

Stafford District - Electoral Divisions Draft Proposals Post Workshop Amendments v2

8 February 2023



Key Context

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) in-principle decision on council size is to retain the existing council size of 62.

Forecast electorate figures for 2028 have now been finalised.

A public consultation on new division arrangements will run from 10/01/2023 to 20/03/2023. During this period, any individuals, groups or organisations can submit their proposals for new arrangements.

We are working to finalise our SCC proposals for all our districts and boroughs. The following proposal is for review at the forthcoming workshops.

All proposals need to consider the following LGBCE criteria, which are given equal weighting:

- Electoral equality for electors
- Community identities and interests
- Effective and convenient local government

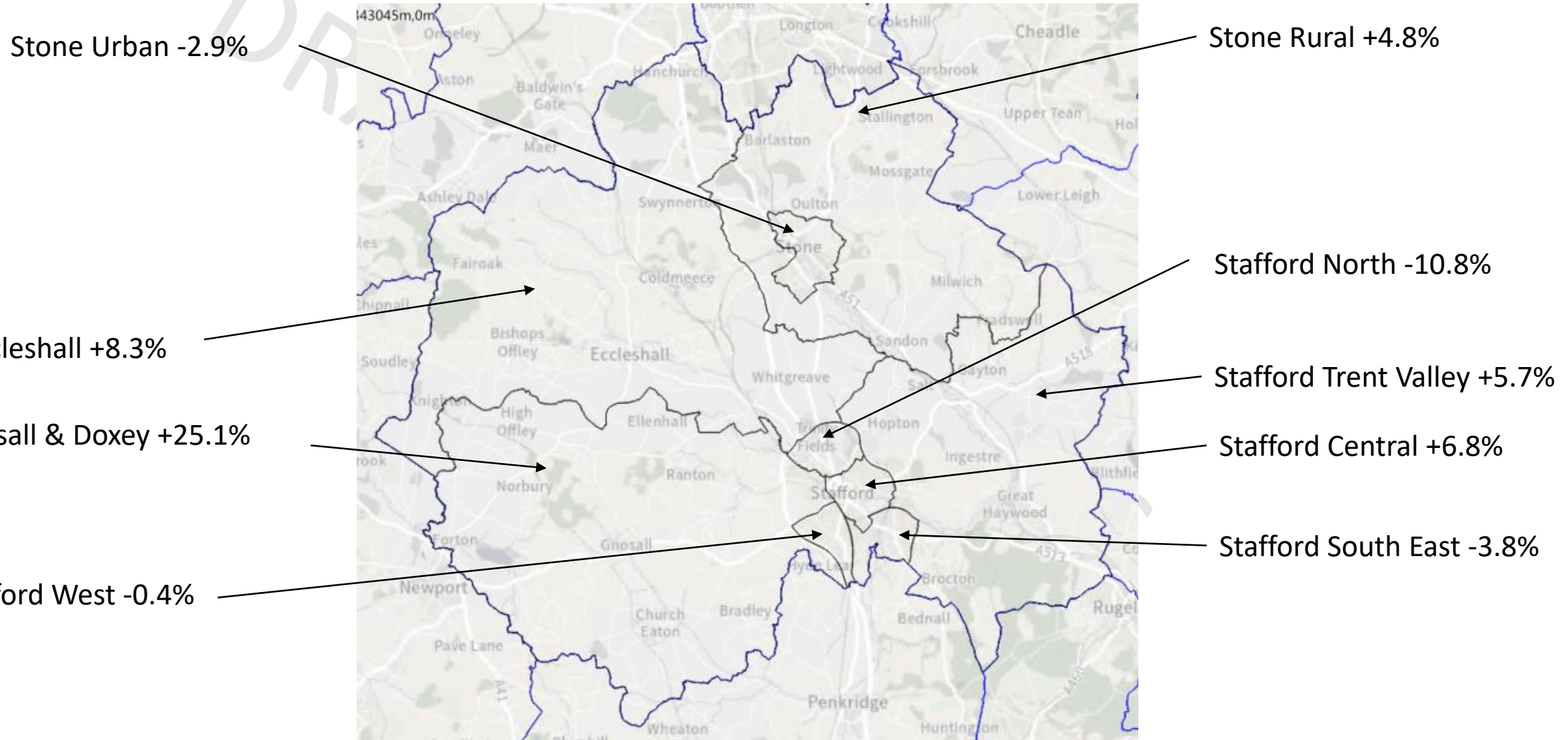
Stafford – Projected Division Variances 2028

