

Community Governance Review – St Albans City & District Council

Draft Recommendations – 1 July 2022

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Introduction

During the initial consultation stage of the Community Governance Review (CGR), a number of suggestions were made about community governance in the district. A report listing all these suggestions was submitted to the Policy Committee on 23 June 2022 and draft recommendations were agreed for a further round of public consultation. Details of all these draft recommendations are provided below.

Maps

PDF copies of the maps contained in this document can be found on the CGR webpage: <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/community-governance-review>.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) and predicted future electorate (for 2027) are provided against each draft recommendation. For background and further detail about the electorate forecasts, see appendix 9.

Colney Heath Parish Council

Among the comments received by the Council were a number proposing that the area of Colney Heath Parish Council be reduced to match that of the District Council ward of Colney Heath. Such a reduction would leave residents of the Highfield Park and Hill End areas without parish representation.

Draft recommendation 1: to alter the outer boundary of Colney Heath Parish Council to match that of the Colney Heath District Council ward and remove parish representation from those residents of Hill End District Council ward who are presently represented on Colney Heath Parish Council.

Map: see appendix 1a – appendix 1c

See appendix 2 for lists of:

- Properties included in the proposed Colney Heath Parish Council
- Properties currently in Colney Heath Parish Council which are not included in the proposed Colney Heath Parish Council

Electorate forecast:

The predicted electorate for 2027 of the current Colney Heath Parish Council area is 4690.

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 1 is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHA	1321	1333
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHB	636	708
Colney Heath	(Tyttenhanger)	CHC	167	190
Parish council total			2124	2231

Therefore, the draft recommendation would decrease the predicted electorate of the parish by 2459 electors (52.43% of the predicted electorate for the current Colney Heath Parish Council).

Sandridge Parish Council

At present the boundary of Sandridge Parish Council cuts across Rose Walk so that some properties are within the parish and others are unparished. For the sake of effective and convenient governance, it is proposed to alter the outer boundary of Sandridge Parish Council so that all properties in Rose Walk are part of that parish.

Draft recommendation 2(a): to alter the outer boundary of Sandridge Parish Council to include the presently unparished properties at numbers 1, 2 and 3 Rose Walk within the parish.

Map: see appendix 3

Electorate forecast:

The predicted electorate for 2027 of the current Sandridge Parish Council area is 9126.

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 2(a) is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEA	2341	2304
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEB	3390	3476
Sandridge	(Marshalswick West)	MWC	1909	1883
Sandridge	(Beech Bottom)	MWD	137	122
Sandridge	(Sandridge Village)	SWB	1366	1346
Parish Council total			9143	9131

Therefore, the draft recommendation would increase the predicted electorate of the parish by 5 electors (0.05% of the predicted parish electorate of the current Sandridge Parish Council, and 0.09% of the predicted parish ward electorate).

Draft recommendation 2(b): to divide Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm Parish Ward into two parish wards.

Map: see appendix 4

Electorate forecast:

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 2(b) is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	Jersey Farm	MEA plus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	2526	2513
Sandridge	Marshalswick East	MEB minus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	3205	3267

The proposed Jersey Farm parish ward would contain 43.48% of the electors in the current Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward, while the proposed Marshalswick East parish ward would contain 56.52% of the electors. Therefore, the proposed Jersey Farm parish ward would be represented by 3 parish councillors and the proposed Marshalswick East parish ward by 5 parish councillors.

London Colney Parish Council

The reasoning behind draft recommendations 3(a), 3(b), 4, and 5 was to once more align parish boundaries with district ward boundaries, following changes recently made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) during their review of district ward boundaries. We agreed that the LGBCE changes respected the identities and interests of communities and would assist in making community governance effective and convenient.

Draft recommendation 3(a): to alter the northern boundary of London Colney Parish Council to run along the A414 from the London Colney roundabout westward to its junction with the east midlands railway line, thereby including the following presently unparished properties within the London Colney Parish Council area: numbers 1-24 North Cottages, and 10, 12, 14, and 37 Suffolk Close.

Map: see appendix 5

Electorate forecast:

The predicted electorate for 2027 of the current London Colney Parish Council area is 7354.

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 3(a) is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCC	2288	2292
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCD	1414	1453
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCE	7	10
London Colney	(Napsbury Park)	PSB	52	51
London Colney	(Napsbury Park)	PSC	1289	1274
Parish Council total			7285	7415

Therefore, the draft recommendation would increase the predicted electorate of the parish by 61 electors (0.83% of the predicted electorate of the current London Colney Parish Council). The predicted electorate of London Colney parish ward would increase by 10 electors (0.16% of the predicted electorate for the parish ward). The predicted electorate of Napsbury parish ward would increase by 51 electors (4.00% of the predicted electorate for the parish ward).

Draft recommendation 3(b): to divide the London Colney Parish Ward into two parish wards.

Map: see appendix 6

Electorate forecast:

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 3(b) is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCD	1414	1453
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCE	7	10
Parish ward total			2423	2508
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCC	2288	2292
Parish ward total			3521	3582

The proposed London Colney North parish ward would contain 41.18% of the electors in the current London Colney parish ward, while the proposed London Colney South parish ward would contain 58.82% of the electors. Therefore, London Colney North parish ward would be represented by 3 parish councillors and London Colney South parish ward by 4 parish councillors.

Harpenden Town Council / Wheathampstead Parish Council

The reasoning behind draft recommendations 3(a), 3(b), 4, and 5 was to once more align parish boundaries with district ward boundaries, following changes recently made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) during their review of district ward boundaries. We agreed that the LGBCE changes respected the identities and interests of communities and would assist in making community governance effective and convenient.

Draft recommendation 4: to alter the boundary between Wheathampstead Parish Council and Harpenden Town Council, so that all properties in Long Buftlers, Croftwell, Poynings Close, Aldwickbury School and numbers 82-104 (evens only) Wheathampstead Road, presently part of Wheathampstead Parish Council, become part of Harpenden Town Council.

Map: see appendix 7

Electorate forecast:

The predicted electorate for 2027 of the current Harpenden Town Council area is 22864 and Wheathampstead Parish Council is 5003.

The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 4 is:

Parish / Town Council	Parish / Town Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEA	1548	1535
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEB	2297	2276
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEC	1796	1780
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HED	110	141
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNB	3855	3881
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNC	1737	1708
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSA	1335	1317
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSB	4088	4075
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSC	203	173
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWA	1358	1683
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWB	2431	2259
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWC	2316	2209
Town Council total			23074	23037
Wheathampstead	n/a	SWA	4764	4830
Parish Council total			4764	4830

Therefore, the draft recommendation would increase the predicted electorate of Harpenden Town Council / Harpenden South town ward by 173 electors (0.76% of the predicted electorate of the current Harpenden Town Council area / 3.21% of the predicted town ward electorate). The predicted electorate of Wheathampstead Parish

Council would decrease by 173 electors (3.46% of the predicted electorate of the current Wheathampstead Parish Council area).

St Michael Parish Council / St Stephen Parish Council

The reasoning behind draft recommendations 3(a), 3(b), 4, and 5 was to once more align parish boundaries with district ward boundaries, following changes recently made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) during their review of district ward boundaries. We agreed that the LGBCE changes respected the identities and interests of communities and would assist in making community governance effective and convenient.

Draft recommendation 5: to alter the parish boundary between St Michael Parish Council and St Stephen Parish Council that presently splits Ragged Hall Lane so that the parish boundary follows the new District Ward boundary running along the A414 westward from its junction with Watford Road to Park Wood, thereby including 2-110 Ragged Hall Lane (evens only) and 74-84 Watford Road (evens only) within St Stephen Parish Council area.

Map: see appendix 8

Electorate forecast:

The predicted electorate for 2027 of the current St Michael Parish Council area is 384 and St Stephen Parish Council is 11777.

