlington North & Flamborough

We are not proposing any changes to this ward.



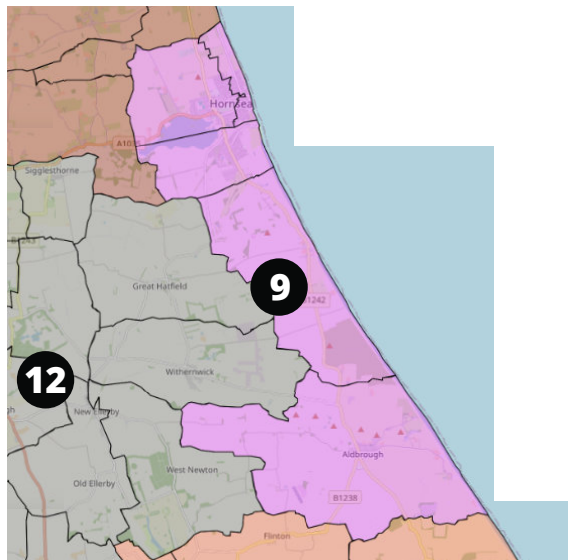
## 8. Bridlington South

The current Bridlington south is too small for its current three member status, so to accommodate a more logical Bridlington Old Town ward, we've reduced Bridlington south to a two member and extended it slightly to the south so that each of Bridlington's three ward contains at least one additional parish.



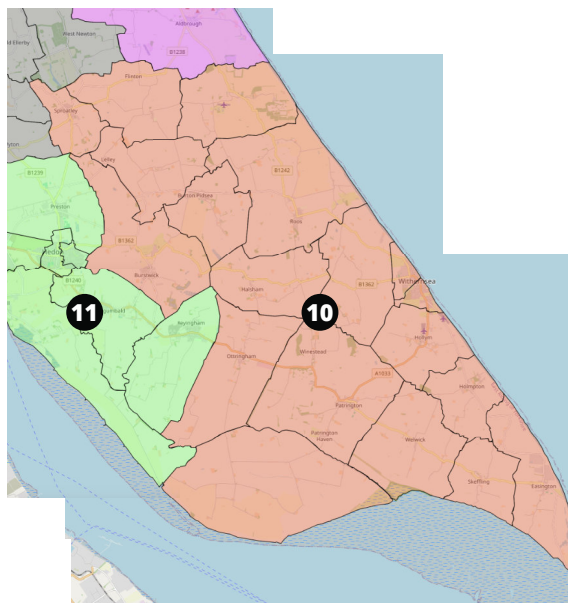
## 9. Hornsea & Coast

This is largely the current North Holderness ward, but with an adjustment for clear lines of travel north and south along the coast and to accommodate a changes to Holderness as a whole.



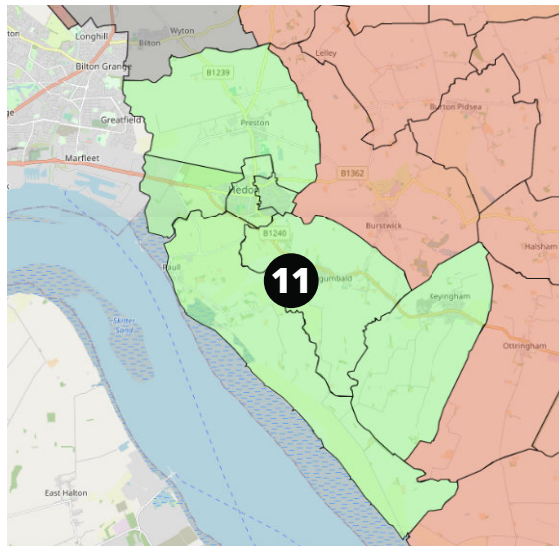
## 10. Heritage and Spurn

The ward of the Heritage Coast and Spurn Point is currently South East Holderness. We have adjusted it slightly to reflect the overrepresentation along the Holderess area.