Name of Division	Electorate 2022	% Variance to Staffordshire Average 2022	Forecast Electorate 2028	% Variance to Staffordshire Average 2028
Eccleshall	11,627	8.2%	12,584	8.3%
Gnosall and Doxey	12,980	20.8%	14,527	25.1%
Stafford Central	11,396	6.1%	12,405	6.8%
Stafford North	10,311	-4.0%	10,364	-10.8%
Stafford South East	11,155	3.8%	11,172	-3.8%
Stafford Trent Valley	11,610	8.1%	12,281	5.7%
Stafford West	11,487	6.9%	11,575	-0.4%
Stone Rural	11,629	8.2%	12,169	4.8%
Stone Urban	11,277	5.0%	11,278	-2.9%
Stafford Total	103,472		108,355	
Staffordshire Total	666,097		720,224	
Stafford Average	11,497	7.0%	12,039	3.6%
Staffordshire Average	10,744		11,617	

Stafford Divisions – Key Points

- Stafford Borough total projected electorate in 2028 is 108,355.
- Stafford will continue to have 9 single member divisions.
- The average electorate per division in Stafford is forecast to be 12,039. This is slightly higher than the average electorate per division across Staffordshire as a whole, which is forecast to be 11,617.
- The highest forecast variances by 2028 is in Gnosall & Doxey, which has a forecast variances of over 25%; boundary changes will be required to improve electoral equality across the borough.
- Even in divisions where variances are theoretically within acceptable levels, the effects of natural population change and the impact of housing developments across the borough means that changes may be required in order to meet the Local Government Boundary Commission requirements of electoral equality for voters, reflecting community identities and interests, and effective and convenient local government.