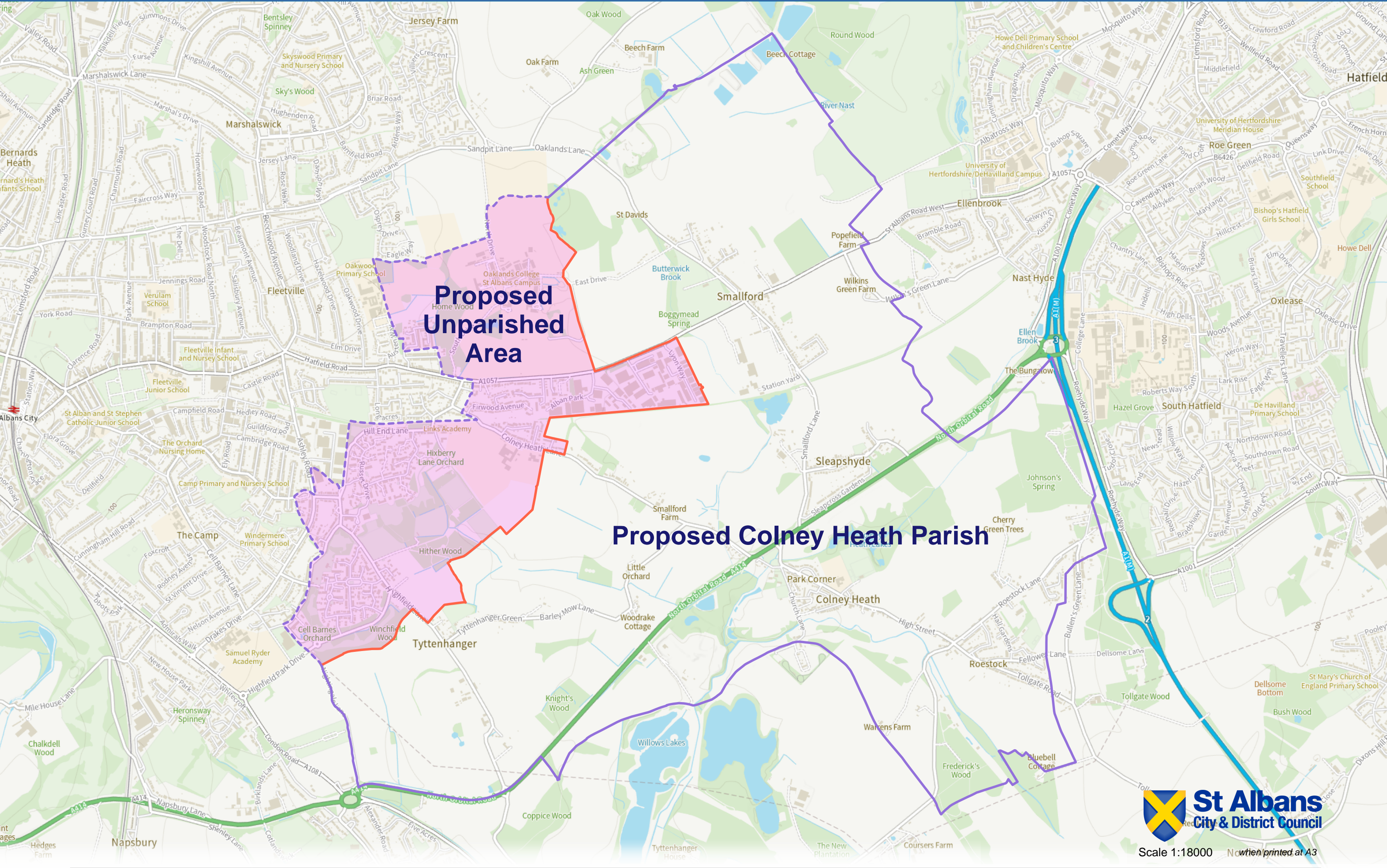
The electorate forecast for draft recommendation 5 is:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
St Michael	(St Michael North)	RBC	152	143
St Michael	(St Michael South)	VRD	154	152
Parish Council total			306	295
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSA	1046	1036
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSD	227	234
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSE	796	890
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSF	2927	2947
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSA	89	89
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSB	15	15
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSC	2602	2676
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSD	3907	3994
Parish Council total			11609	11881

Therefore, the draft recommendation would decrease the predicted electorate of St Michael Parish Council by 89 electors (23.18% of the predicted electorate of the current St Michael Parish Council area). The predicted electorate of St Stephen Parish Council / Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green parish ward would increase by 104 electors

(0.88% of the predicted electorate of the current St Stephen Parish Council area /
1.56% of the predicted parish ward electorate).

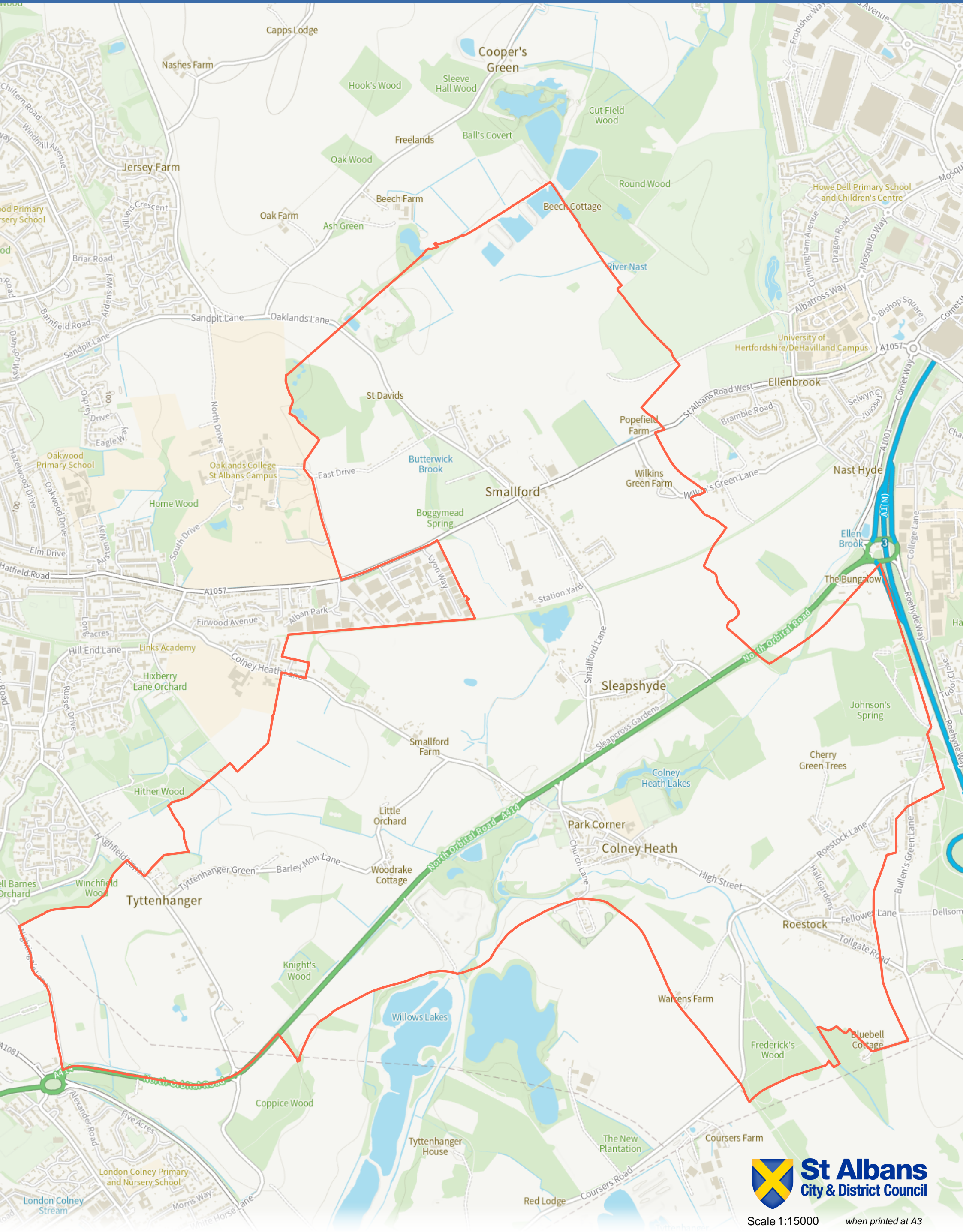
Appendix 1a: Proposed Transfer of Properties from Colney Heath Parish to the Unparished Area