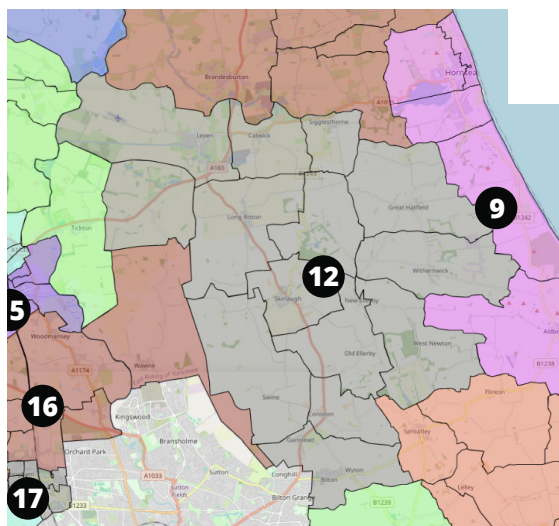
## 11. Hedon

Currently South West Holderness, we have adjusted this ward slightly to reflect the overrepresentation along the Holderness area.



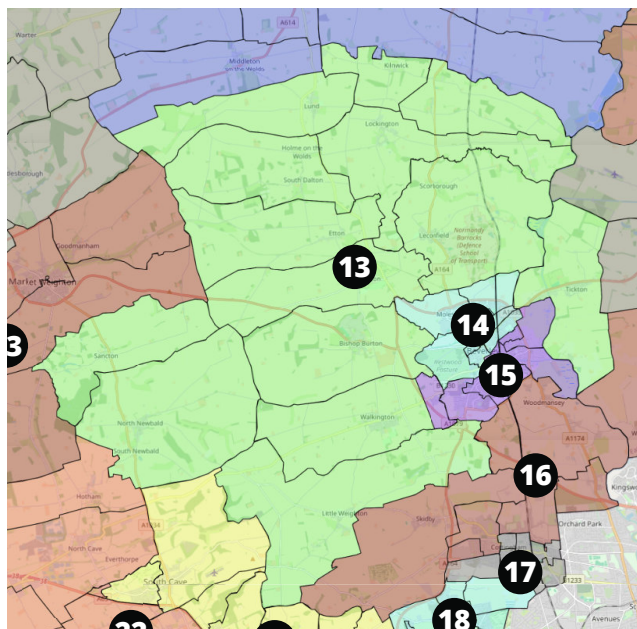
## 12. West Holderness

Largely made up of the current Mid Holderness along with part of Beverley Rural, this ward addresses the overrepresentation of Holderness by dropping from three councillors to two. It becomes a gateway ward from Hull to Holderness and the East Riding by encompassing the A165 from the border up to and including the A1035 crossroads. The villages within this ward are more similar in nature than the current mix of coast and suburb.



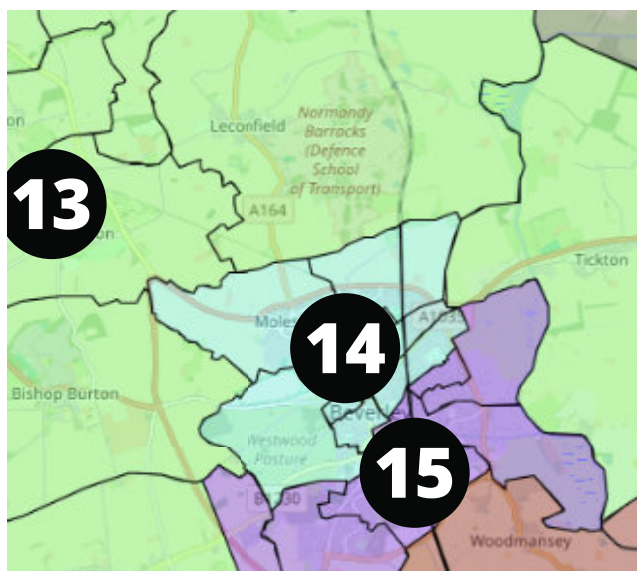
### 13. Beverley Rural

The new proposal follows a similar format to the current ward, bringing Beverley's satellite villages together. We have reduced it in size due to its low density, and we've substituted Middleton-on-the-Wolds for Little Weighton, in keeping with the purpose of uniting communities that use the same services.



### 14. St Mary's

We are not proposing any changes to this ward.