Stafford Divisions & Projected Variances by 2028



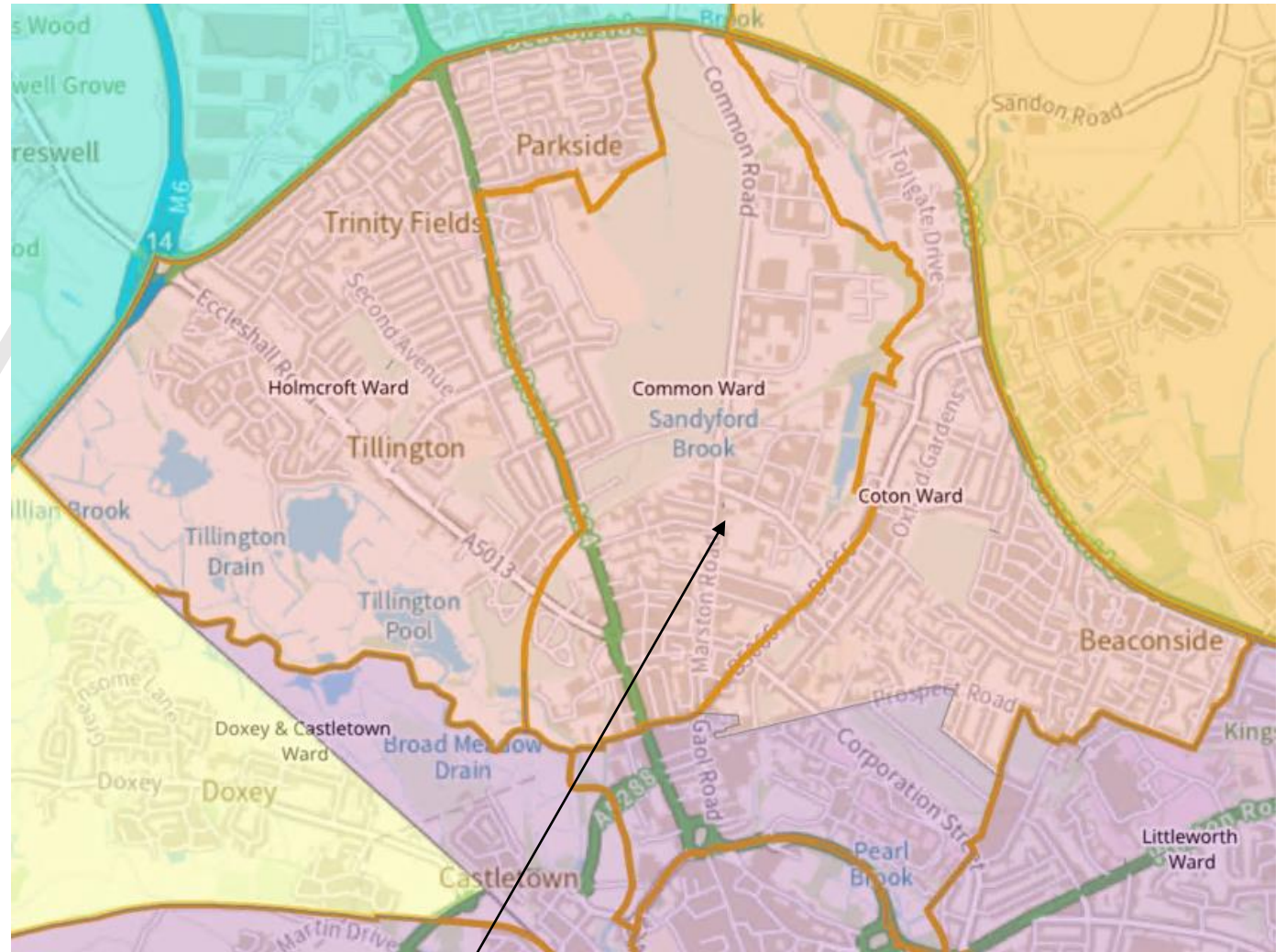
Stafford North

Stafford North ED is projected to have a variance of -10.8% by 2028.

The proposal is to extend the division to the south, taking more of the Coton ward, currently in Stafford Central division, around Beaconside.

Where the new proposed boundary deviates from the Coton ward boundary, further consideration can be given to exactly where this should be placed.

Forecast 2028 Variance: -10.8%
Variance after proposed changes: +9.7%



Stafford North

Stafford South East

Stafford South East ED is projected to have a variance of -3.8% by 2028.