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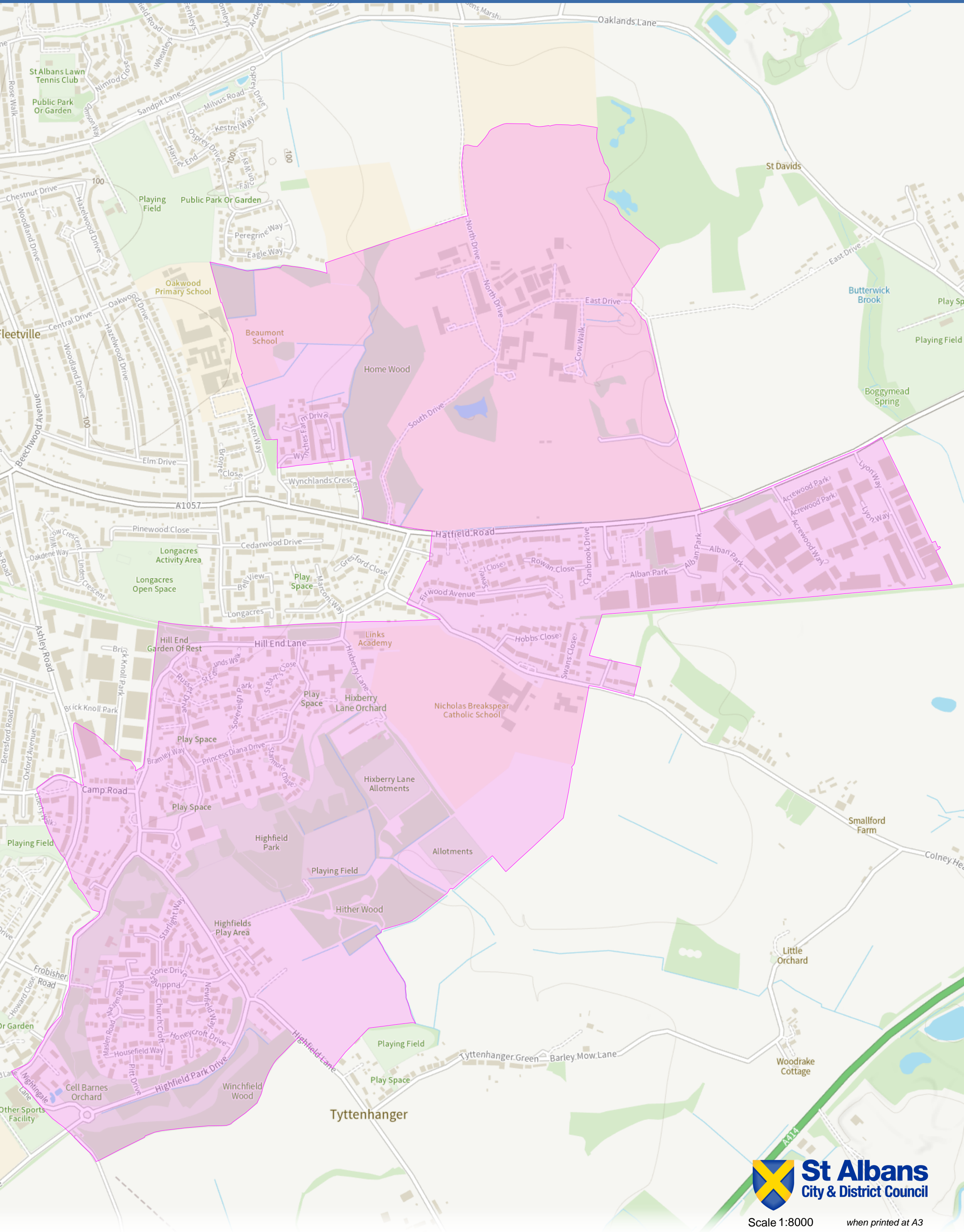
Appendix 1b: Proposed Colney Heath Parish



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 Proposed Parish Boundary

Appendix 1c: Proposed Area to Become Unparished



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Area to become unparished

Property lists for draft recommendation 1

Properties included in the proposed Colney Heath Parish Council:

Polling district	Street	Property numbers / names
CHA	Admirals Close	1-17(Odd); 2-46(Even)
CHA	Barley Mow Lane	1-2; Barley Mow Stables; Little Orchard; Woodrake Cottage
CHA	Barnet By-Pass, Hatfield	Roe Hyde Farm
CHA	Bennetts Close	44713
CHA	Bullens Green Lane	9-13(Odd); 2-16(Even)
CHA	Church Lane	Heath House; Kusti Tan; The Willows
CHA	Colney Heath Lane	107; 113-135(Odd); 145-157(Odd); Annexe 159; 159-167(Odd); Smallford Cottage 185; Smallford Stables 187; Smallford Farm 189; 203; 239-241(Odd); 1 The Paddocks; 1A The Paddocks; 1B The Paddocks; 2-7 The Paddocks
CHA	Coopers Gate, Church Lane	44896
CHA	Coursers Road	Colney Heath Farm; Annexe, Colney Heath Farm; Nuckies Farm; Colne Spring Villa; Greynam; Rosehip Cottage; 2 Alma Cottage; The Firs; Mill House; Warren Farm
CHA	Crescent Gardens	1-8(Continuous)
CHA	Cutmore Drive	1-43(Continuous)
CHB	East Drive, Oaklands	2-3(Continuous); Ground Floor Flat 4; First Floor Flat 4; 5-14(Continuous)
CHA	Fellowes Lane	1-25(Odd); 6; 10; Woodside 10A; 12-52(Even)
CHA	Franklin Close	1-11(Odd); 2-30(Even)
CHA	Hall Gardens	1-61(Odd); 2; 2A; Heathwell 2B; 4-40(Even); Flat 1-16(Continuous) Jasmine Court
CHB	Hatfield Road	600; Flat 1 601; 602-606(Even); 610; 614-616(Even); Flat 1-2(Continuous) Popefield Farm; 1-2(Continuous) The Granary, Popefield Farm
CHA	Heathside, Church Lane	1-4(Continuous)

CHA	High Street	The Queens Head 1; 1A; 1B; 3-9(Odd); Flat 11; Flat 13A-15A(Odd); 15-35(Odd); 39-43(Odd); 53-59(Odd); 65-81(Odd); 85; 1 Scholars Court; 2 Scholars Court; 3 Scholars Court; 4 Scholars Court; 5 Scholars Court; 6 Scholars Court; 7 Scholars Court; 8 Scholars Court; Magnolia Cottage 93; 95-103(Odd); 119-127(Odd); 169-175(Odd); 2-4(Even); 8-12(Even); 16A; 16B; 18; 42; 88-90(Even); 94-106(Even)
CHC	Highfield Lane	Little Green 29; Sandhurst 31; Caravan 1-2(Continuous) 31; 33-45(Odd); 55-63(Odd); 1-14(Continuous) Highfield Manor; 60; 82-86(Even); 1-21(Continuous) Highfield Hall
CHB	Jove Gardens	1-22(Continuous)
CHB	Lawrence Close	4-8(Even)
CHA	Meadway	1-43(Odd); 2-44(Even)
CHB	Oaklands Lane	St Davids; 12-40(Even); 44-58(Even); The Bungalow - Radio Nurseries; 60-64(Even); Radio Casa 64A; 66-70(Even); 80; 80A; 82; East Lodge; 84-88(Even)
CHA	Park Corner	1-4(Continuous)
CHA	Park Lane	1-27(Odd); 4-26(Even)
CHB	Pasture View, Oaklands Lane	1-13(Continuous)
CHA	Richardson Place	1-20(Continuous)
CHA	Roestock Gardens	1A; 1-30(Continuous)
CHA	Roestock Lane	1-3(Odd); The Old Exchange; The Chalkdrawers Arms; Roestock Cottage; The Granary; The Farmhouse; Bushells; 1-3(Continuous) The Rickyard; 4 The Rickyard; 5 The Rickyard; 6 The Rickyard; 7 The Rickyard; 1-6(Continuous) Fairview; Little Orchard; The Bungalow, Cherry Green Trees; 2-3(Continuous) Invicta Cottages; Cartref; Longview; Holly House; Little Croft; The Plough; Lyndhurst; 1-2(Continuous) Corrys End; Longlands; Greenleas; Fairholme; Fairholme Cottage; Hawthorns; The Oaks; The Grove; 2; 2A; 4; 4A; 6-28(Even); 34; 48-54(Even); 68-84(Even); 88; 92-130(Even); Fairfolds; 1-4(Continuous) Redhall End