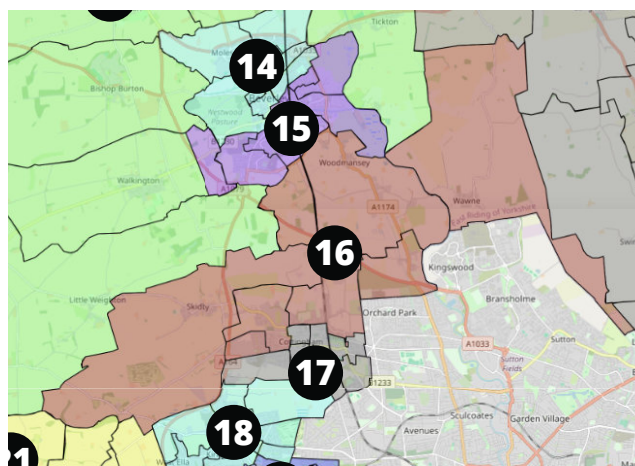


### 15. Minster

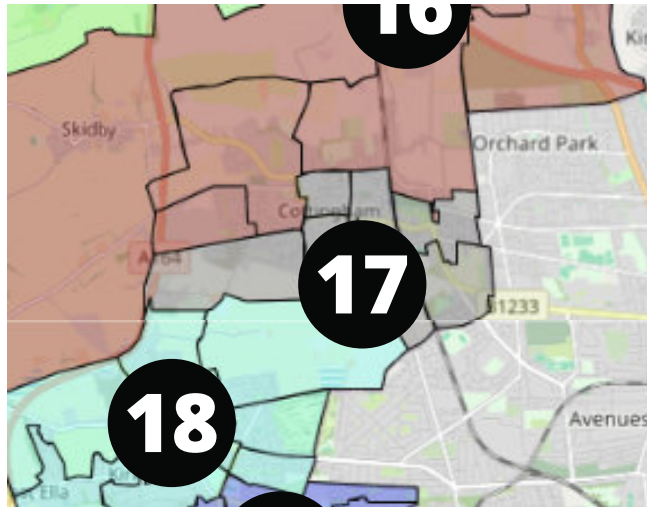
As laid out in the working group and parish documents, Woodmansey village would now fall outside the Beverley parish boundary. So we have split PE and PF polling districts at the proposed boundary, which also has the effect of reducing the current Minster & Woodmansey ward to the correct size. However we have added in a small part of a



Cottingham North is the obvious beneficiary of Woodmansey village if it is to be separated from Beverley. Woodmansey and Dunswell share a parish, with Dunswell already within the Cottingham North boundary. The villages of Wawne and Skidby also naturally fit within this ward, and so to accommodate the population increase we have removed polling district EC from central Cottingham which would equally logically belong to Cottingham South and bolster the borderline undersubscribed southern ward.

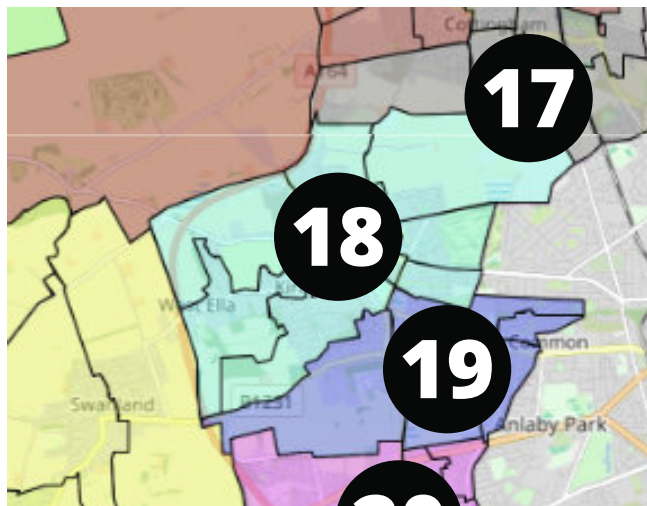


See Cottingham North. Addition only of polling district EC to equalise population. EC is in central ward, not entirely north, so it could be at home in either Cottingham ward.