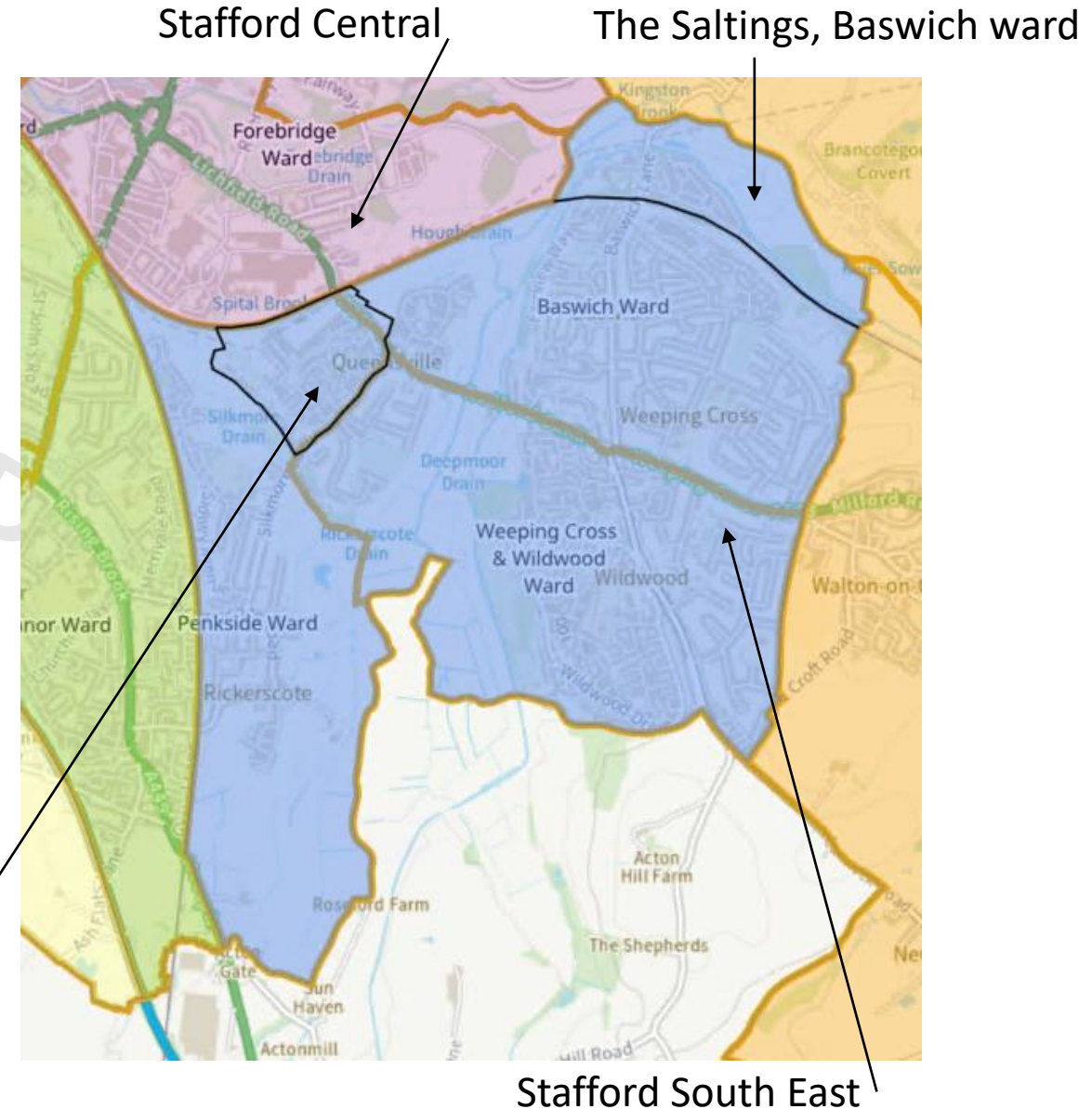
The division currently comprises the majority of Penside, Weeping Cross and Wildwood and Baswich wards.

The proposal is to move the Meadowcroft Park estate from Stafford Central ED to Stafford South East ED.

Additionally, the proposal is to move the remainder of Baswich ward (around The Saltings and Tilcon Avenue) from Stafford Trent Valley ED to Stafford South East ED.

As a result of these changes, the division would now comprise the entirety of the 3 wards.