CHB	Sleapcross Gardens	Annexe 1; 1-35(Continuous)
CHB	Sleapshyde	Angel Cottage; 1-3(Continuous) Cherry Tree Cottages; Conifer Corner; Sunny Bank; Avalon; The Bungalow; Thanet House; Buckland Bungalow; Aylesford Cottage; Chapel House; Nicaron; Serenity; The Hyde Bungalow; 1-3(Continuous) Ye Olde House; Little Bushes; Ard Maca; Penlu; Annexe Penlu; Rose Cottage; Little Rose Cottage; The Plough; Sleapshyde Farm; The Beehive Sleapshyde Farm; The Granary Sleapshyde Farm; Sleapshyde Farm Cottage
CHB	Sleapshyde Lane	1; 1A; 3-39(Odd); 2-16(Even); 18/20; 22-68(Even)
CHB	Smallford Lane	1; 1A; 2-22(Continuous)
CHB	Smallford Nurseries, Station Road	Alpha; Bungalow 1-2(Continuous); Flat 1-3(Odd); Flat 4-7(Continuous); Flat 9-10(Continuous); Bungalow 3-5(Continuous)
CHB	Springfield Road	1; 1A; 2-34(Continuous)
CHA	St. Marks Close	The Old Vicarage; St Marks Vicarage; 3-7(Odd)
CHB	Station Road	1-5(Continuous); 7-11(Odd); 15; 21-55(Odd); Kasmar 57; 59; 59A; Beere Cottage 61; 63-83(Odd)
CHA	The Barley Mow Caravan Site, Barley Mow Lane	1-12(Continuous); 14-16(Continuous)
CHA	Tollgate Road	51-53(Odd); 57-99(Odd); Greengates 101; 103-113(Odd); The White Barn; 42-86(Even); 92-100(Even); 106; 116-118(Even); 124; Park Cottage; Bluebell Cottage
CHC	Tyttenhanger Green	1; 5-7(Odd); The Barn 9; 9-19(Odd); 25; 29-35(Odd); 39-45(Odd); 49-51(Odd); 2-28(Even); The Plough Public House 32; 34-52(Even); Hill End Farm
CHB	Wilkins Green	Wilkins Green Farm; 2 Wilkins Green Farm; Forge Cottage; The Old Forge
CHB	Wilkins Green Lane	1A
CHB	Wilkins Green Terrace	1-8(Continuous)
CHA	Wistlea Crescent	1-36(Continuous)

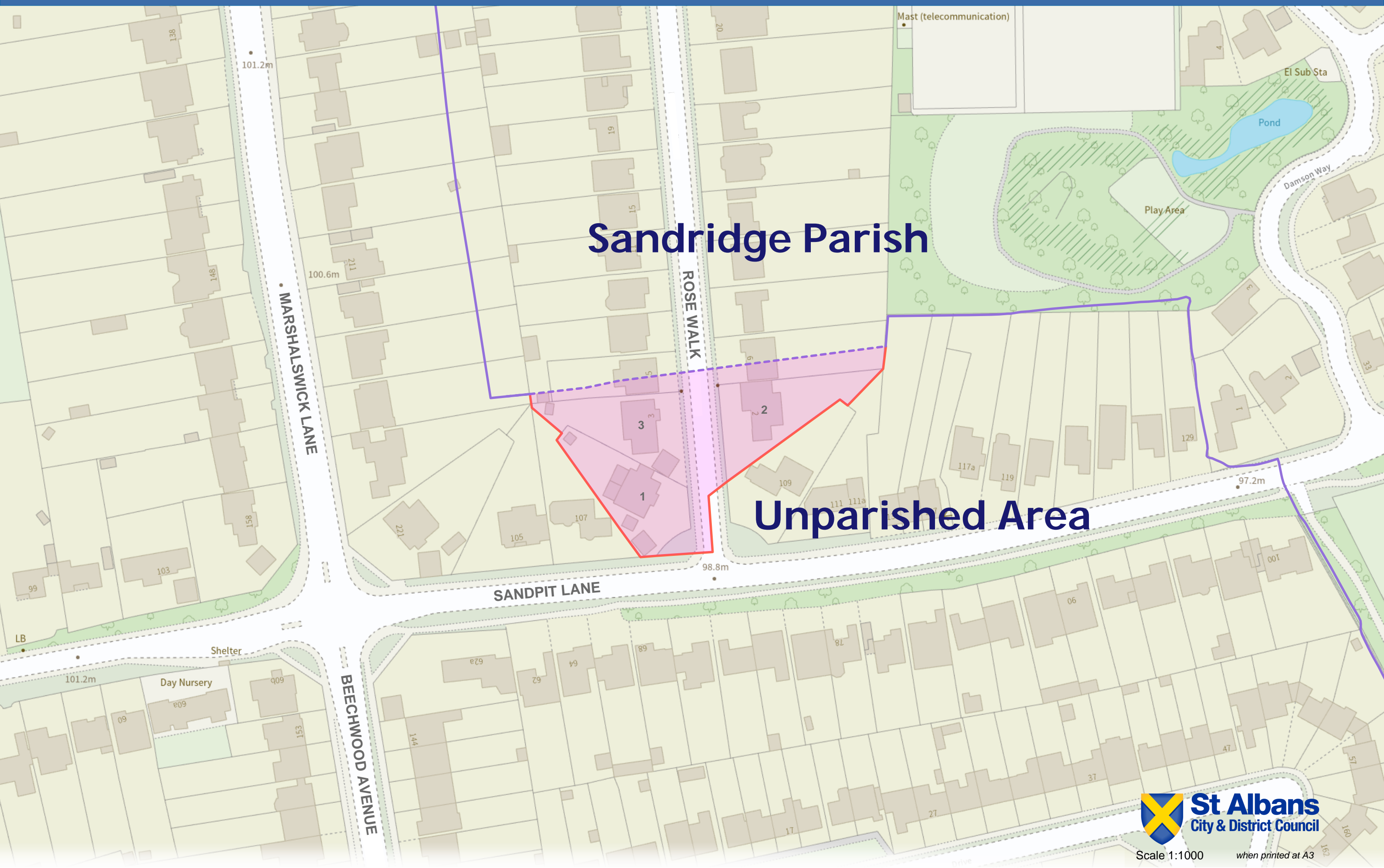
Properties currently in Colney Heath Parish Council which are not included in the proposed Colney Heath Parish Council:

Polling district	Street	Property numbers / names
HLD	Ashley Road	183-189(Odd)
HLC	Boissy Close, Colney Heath Lane	1-16(Continuous)
HLD	Bramley Way	1-6(Continuous) Hillside; 1-7(Odd); 2-6(Even)
HLD	Cairns Close	1-17(Odd); 2-24(Even); 1-29(Continuous) Hine House; 1-8(Continuous) Nicholas House; 1-29(Continuous) Anderson House
HLD	Camp Road	309-335(Odd); 330-358(Even)
HLC	Charlotte Close	1-8(Continuous)
HLD	Chivenor Place	1-9(Continuous)
HLD	Church Croft	1-11(Odd); 21-39(Odd); 6-18(Even); 22-28(Even)
HLC	Colney Heath Lane	31-65(Odd); 65A; 65B; Annexe 65B; 67; 71-73(Odd); 93-101(Odd); School House
HLC	Cranbrook Drive	1-47(Odd); 2-24(Even)
HLD	Cranwell Close	1-7(Continuous)
HLD	Crosby Close, Hill End Lane	1-4(Continuous)
HLD	Drakes Drive	1-5(Odd); 5A; 7-29(Odd); 2; 2A; 4-22(Even)
HLC	East Drive, Oaklands	15-19(Continuous)
HLD	Edison Close	1-11(Continuous)
HLC	Firwood Avenue	1-29(Odd); 39-69(Odd); 2-66(Even); 70-72(Even)
HLD	Grafton Close	1-15(Odd); 2-18(Even); Cosycool 20
HLD	Greensleeves Close	1-15(Continuous)
HLD	Grenadier Close	1-16(Continuous)
HLC	Hatfield Road	South Lodge; 482-484(Even); 1-6(Continuous) Hathaway Court 486; 488; 488A; 490-498(Even); 498A; 500; 500A; 502-528(Even); 528a; 530; 542
HLD	Highfield Lane	3-11(Odd); 20-34(Even)

