

Boundary Review

Review of

The Borough of Ribble Valley

Ribble Valley Borough Council - Warding Proposal

To the Local Government Boundary Commission for England



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Ribble Valley Borough Council set up a cross-party working group to consider proposals on the warding patterns with support from officers. The group recognised that changes were required in order to gain electoral equality across the borough. Some wards are already outside the +/- 10% variance and other wards will be by 2022 following expected development. The electoral forecast for 2022 is 48,027 which equates to 1,201 electors per Councillor (currently 1136). The working group worked on a number of options.

The working groups preferred option was submitted to Policy and Finance Committee on 24 January and the committee approved the option being submitted as the Council's proposals.

The Council has followed the principle of trying to keep parishes as a whole, however it was considered it was impossible to make the numbers up (retaining 40 members) without splitting two parishes.

Please find below the Council's proposals:

The Proposals

Having considered the forecast electorate and warding it is recommended that remaining with 40 Councillors would provide efficient and effective representation to the public and best enable appropriate warding proposals. Calculations based on alternative numbers of Councillors, for example 41, didn't work across the borough and in some wards created even bigger variances.

The review started by looking at the wards at the outermost edges of the borough in the north east and south west of the borough - as there is less scope for changes to boundaries in these areas due to being surrounded by other boroughs. The following information is provided to illustrate the working group's considerations for each area.

Mellor

The ward forecast produces a future variance of -12%. Adding the Osbaldeston area to the ward reduces the variance to -6%. The other option would be to add Ramsgreave, but this would make the new ward too big. It is proposed to add Osbaldeston to the current Mellor ward, retaining 2 members.

Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave and Wilpshire

Removing Osbaldeston from the Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave ward creates a forecast electorate too small for 2 members. Removing Ramsgreave and joining it with Wilpshire (renamed Wilpshire and Ramsgreave) creates a 2 member ward with a variance of 8% and leaves a renamed Clayton-le-Dale and Salesbury, a 1 member ward with a variance of 3%.

Read and Simonstone

The forecast produces a future variance of -18% in this ward. To reduce this variance, maintaining a 2 member ward, the only option is to add some electors from either of the two neighbouring wards. It is proposed that 75 electors are added from the Portfield Bar area of the Whalley ward (see Map A). This has the effect of reducing the variance to -15%. Options are limited in this area to further reduce the variance.

Chatburn

The forecast produces a future variance of -15% in this ward. It is proposed that Mearley and Worston are added to reduce the variance to -8%. The two areas naturally fit with Chatburn, Downham and Twiston.

Wiswell and Pendleton

Removing Mearley and Worston from the current Wiswell and Pendleton ward reduces the number of forecasted electors to 1882. This is too many for a 1 member ward and too few for a 2 member ward. It was noted that the ward boundary goes through the middle of the proposed Barrowlands development. It is therefore suggested that a more natural boundary between the wards of Whalley and Barrow would be the A59. Therefore it is proposed that 410 electors are added to Barrow from Whalley to create a 2 member ward (renamed Wiswell and Barrow) with a variance of -5%.

Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley

It was considered reasonable to put Mitton and Little Mitton with the rest of the Bashall Eaves and Mitton Parish. By also adding Waddington and Bowland Forest LD to Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley a 2 member ward could be created. However, the working group felt there was an opportunity to create 2 new single member wards. These being Waddington, Bashall Eaves and Mitton (with a 2% variance) and Hurst Green and Whitewell which would incorporate Hurst Green/Stonyhurst, Chaigley, Dutton and Bowland Forest LD (with a -9% variance).

Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn

The forecast for the current ward produces a future variance of -14%. The removal of Bowland Forest LD increases this variance. It is proposed that Sawley joins with Bolton-by-Bowland, Newton-In-Bowland, Easington and Slaidburn to create a 1 member ward (renamed Bowland) with a variance of -2%.