Forecast 2028 Variance: -3.8%
Variance after proposed changes: +5.4%



Stafford Central

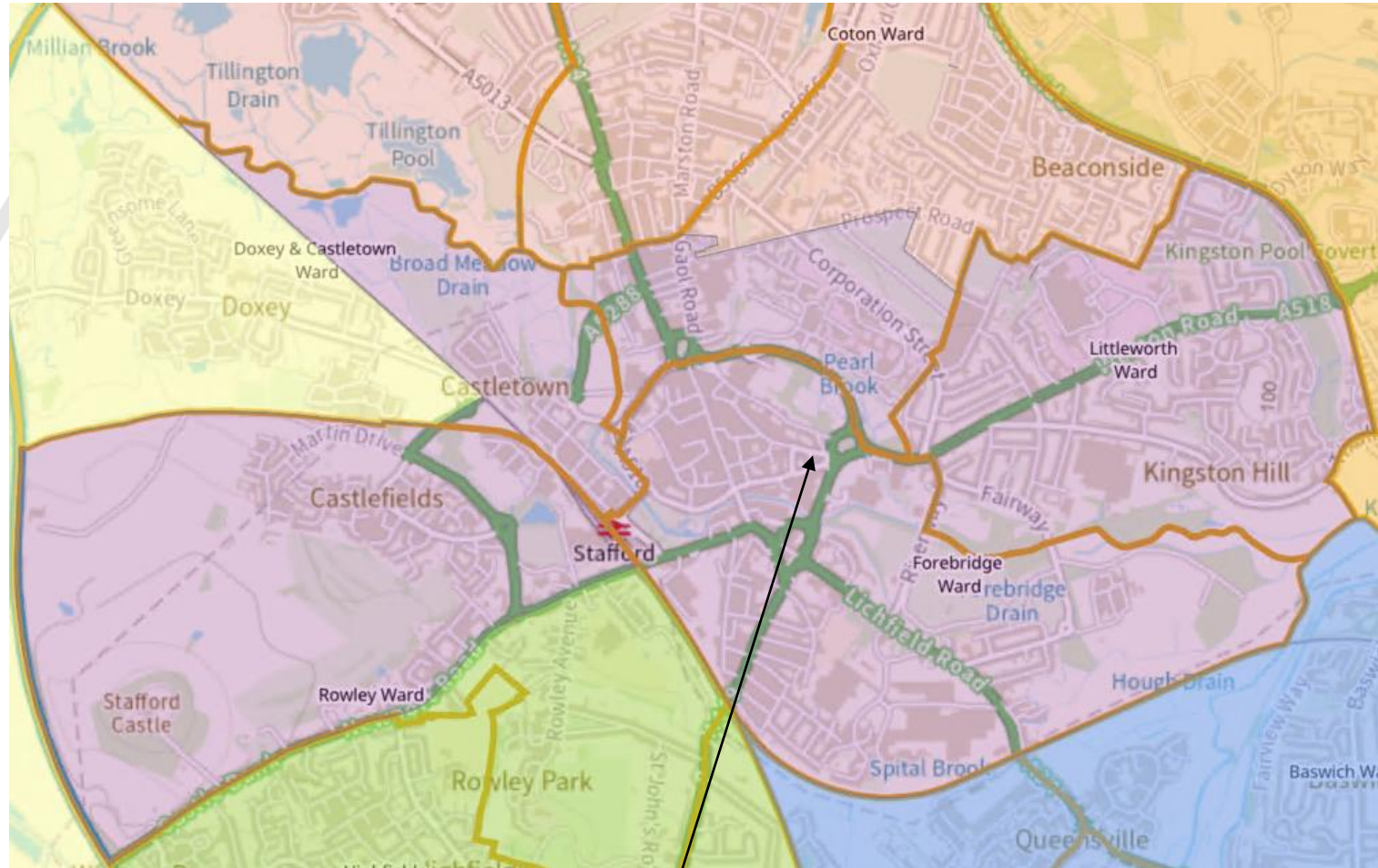
Stafford Central ED is projected to have a variance of +6.8% by 2028.

The proposal is to move an area to the north of the existing division in Coton ward, out of the division and into Stafford North. This will allow the area to the west of the current division, around Rowley Park, to move into Stafford Central.

The division will therefore comprise all of Forebridge ward, all of Littleworth ward, the southern part of Coton ward, the Castletown area of Doxey and Castletown ward, plus the Castlefields and new Burleyfields areas of Rowley ward that sit between the Newport Road and the northern boundary of Rowley ward.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +6.8%