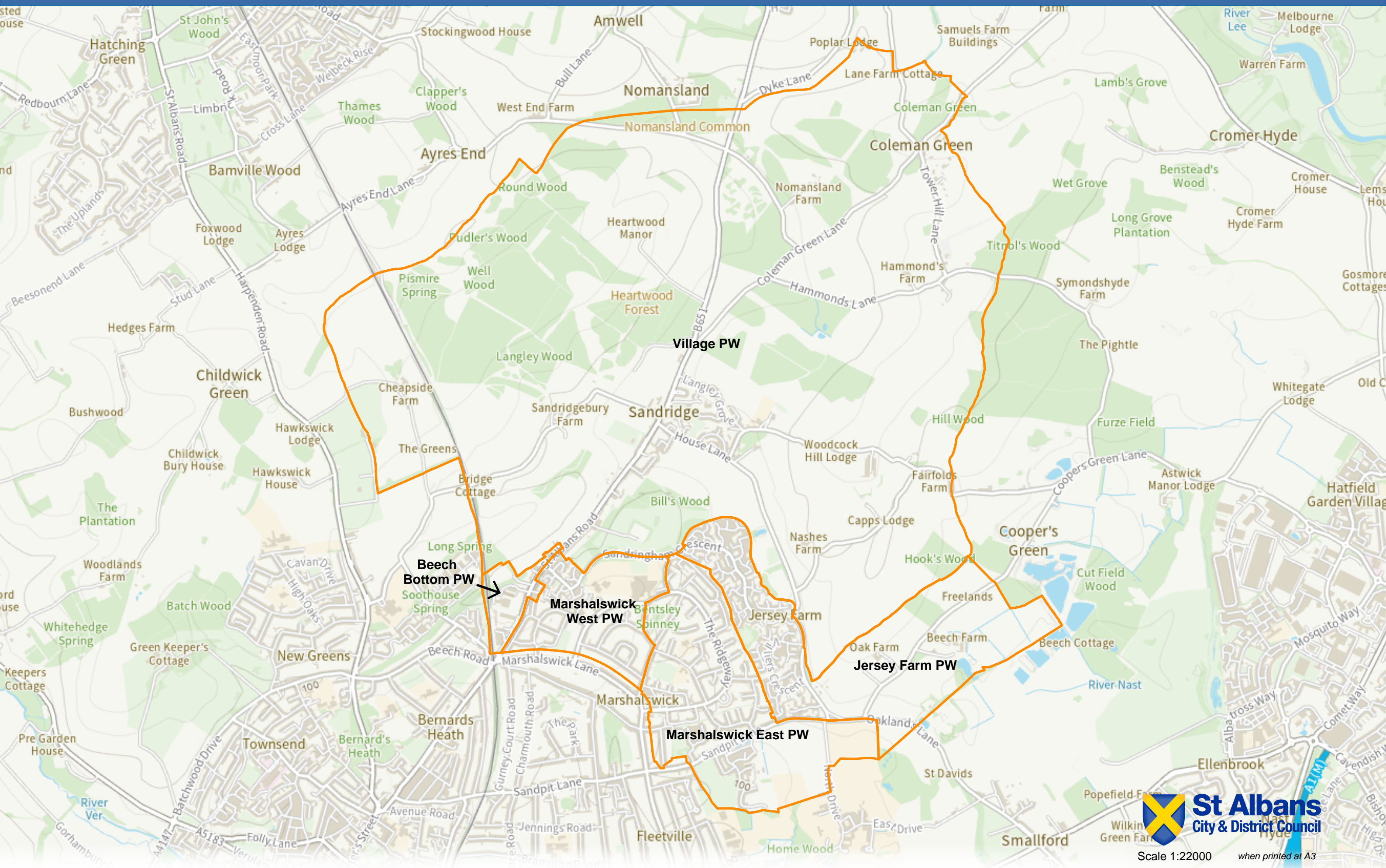
HLD	Hill End Lane	28; 15-29(Odd); 31-33; 35; Sovereign House 53; 55-75(Odd); 30-56(Even); 60-130(Even); West Lodge; Emmaus St Albans; Flat 1-2(Continuous) Emmaus St Albans
HLD	Hixberry Lane	Flat 5A 3; Flat 5B 3; Flat 5C 3; Flat 7-9(Odd) 3
HLC	Hobbs Close	1; Hornbeams 1A; 3-27(Odd); 22-26(Even)
HLD	Honeycroft Drive	1-31(Odd); 2-14(Even)
HLD	Housefield Way	1-19(Odd); 2-18(Even)
HLD	Ivory Close	1-8(Continuous)
HLC	Kay Walk, Wynches Farm Drive	1-3(Continuous); Winches Lodge 4; Winches Farm 5
HLD	Liberty Walk	1-10(Continuous)
HLD	Manston Way	1-7(Odd); 2-16(Even)
HLD	Maslen Road	1-29(Odd); 2-34(Even)
HLC	Merryfields	1-4(Continuous)
HLD	Newfield Way	1-31(Odd); 2-28(Even)
HLD	Pitt Drive	1-2(Continuous); 4
HLD	Princess Diana Drive	1-57(Odd); 2-42(Even); 3-7(Continuous) Lynch Court; 44-54(Even)
HLD	Puddingstone Drive	3-57(Odd); 2-126(Even)
HLC	Rowan Close	5-11(Odd); 2-42(Even)
HLD	Russet Drive	1-57(Odd); 2-13(Continuous) Jacob Court 61; 4-14(Continuous) Loyd Court 63; 1-3(Continuous) Egremont House; 6-58(Even); 2-12(Continuous) Claughton Court 60
HLC	Ryecroft Court, Hatfield Road	1-22(Continuous)
HLC	Sewell Close	1-17(Odd); 18-16(Even); 19-21(Odd)
HLD	Sovereign Park	1-9(Continuous); Southernwood 10; 11-28(Continuous); 1-2(Continuous) Lynch Court
HLD	St Bart`s Close	1-18(Continuous)
HLC	St Yon Court, Colney Heath Lane	2-5(Continuous)
HLD	St. Edmunds Walk	1-37(Odd); 2-44(Even)
HLD	Stanmore Chase	1-24(Continuous)
HLD	Starlight Way	1-23(Odd); 2-54(Even)

HLD	Sturmer Close	1-12(Continuous)
HLC	Swans Close	1-15(Odd); 2-14(Even)
HLD	Tillage Close	1-33(Continuous)
HLC	Wynches Farm Drive	1-72(Continuous)

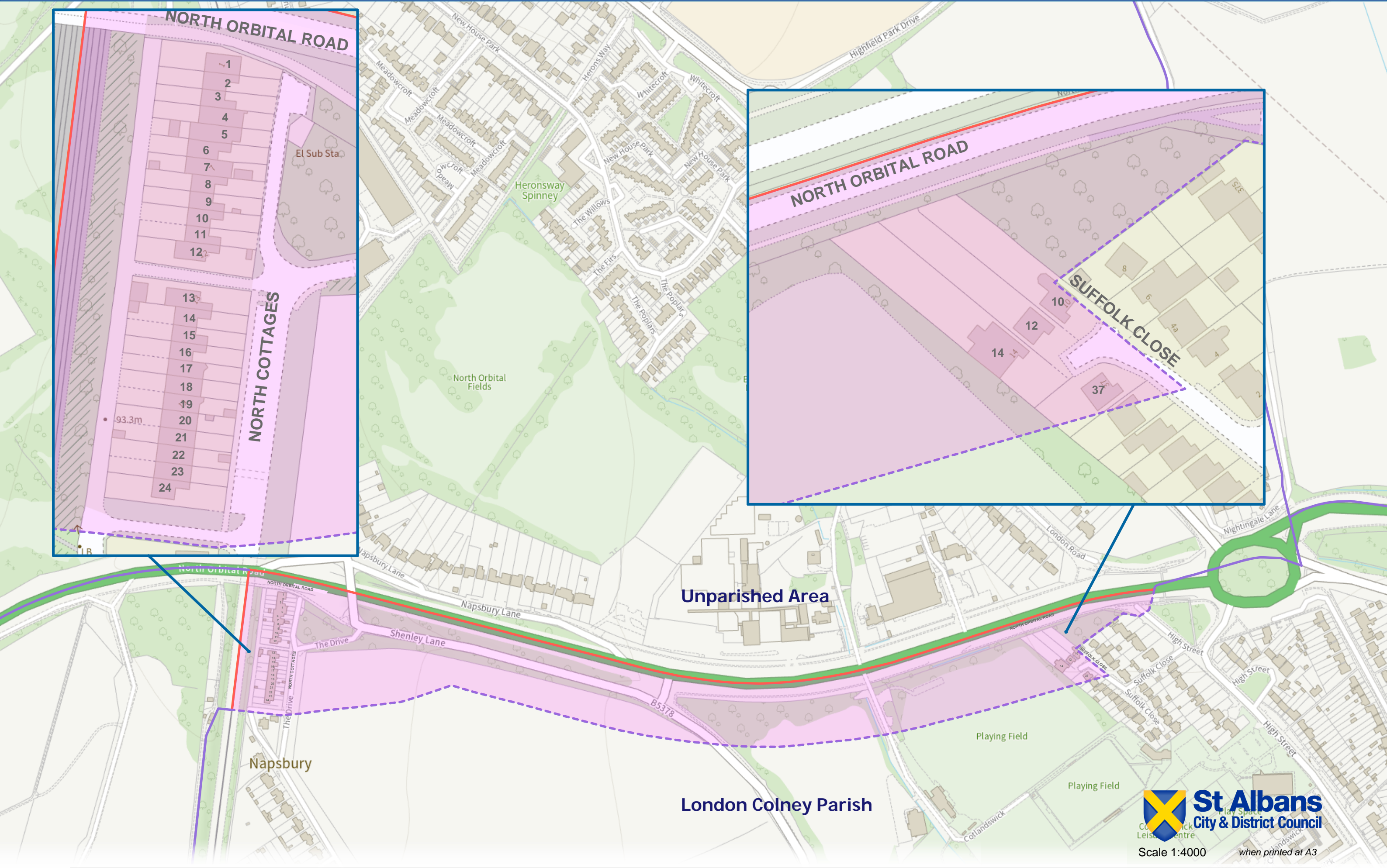
Appendix 3: Transfer of Properties from Unparished Area to Sandridge Parish