Waddington and West Bradford

It is proposed that by removing Waddington and Sawley from Waddington and West Bradford a new single member ward of Grindleton and West Bradford is created with a variance of 3%.

Langho and Billington and Old Langho

The forecast produces a future variance of -25% for Langho. It is proposed to put Dinckley and Brockhall and Old Langho together to create a 1 member ward with a variance -7% (renamed Brockhall and Dinckley). This leaves Billington and Langho with a forecast electorate of 3182, which is too large for a 2 member ward. Taking into consideration the reduced electorate of the altered Whalley area it was considered reasonable to add some of the Billington area (the area south east of the railway line around Painter Wood) to Whalley which has the result of reducing the forecast electorate to create a 2 member ward (renamed Billington and Langho) (see Map B).

Whalley

Removing the area around Portfield Bar, Mitton and Little Mitton, and the area around the Eagle at Barrow from the Whalley ward and adding the Painter Wood area from Billington and Old Langho creates a ward electorate around 3687. This equates to 3 elected members. Consideration was given to the best way distribute 3 members to the ward – ie a 3 member ward or to split Whalley in to 3 single member wards. Pros and cons for each approach were discussed by the working group and the decision was made to propose a new single member ward to be called Whalley Nethertown. This would cover the area west of the railway line incorporating Nethertown and Calderstones. The remainder of the Whalley area would be a 2 member ward (renamed Whalley and Painter Wood) (see Map A).

Clitheroe

The 5 wards of Clitheroe, being Edisford and Low Moor, Littlemoor, Primrose, Salthill and St Mary's, were considered by the working group as a whole as they make-up Clitheroe Town Council.

The group considered that some change was inevitable as two of the wards have a forecast electorate greater than the 10% variance – Edisford and Low Moor (11%), and Primrose (19%). Littlemoor ward is also likely to see further growth due to future development on the Standen site (beyond the 6 year scope of this review).

To reduce the large variance in the Primrose ward it is necessary to add some electors to either of the neighbouring wards. It is therefore proposed that area C moves to the Littlemoor ward and area B moves to the Edisford and Low Moor ward. This reduces the variance in the Primrose ward to a more acceptable 10%, but has the effect of raising variances in these 2 wards and necessitates moving some electors into the 2 remaining wards which are forecasted to have lower variances. Therefore it is proposed that area A moves from Edisford and Low Moor in to St Mary's, which creates variances of 5% and 10% respectively, and area D is proposed to move from Littlemoor to Salthill, creating variances of 1% and 3% respectively.(see Map C).

Remaining wards

It is recommended that there are no changes made to the following wards as the forecast electorate is within the tolerance range – see table below.