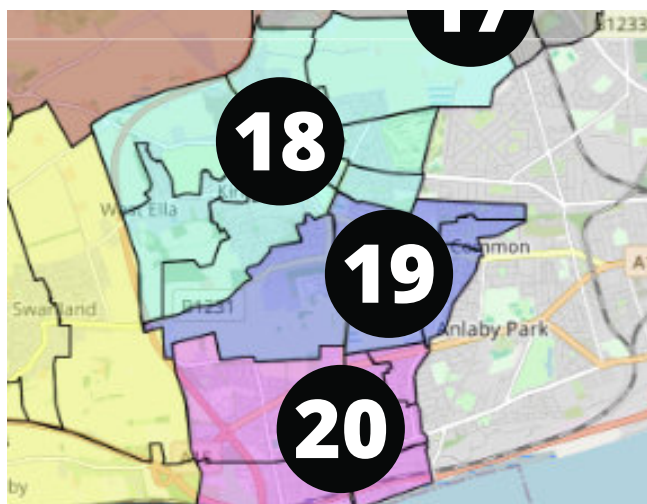
### 18. Willerby & Kirk Ella

We are not proposing any changes to this ward.



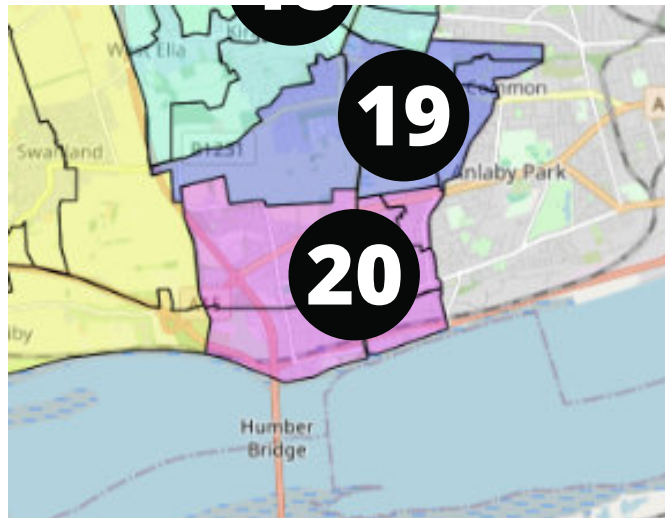
### 19. Anlaby & Anlaby Common

We are not proposing any changes to Tranby ward. The only suggestion is a possible name change to reflect what the community calls itself, however we would look forward to further feedback on that.



## 20. Hessle

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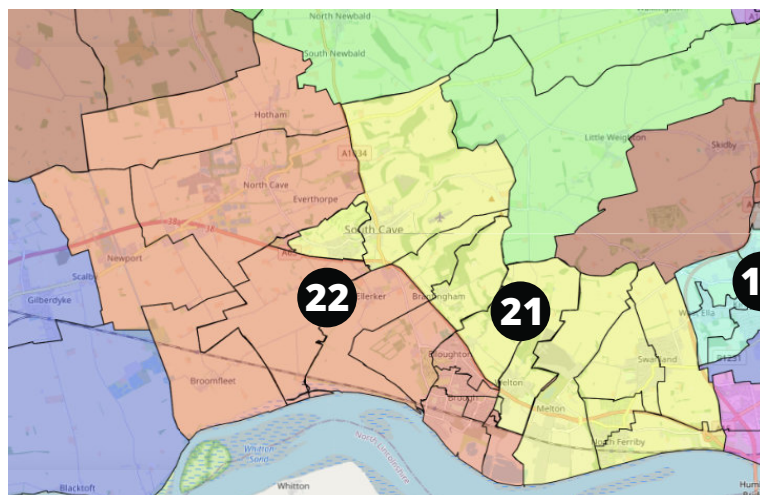


## 21. Welton Dale and 22. Brough & North Cave

This is the area we have had the most difficulty in correcting. It is universally agreed that Dale ward needs to change, however the population sizes of Elloughton-cum-Brough and South Cave make it difficult to pair any of the most obvious neighbours without splitting Elloughton from Elloughton-cum-Brough. Moreover, the elongated shapes of several polling districts straddling the A63 make it difficult to adjoin these areas to anything else. We have tried to avoid splitting any parishes, however in this case the A63 makes a clear and natural boundary through this area. All the settlements are predominantly either to the north or south of the road, with the other sides being sparsely or not populated. So we are proposing amendments to the polling districts and therefore parish boundaries in this instance. This solution would avoid any substantial splitting of parish, having little effect on the population of the parishes as we are only proposing areas of little to no population are moved.