Variance after proposed changes: +5.8%



Stafford Central

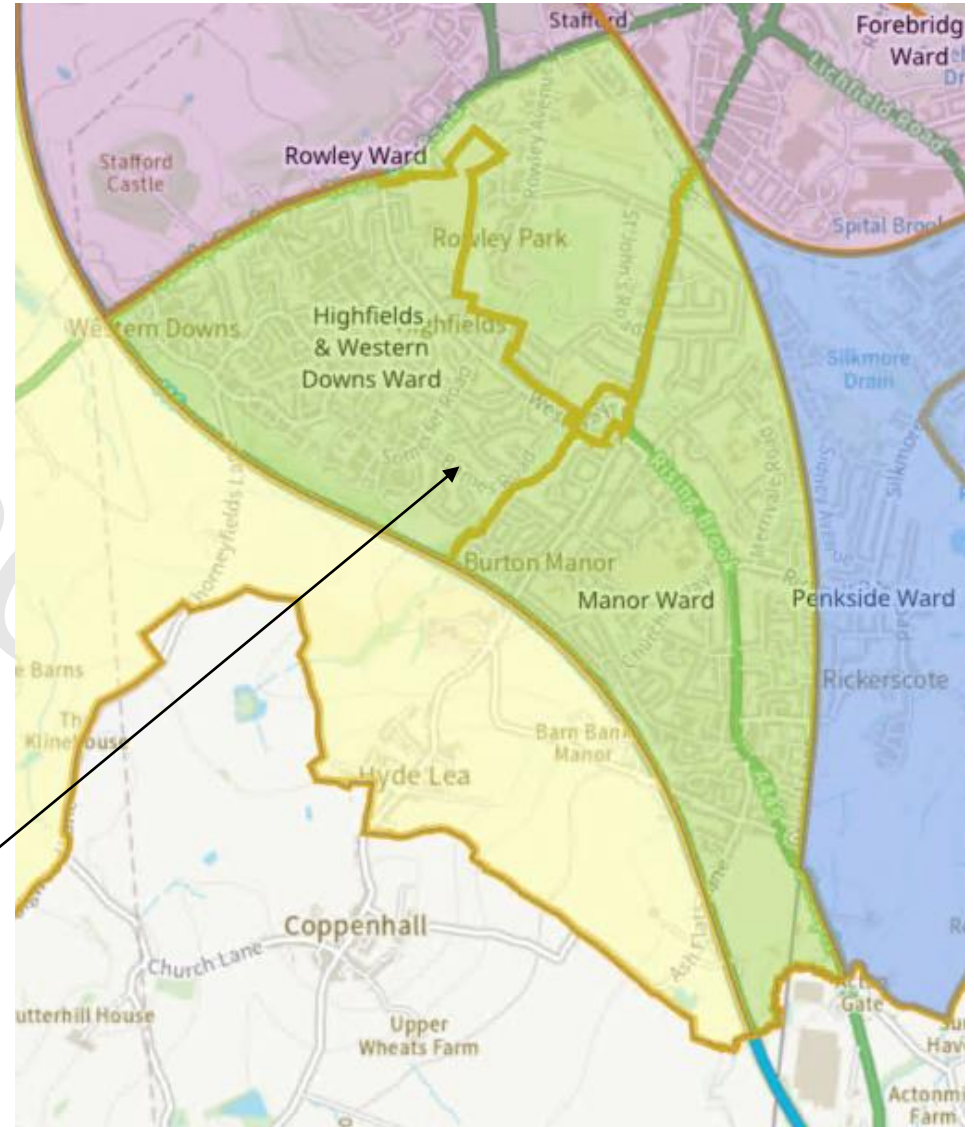
Stafford West

Stafford West ED is projected to have a variance of -0.4% by 2028.

The proposal is for no changes to Stafford West, it will continue to comprise Manor ward, Highfields and Western Downs ward and the Rowley Park area of Rowley ward that is not in Stafford Central division.