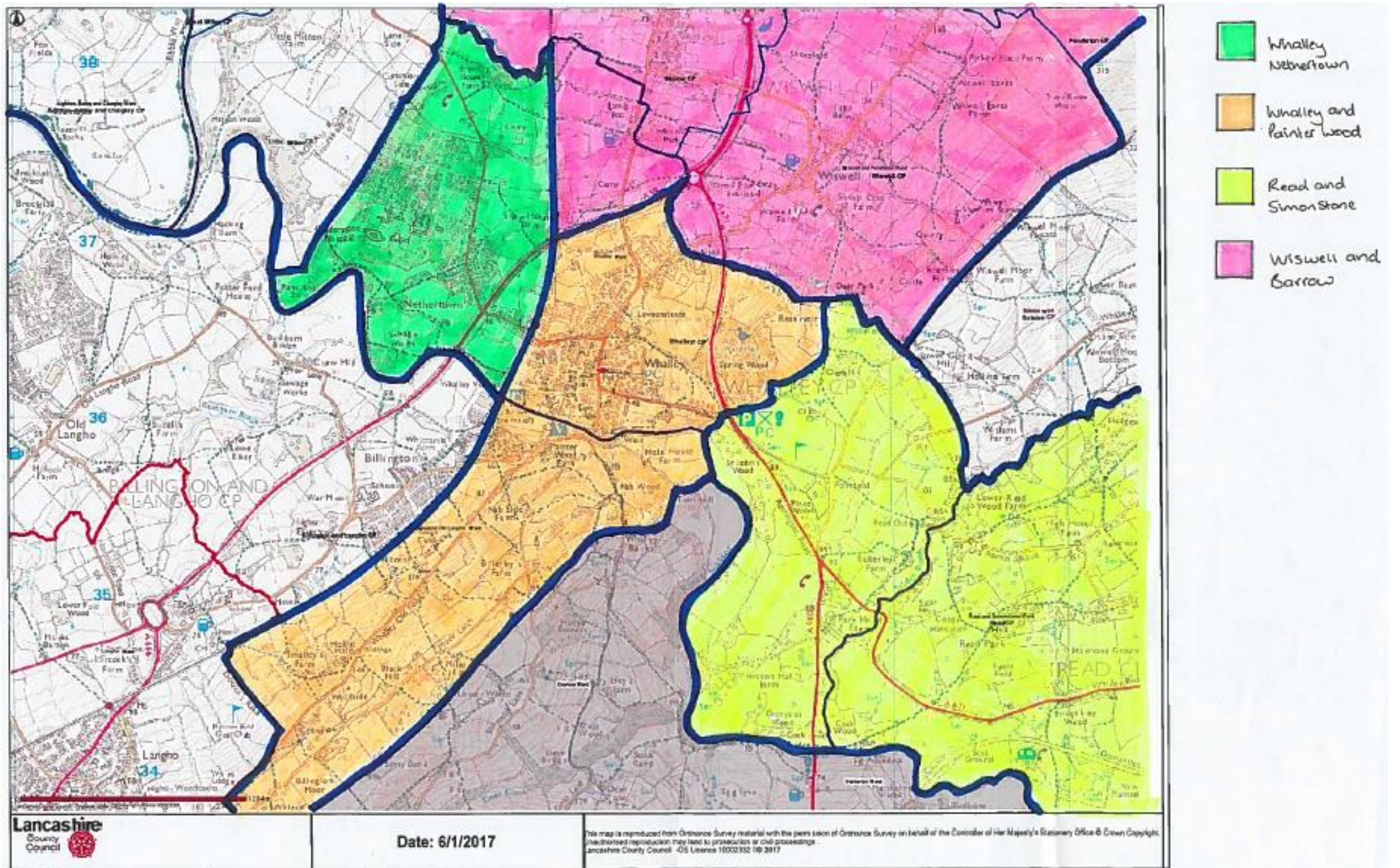
Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Gisburn, Rimington	SK1	Gisburn	Gisburn	1115	1	-7%
	SK2	Horton	Horton			
	SL1	Middop	Rimington and Middop			
	SL2	Rimington	Rimington and Middop			
	SM1	Newsholme	Newsholme			
	SM2	Paythorne	Paythorne			
	SE	Gisburn Forest	Gisburn Forest			
Sabden	CJ	Sabden	Sabden	1164	1	-3%
Alston and Hothersall	CG	Alston	Longridge TC	2168	2	-10%
	CX1	Hothersall				
Ribchester	CX2	Ribchester	Ribchester	1192	1	-1%
Dilworth	CH1	Dilworth	Longridge TC	2192	2	-9%
Derby and Thornley	CH2	Derby	Longridge TC	2487	2	4%
	CN	Thornley	Thornley with Wheatley			
Chipping	SG	Bowland Forest HD	Forest of Bowland HD	1170	1	-3%
	CM1	Bowland	Bowland with Leagram			
	CM2	Leagram	Bowland with Leagram			
	CM3	Chipping	Chipping			

Below is a summary of the proposed changes to existing wards, which can also be seen on Map D.