Our proposal identifies the A63 as a new, clear boundary and extends the current South Hunsley ward along the northern side to include the similar communities of Brantingham and South Cave.

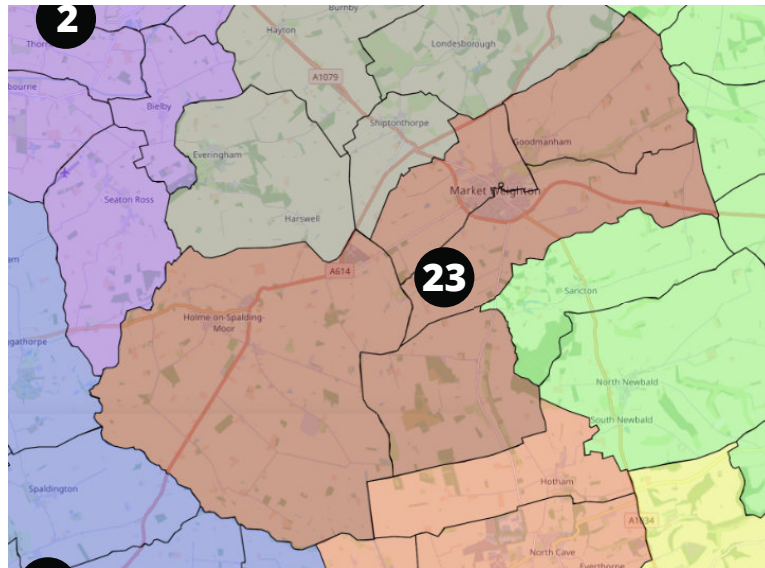
On the southern side of the dual carriageway, we have adjusted Elloughton-cum-Brough, Welton and North/South Cave for the parishes' amendments and included Broomfleet, North Cave and the smaller villages nearest to North Cave.





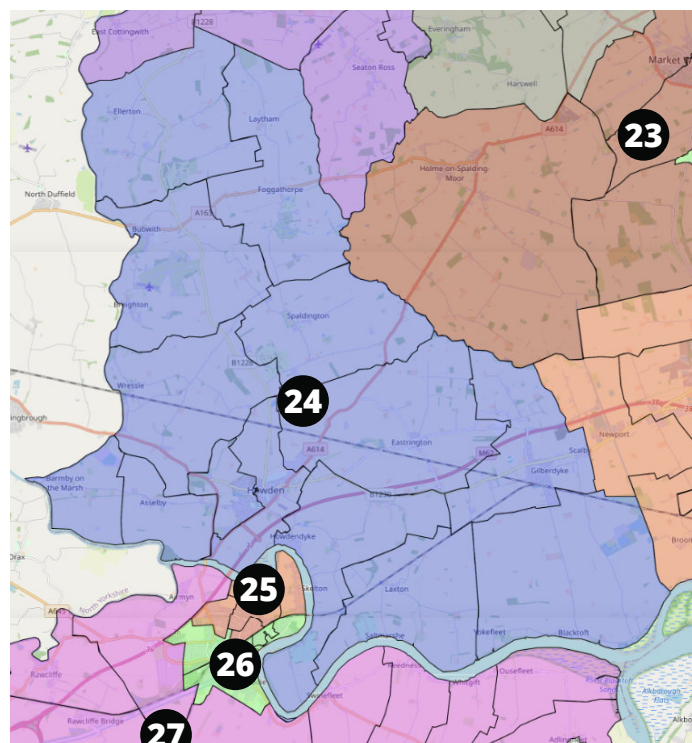
## 23. Weighton & Holme

This ward currently spans Wolds Weighton and Howdenshire, but the large village of Holme-on-Spalding-Moor is more aligned with the small town of Market Weighton than Howden or Goole, with most of their children attending secondary school in Market Weighton, with some going to Pocklington. We believe this proposal satisfies the council group's preference for an east-west split of Wolds Weighton while combining these two naturally affiliated communities.