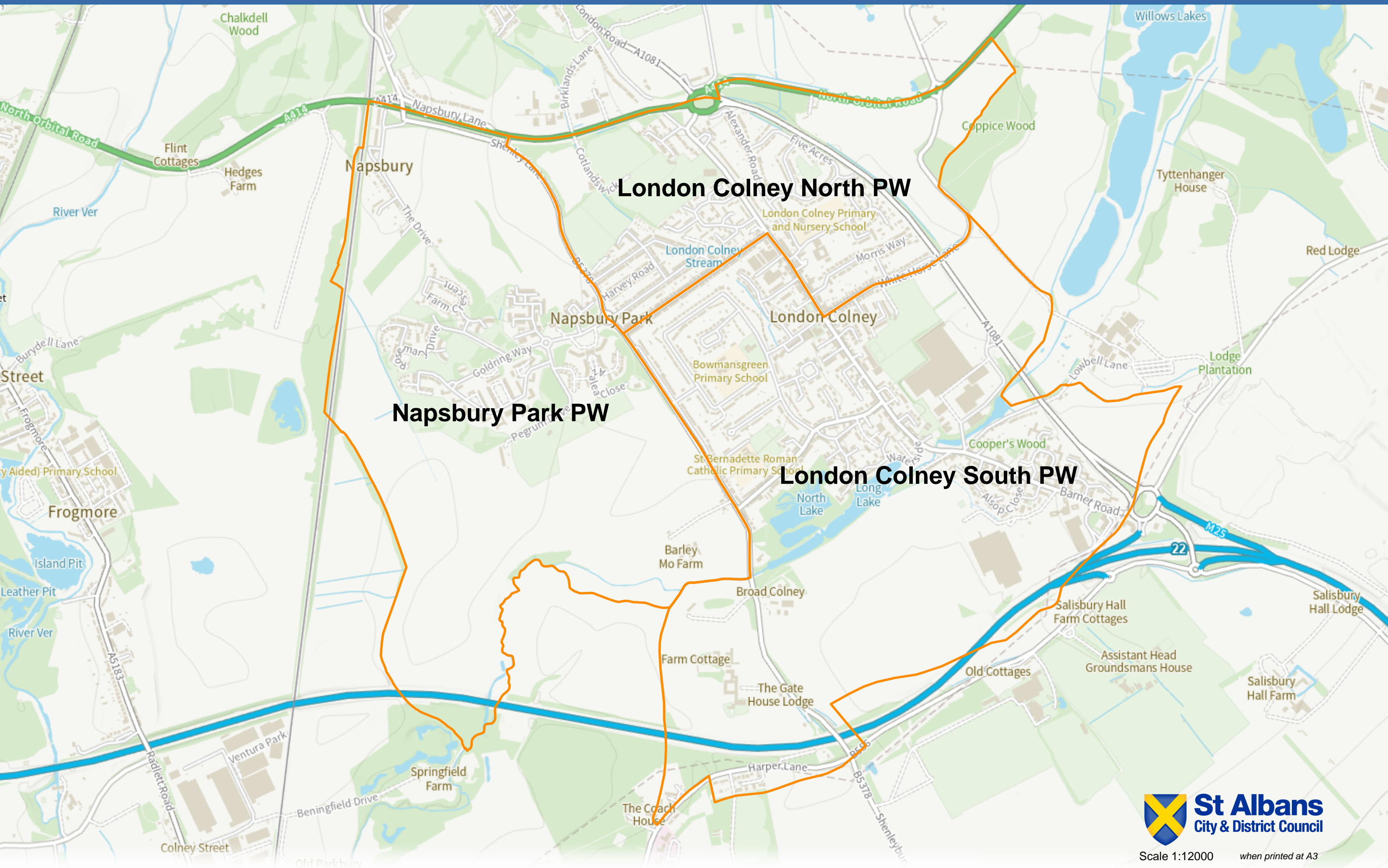
Appendix 4: Proposed Parish Ward Boundaries for Sandridge Parish



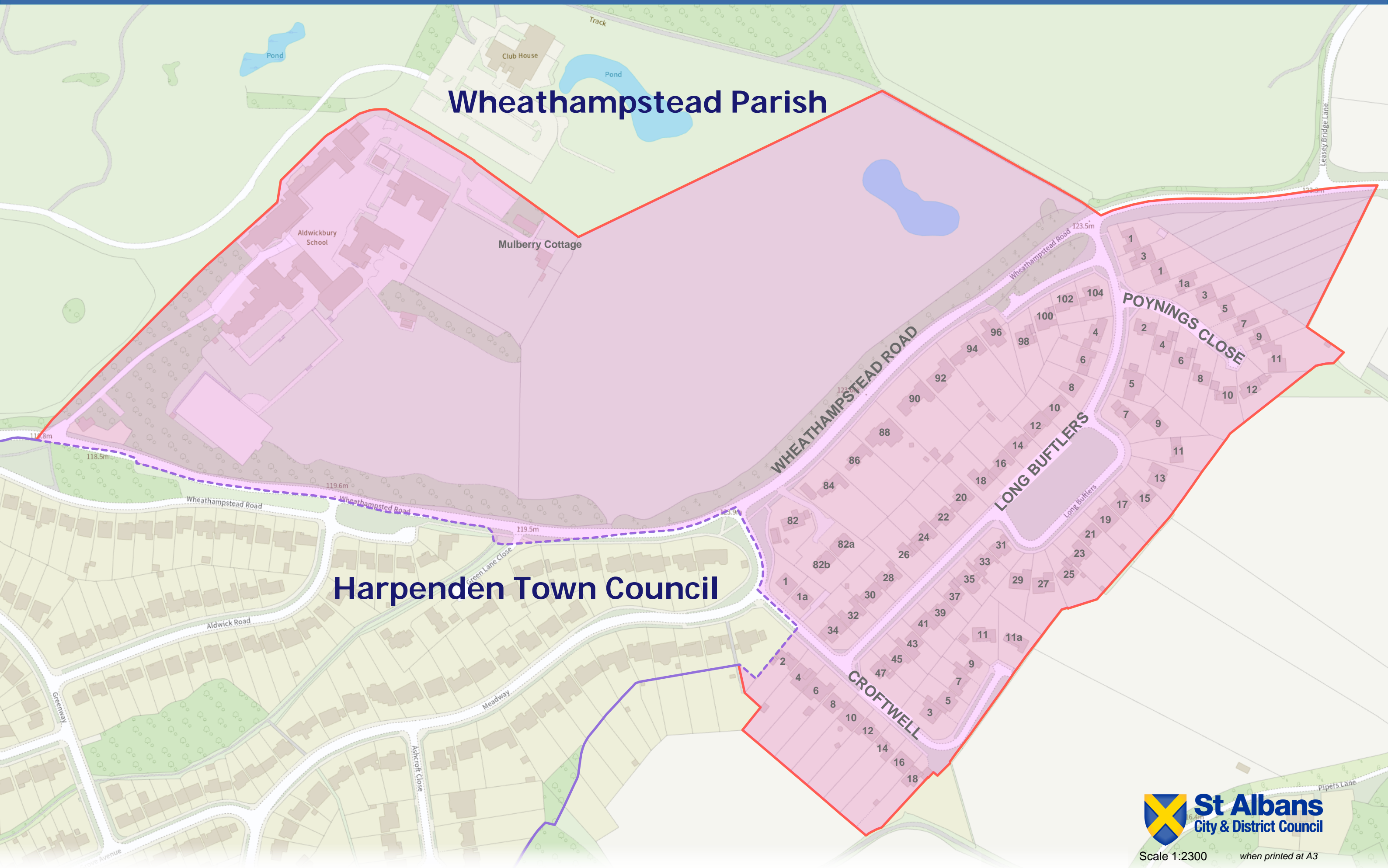
Appendix 5: Transfer of Properties from Unparished Area to London Colney Parish