Stafford West

Forecast 2028 Variance: -0.4%
Variance after proposed changes: -0.4%



Stafford Trent Valley

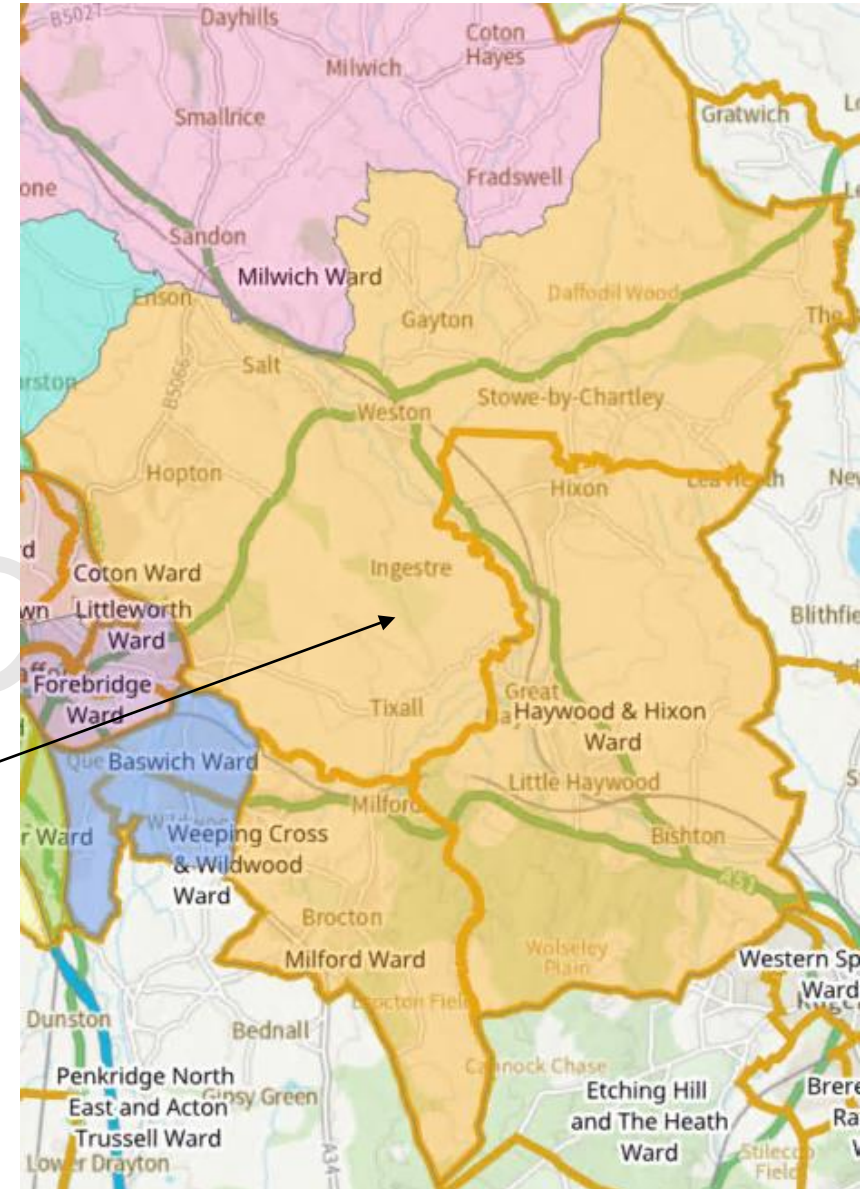
Stafford Trent Valley ED is projected to have a variance of +5.7% by 2028.

This will be reduced by Proposal 3 (Stafford South East) which moves the remaining part of Baswich ward out of Stafford Trent Valley ED.

No further changes are proposed for this division.