## 24. Howdenshire

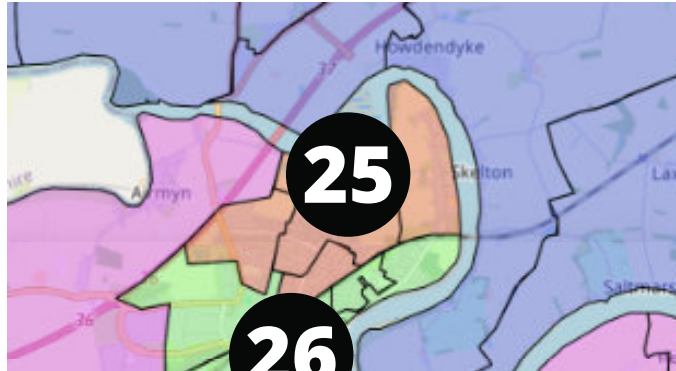
It is agreed that the East Riding's sole single-member ward of Howden must change as it is too large for a single councillor. We have adhered to the natural boundary of the river in creating a new Howdenshire that contains the town of Howden and its nearest villages that will most commonly use its services.





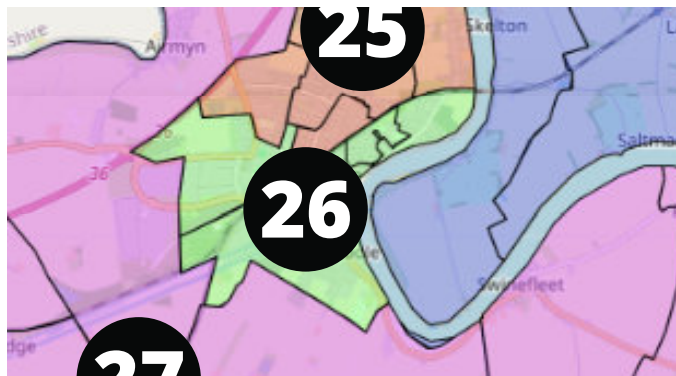
## 25. Goole North

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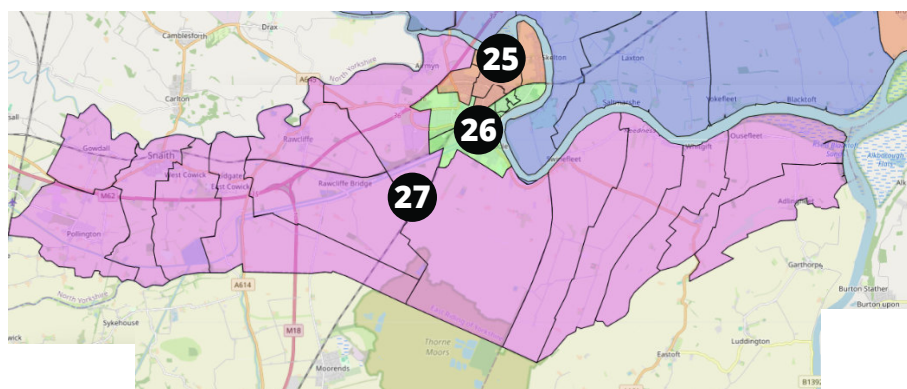
## 26. Goole South

We are not proposing any changes to this ward.



## 27. Snaith & River's End

We are not proposing any changes to this ward except the name as Snaith, Airmyrn, Rawcliffe & Marshland is a mouthful.