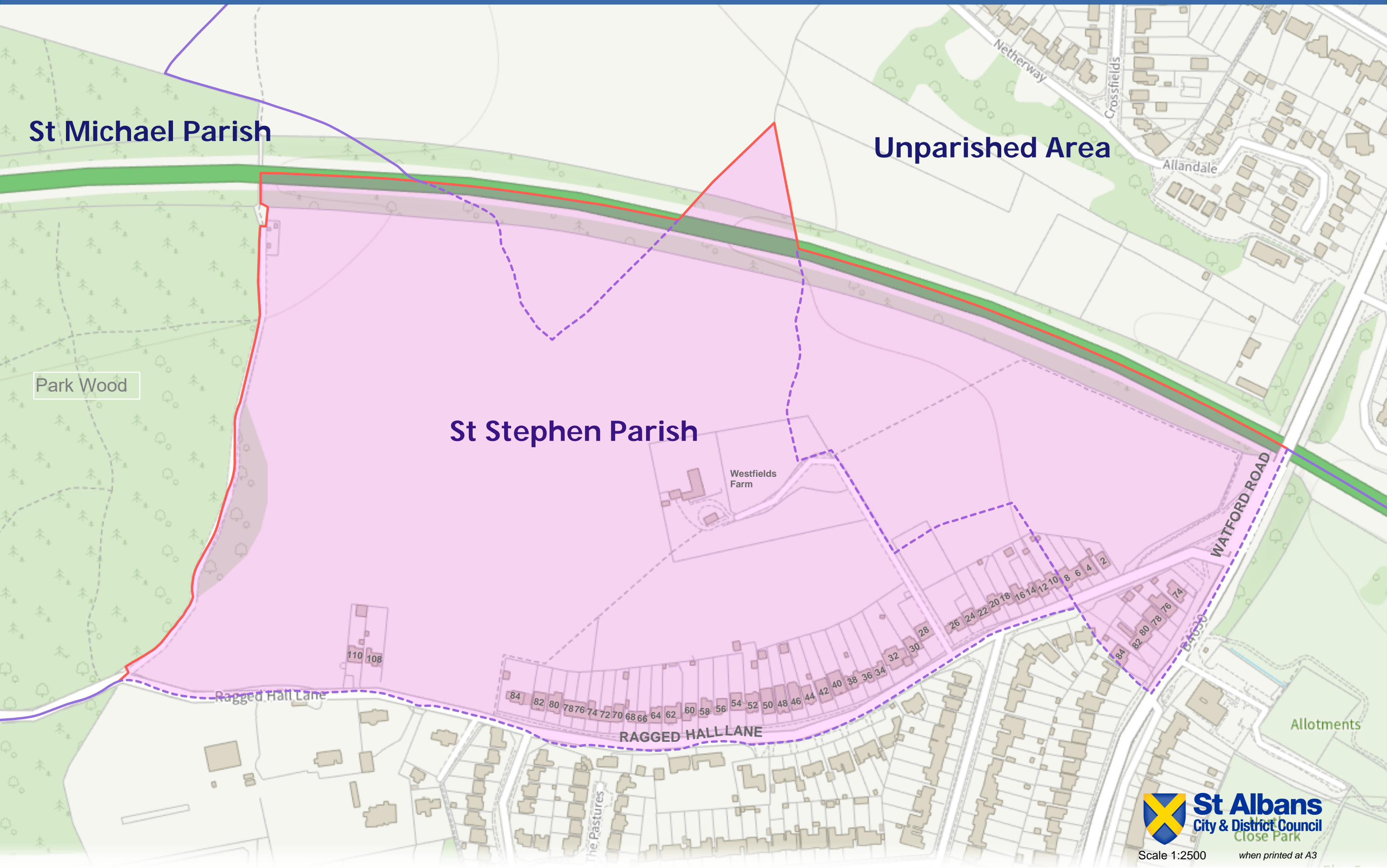
Appendix 6: Proposed Parish Wards for London Colney Parish



Appendix 7: Transfer of Properties from Wheathampstead Parish to Harpenden Town Council



Appendix 8: Transfer of Properties from Unparished Area and St Michael Parish to St Stephen Parish



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Background

At the beginning of the St Albans City & District Community Governance Review (CGR), we calculated and published the predicted electorates per polling district for 2027. This was to account for any impact that population changes and housing development might have in the district within the next five years. The forecasts and accompanying methodology can be found on the CGR webpage (<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/community-governance-review>).

Following an initial round of public consultation (4 January 2022 – 31 March 2022), the council has produced a series of draft recommendations prior to a second round of public consultation (1 July 2022 – 16 September 2022). To accompany these draft recommendations, we have calculated the effect that such changes may have on the electorate figures for the affected areas. Our calculations are based on the original predicted electorates for 2027 which we published at the start of the CGR. All forecasts are based on the local government electorate (i.e., those voters who are registered and entitled to vote in local government elections).

We are aware of the Local Government boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) view that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government, either for voters or councillors, to have significant differences in levels of representation between parish wards within a parish. We have considered the levels of representation between each ward after the proposed changes have been made and believe that any variation is acceptable.

Parish wards and councillor numbers

As part of their recent review of district ward boundaries in St Albans City & District, the LGBCE made some related changes to parish wards and parish councillor numbers. The details of these changes are contained in Article 5 and Schedule 3 of *The St Albans (Electoral Changes) Order 2021*, and come into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2023 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/900/contents/made>). These arrangements may be altered as an outcome of the CGR. Unless otherwise stated, the parish wards and councillor numbers that are referred to throughout these electorate forecasts relate to those listed in *The St Albans (Electoral Changes) Order 2021*.

Colney Heath Parish Council

Draft recommendation 1: to alter the outer boundary of Colney Heath Parish Council to match that of the Colney Heath District Council ward and remove parish representation from those residents of Hill End District Council ward who are presently represented on Colney Heath Parish Council.

Electoral forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of Colney Heath Parish Council is 4639.

The electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district is currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHA	1321	1333
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHB	636	708
Colney Heath	(Tyttenhanger)	CHC	167	190
Colney Heath	(Alban Park)	HLC	726	713
Colney Heath	(Hill End)	HLD	1789	1746
Parish Council total			4639	4690

However, if the outer boundaries of the parish were altered to align with Colney Heath district ward as proposed, the electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHA	1321	1333
Colney Heath	(Colney Heath)	CHB	636	708
Colney Heath	(Tyttenhanger)	CHC	167	190
Parish Council total			2124	2231

Therefore, decreasing the predicted electorate of the parish for 2027 by 2459 electors (52.43% of the predicted electorate).

Sandridge Parish Council

Draft recommendation 2(a): to alter the outer boundary of Sandridge Parish Council to include the presently unparished properties at numbers 1, 2 and 3 Rose Walk within the parish.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of Sandridge Parish Council is 9138.

The electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district is currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEA	2341	2304
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEB	3385	3471
Sandridge	(Marshalswick West)	MWC	1909	1883
Sandridge	(Beech Bottom)	MWD	137	122
Sandridge	(Sandridge Village)	SWB	1366	1346
Parish Council total			9138	9126

However, if 1, 2 and 3 Rose Walk were included in Sandridge parish as proposed, the electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEA	2341	2304
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEB	3390	3476
Sandridge	(Marshalswick West)	MWC	1909	1883
Sandridge	(Beech Bottom)	MWD	137	122
Sandridge	(Sandridge Village)	SWB	1366	1346
Parish Council total			9143	9131

Therefore, increasing the predicted electorate of the parish for 2027 by 5 electors (0.05% of the predicted parish electorate, and 0.09% of the predicted parish ward electorate).

Draft recommendation 2(b): to divide Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm Parish Ward into two parish wards.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of the Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward is 5726.

The electorate and predicted future electorate for the Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward is currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEA	2341	2304
Sandridge	(Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm)	MEB	3385	3471
Parish ward total			5726	5775

However, if Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward was split as proposed, the electorate and predicted future electorate for the proposed Jersey Farm and Marshalswick East parish wards would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	Jersey Farm	MEA plus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	2526	2513
Sandridge	Marshalswick East	MEB minus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	3200	3262
Total			5726	5775

The proposed Jersey Farm parish ward would contain 43.52% of the electors in the current Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward, while the proposed Marshalswick East parish ward would contain 56.48% of the electors.

Alternatively, if proposal 2(a) is accepted and 1-3 Rose Walk are included in Sandridge Parish Council, the electorates would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Sandridge	Jersey Farm	MEA plus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	2526	2513
Sandridge	Marshalswick East	MEB minus Newgate Close and Ardens Marsh	3205	3267
Total			5731	5780

In those circumstances, the proposed Jersey Farm parish ward would contain 43.48% of the electors in the current Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm parish ward, while the proposed Marshalswick East parish ward would contain 56.52% of the electors.

In either case, the proposed Jersey Farm parish ward would be represented by 3 parish councillors and the proposed Marshalswick East parish ward by 5 parish councillors.

London Colney Parish Council

Draft recommendation 3(a): to alter the northern boundary of London Colney Parish Council to run along the A414 from the London Colney roundabout westward to its junction with the east midlands railway line, thereby including the following presently unparished properties within the London Colney Parish Council area: numbers 1-24 North Cottages, and 10, 12, 14, and 37 Suffolk Close.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of London Colney Parish Council is 7226.

The electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district is currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCC	2288	2292
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCD	1414	1453
London Colney	(Napsbury Park)	PSC	1289	1274
Parish Council total			7226	7354

However, if the outer parish boundary is amended as proposed to include polling districts LCE and PSB, the electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCC	2288	2292
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCD	1414	1453
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCE	7	10
London Colney	(Napsbury Park)	PSB	52	51
London Colney	(Napsbury Park)	PSC	1289	1274
Parish Council total			7285	7415

Therefore, increasing the predicted electorate of the parish for 2027 by 61 electors (0.83% of the predicted electorate). The predicted electorate of London Colney parish ward would increase by 10 electors (0.16% of the predicted electorate for the parish ward). The predicted electorate of Napsbury parish ward would increase by 51 electors (4.00% of the predicted electorate for the parish ward).

Draft recommendation 3(b): to divide the London Colney Parish Ward into two parish wards.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of the London Colney parish ward is 5937.

The electorate and predicted future electorate for the London Colney parish ward is currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCC	2288	2292
London Colney	(London Colney)	LCD	1414	1453
Parish ward total			5937	6080

However, if London Colney parish ward was split as proposed, the electorate and predicted future electorate for the proposed London Colney North and London Colney South parish wards would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCD	1414	1453
Parish ward total			2416	2498
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCC	2288	2292
Parish ward total			3521	3582

The proposed London Colney North parish ward would contain 41.09% of the electors in the current London Colney parish ward, while the proposed London Colney South parish ward would contain 58.91% of the electors. Therefore, London Colney North parish ward would be represented by 3 parish councillors and London Colney South parish ward by 4 parish councillors.

Alternatively, if proposal 3a is accepted and all of Suffolk Close is included in London Colney Parish Council, the electorate and predicted future electorate for the proposed London Colney North and London Colney South parish wards would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCA	1002	1045
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCD	1414	1453
London Colney	(London Colney North)	LCE	7	10
Parish ward total			2423	2508
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCB	1233	1290
London Colney	(London Colney South)	LCC	2288	2292
Parish ward total			3521	3582

The proposed London Colney North parish ward would contain 41.18% of the electors in the current London Colney parish ward, while the proposed London Colney South parish ward would contain 58.82% of the electors. Therefore, London Colney North parish ward would be represented by 3 parish councillors and London Colney South parish ward by 4 parish councillors.

Harpenden Town Council and Wheathampstead Parish Council

Draft recommendation 4: to alter the boundary between Wheathampstead Parish Council and Harpenden Town Council, so that all properties in Long Buftlers, Croftwell, Poynings Close, Aldwickbury School and numbers 82-104 (evens only) Wheathampstead Road, presently part of Wheathampstead Parish Council, become part of Harpenden Town Council.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of Harpenden Town Council is 22871, and Wheathampstead Parish Council is 4967.

The electorate and predicted future electorates per polling district for both parishes are currently:

Parish / Town Council	Parish / Town Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEA	1548	1535
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEB	2297	2276
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEC	1796	1780
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HED	110	141
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNB	3855	3881
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNC	1737	1708
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSA	1335	1317
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSB	4088	4075
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWA	1358	1683
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWB	2431	2259
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWC	2316	2209
Town Council total			22871	22864
Wheathampstead	(Aldwickbury)	HSC	203	173
Wheathampstead	(Wheathampstead Village)	SWA	4764	4830
Parish Council total			4967	5003

However, if the outer parish boundary is amended as proposed so that polling district HSC is moved from Wheathampstead Parish Council to Harpenden Town Council, the electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district would be:

Parish / Town Council	Parish / Town Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEA	1548	1535
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEB	2297	2276
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden East)	HEC	1796	1780
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HED	110	141
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNB	3855	3881
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden North)	HNC	1737	1708
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSA	1335	1317
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSB	4088	4075
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden South)	HSC	203	173
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWA	1358	1683
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWB	2431	2259
Harpenden Town	(Harpenden West)	HWC	2316	2209
Town Council total			23074	23037
Wheathampstead	n/a	SWA	4764	4830
Parish Council total			4764	4830

Therefore, the predicted electorate of Harpenden Town Council / Harpenden South parish ward for 2027 would increase by 173 electors (0.76% of the predicted parish electorate / 3.21% of the predicted parish ward electorate).

The predicted electorate of Wheathampstead Parish Council would decrease by 173 electors (3.46% of the predicted parish electorate).

St Michael Parish Council and St Stephen Parish Council

Draft recommendation 5: to alter the parish boundary between St Michael Parish Council and St Stephen Parish Council that presently splits Ragged Hall Lane so that it follows the new District Ward boundary running along the A414 westward from its junction with Watford Road to Park Wood.

Electorate forecasts

The current electorate (June 2022) of St Michael Parish Council is 395, and St Stephen Parish Council is 11505.

The electorate and predicted future electorates per polling district for both parishes are currently:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
St Michael	(St Michael North)	RBC	152	143
St Michael	(St Michael South East)	SSA	89	89
St Michael	(St Michael South)	VRD	154	152
Parish Council total			395	384
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSA	1046	1036
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSD	227	234
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSE	796	890
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSF	2927	2947
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSC	2602	2676
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSD	3907	3994
Parish Council total			11505	11777

However, if the outer parish boundary is amended as proposed and polling districts SSA (currently in St Michael parish) and SSB (currently unparished) move to St Stephen parish, the electorate and predicted future electorate per polling district would be:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling district	Current electorate (June 2022)	Predicted electorate for 2027
St Michael	(St Michael North)	RBC	152	143
St Michael	(St Michael South)	VRD	154	152
Parish Council total			306	295
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSA	1046	1036
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSD	227	234
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSE	796	890
St. Stephen	(Park Street)	PSF	2927	2947
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSA	89	89
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSB	15	15
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSC	2602	2676
St. Stephen	(Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green)	SSD	3907	3994
Parish Council total			11609	11881

Therefore, the predicted electorate of St Michael Parish Council would decrease by 89 electors (23.18% of the predicted parish electorate).

The predicted electorate of St Stephen Parish Council / Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green parish ward for 2027 would increase by 104 electors (0.88% of the predicted parish electorate / 1.56% of the predicted parish ward electorate).