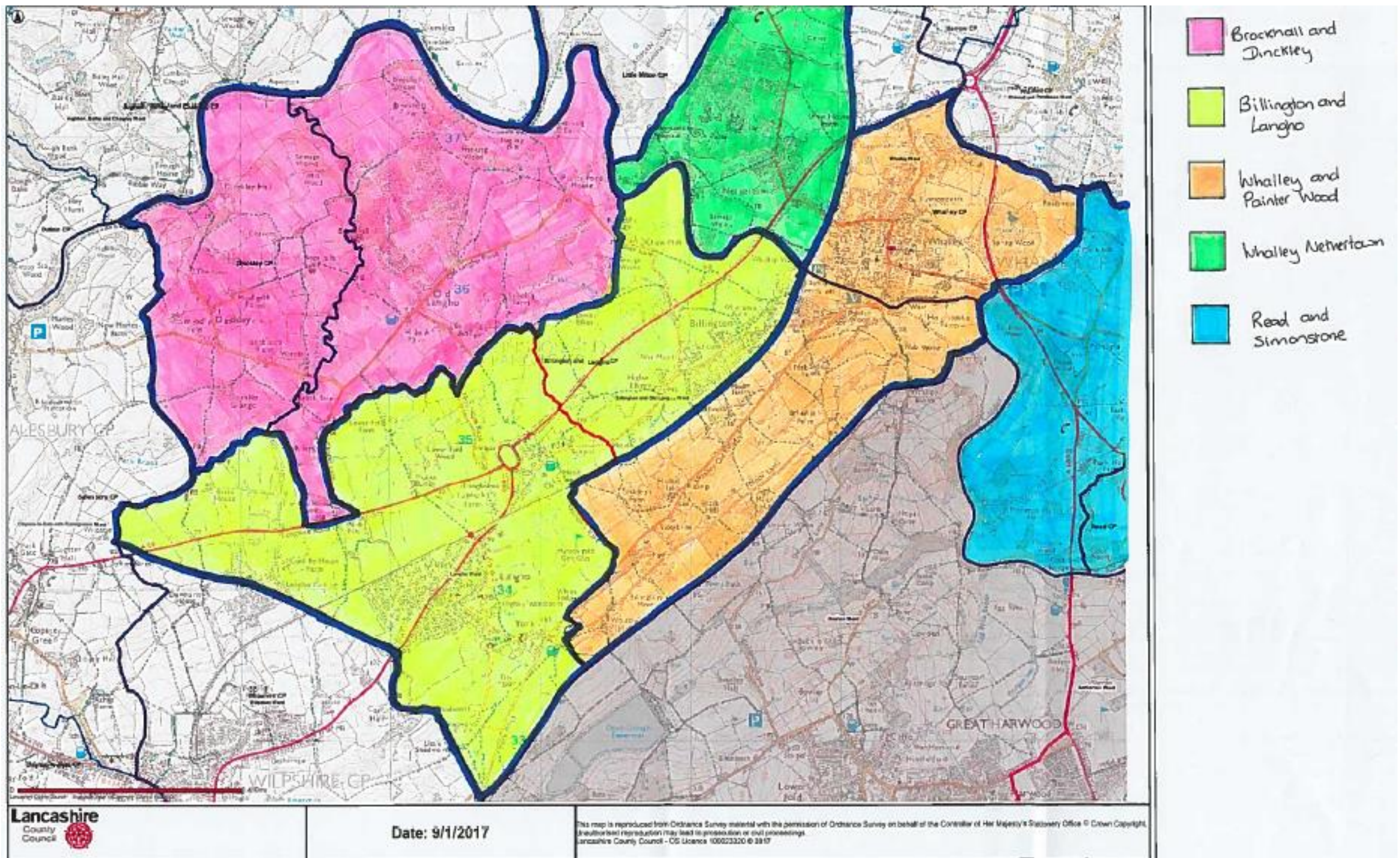
New Ward	Old Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Wiswell and Barrow	Wiswell and Pendleton	CQ	Barraclough	Pendleton	2292	2	-5%
		CR	Pendleton	Pendleton			
		CS	Wiswell	Wiswell			
		CT1	Barrow	Barrow			
	Whalley		Area around Eagle at Barrow, Lamb Roe, and Barrowlands	Whalley			
Chatburn	Chatburn	CO	Chatburn	Chatburn	1104	1	-8%
		CP1	Downham	Downham			
		CP2	Twiston	Twiston			
	Wiswell and Pendleton	CU1	Mearley	Mearley			
		CU2	Worston	Worston			
Grindleton and West Bradford	Waddington and West Bradford	SN	Grindleton 1	Grindleton	1237	1	3%
		SO	Grindleton 2	Grindleton			
		SP	West Bradford	West Bradford			
Hurst Green and Whitewell	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	CK	Hurst Green/ Stonyhurst	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	1089	1	-9%
		CL	Chaigley	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley			
		CW	Dutton	Dutton			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SH	Bowland Forest LD	Forest of Bowland LD			
Waddington, Bashall Eaves and Mitton	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	SA	Bashall Eaves	Bashall Eaves and Mitton	1228	1	2%
	Whalley	SB	Mitton	Bashall Eaves and Mitton			
	Waddington and West Bradford	SC	Waddington	Waddington			
	Whalley	CT2	Little Mitton	Bashall Eaves and Mitton			
Brockhall and Dinckley	Billington and Old Langho	DK	Brockhall and Old Langho	Billington and Langho	1116	1	-7%
	Langho	DG	Dinckley	Dinckley			
Billington and Langho	Billington and Old Langho	DE	Billington	Billington and Langho	2662	2	11%
	Langho	DF	Langho	Billington and Langho			
Clayton-le-Dale and Salesbury	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DH	Clayon-le-Dale	Clayton-le-Dale	1236	1	3%
		DI	Salesbury	Salesbury			