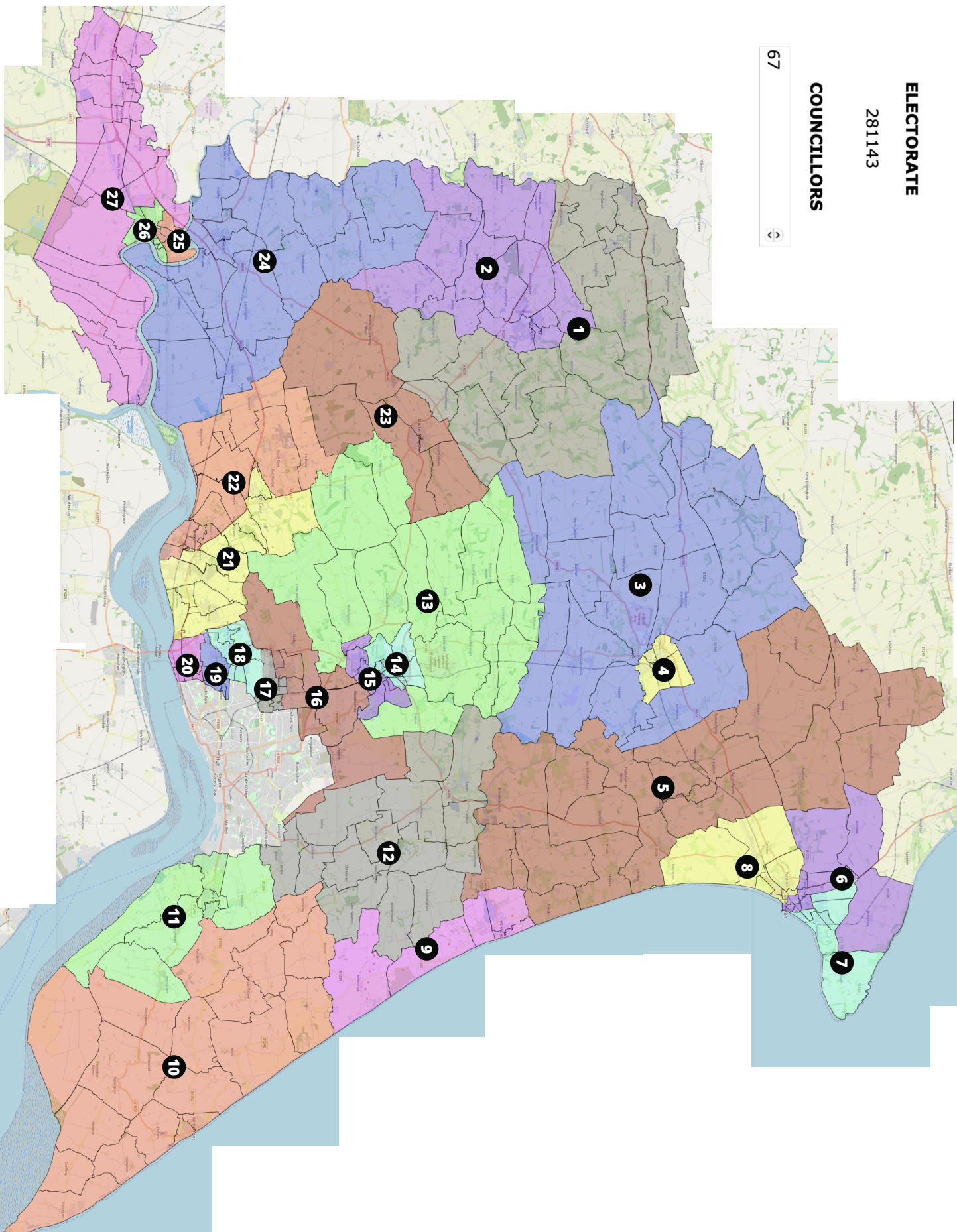





























**ELECTORATE**

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**COUNCILLORS**

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#	Map	Name	Councillors	Population	Variance
1		Bridge & West Wolds	2	8291	1%
2		Pocklington Derwent	3	12957	3%
3		Drifffield Rural	2	8464	1%
4		Drifffield Town	3	11930	5%
5		Burton Dickering	2	7994	-5%
6		Bridlington Old Town & Bempton	3	12128	-4%
7		Bridlington North & Flamborough	3	11825	-6%
8		Bridlington South	2	7779	-7%
9		Hornsea & Coast	2	8771	5%
10		Heritage & Spurn	3	13532	7%
11		Hedon	3	13177	5%
12		West Holderness	2	8113	-3%
13		Beverley Rural	2	9047	8%
14		St Mary's	3	12655	1%
15		Minster	3	11717	-7%
16		Cottingham North	2	9018	7%
17		Cottingham South	2	8642	3%
18		Willerby & Kirk Ella	3	11776	-6%
19		Anlaby with Anlaby Common	2	8168	-3%
20		Hessle	3	12628	0%
21		Welton Dale	3	12041	-4%
22		Brough & North Cave	3	12904	3%
23		Weighon & Holme	2	9066	8%
24		Howdenshire	3	12626	0%
25		Goole North	2	8122	-3%
26		Goole South	2	7693	-8%
27		Snaith & River's End	2	8152	-3%
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