New Ward	Old Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Mellor	Mellor	DA	Balderstone	Balderstone	2257	2	-6%
	Mellor	DB	Mellor	Mellor			
	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DC	Osbaldeston	Osbaldeston			
Wilpshire and Ramsgreave	Wilpshire	DJ	Wilpshire	Wilpshire	2586	2	8%
	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DD	Ramsgreave	Ramsgreave			
Read and Simonstone	Read and Simonstone	CY	Simonstone	Simonstone	2053	2	-15%
		CI	Read	Read			
	Whalley		Area around Portfield Bar	Whalley			
Whalley Nethertown	Whalley	CV	Nethertown	Whalley	1310	1	9%
Whalley and Painter Wood	Whalley	CV	Whalley	Whalley	2377	2	-1%
	Billington and Old Langho		Area around Painter Wood and Whalley Road up to railway line	Billington and Langho			
Edisford and Low Moor	Edisford and Low Moor	CA	Edisford	Clitheroe TC	2529	2	5%
		CB	Low Moor	Clitheroe TC			
Littlemoor	Littlemoor	CE	Littlemoor	Clitheroe TC	2427	2	1%
Primrose	Primrose	CF	Primrose	Clitheroe TC	2644	2	10%
Salthill	Salthill	CD	Salthill	Clitheroe TC	2463	2	3%
St Mary's	St Mary's	CC	St Mary's	Clitheroe TC	2639	2	10%
Bowland	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SD	Bolton-by-Bowland	Bolton-by-Bowland. Gisburn Forest and Sawley	1172	1	-2%
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SJ	Newton-in-Bowland	Newton-in-Bowland			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SI1	Easington	Slaidburn and Easington			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SI2	Slaidburn	Slaidburn and Easington			
	Waddington and West Bradford	SF	Sawley	Bolton-by-Bowland. Gisburn Forest and Sawley			

Map A



Map B



Map C