Stafford Trent Valley

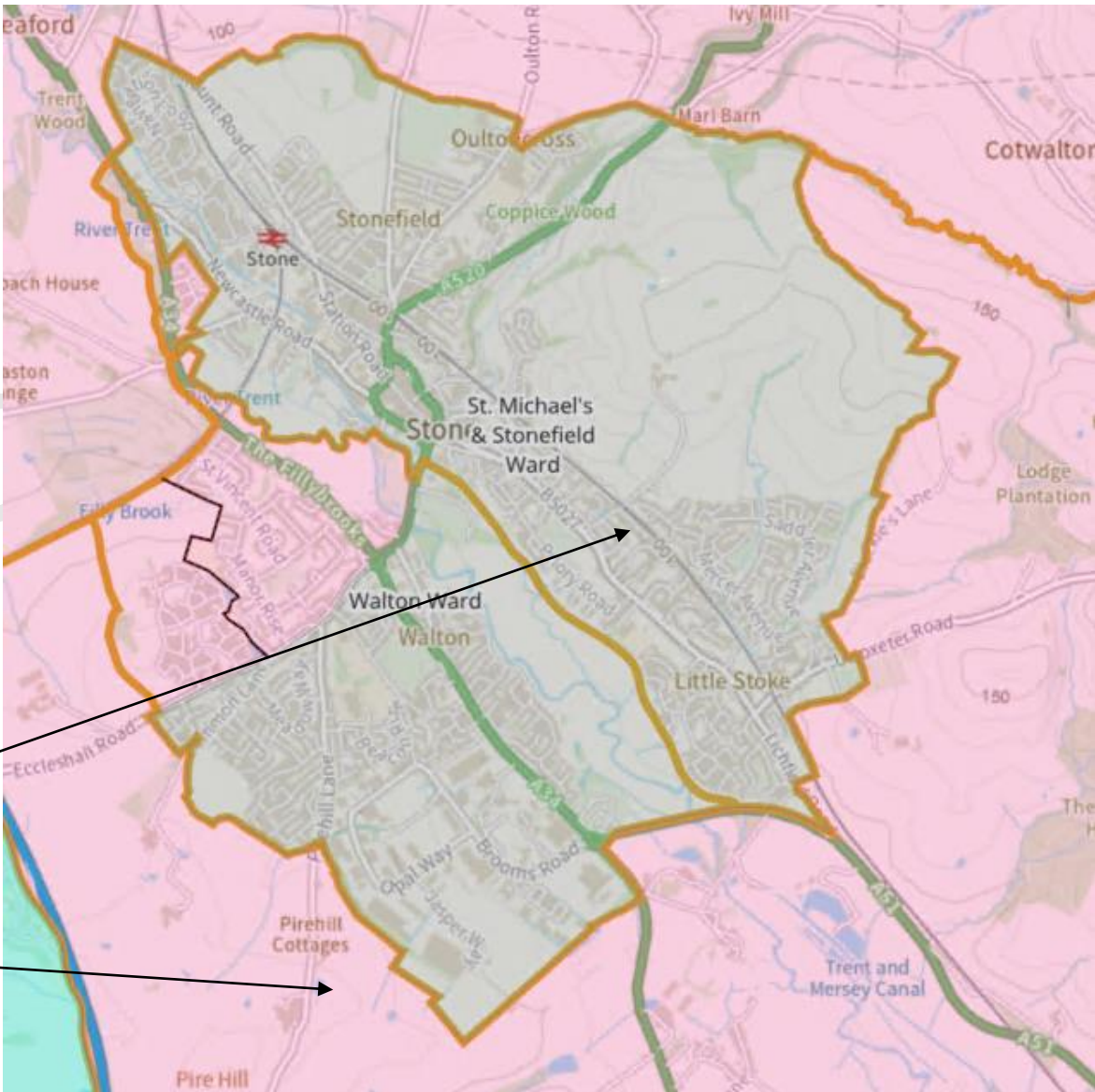
Forecast 2028 Variance: +5.7%
Variance after proposed changes: +3.9%



Stone Urban

Stone Urban ED is projected to have a variance of -2.9% by 2028.

A proposal to move a further part of Walton ward into Stone Urban from Stone Rural has been considered, using a potential boundary where the black line is shown on the map. This has been discounted on the basis that the resulting variances for the Stone divisions would be +10.1% for Stone Urban and -8.2% for Stone Rural. However, this could potentially be reduced to within acceptable percentages (+/-10%) in both divisions with some further adjustments.



Forecast 2028 Variance: -2.9%
Variance after proposed changes: -2.9%

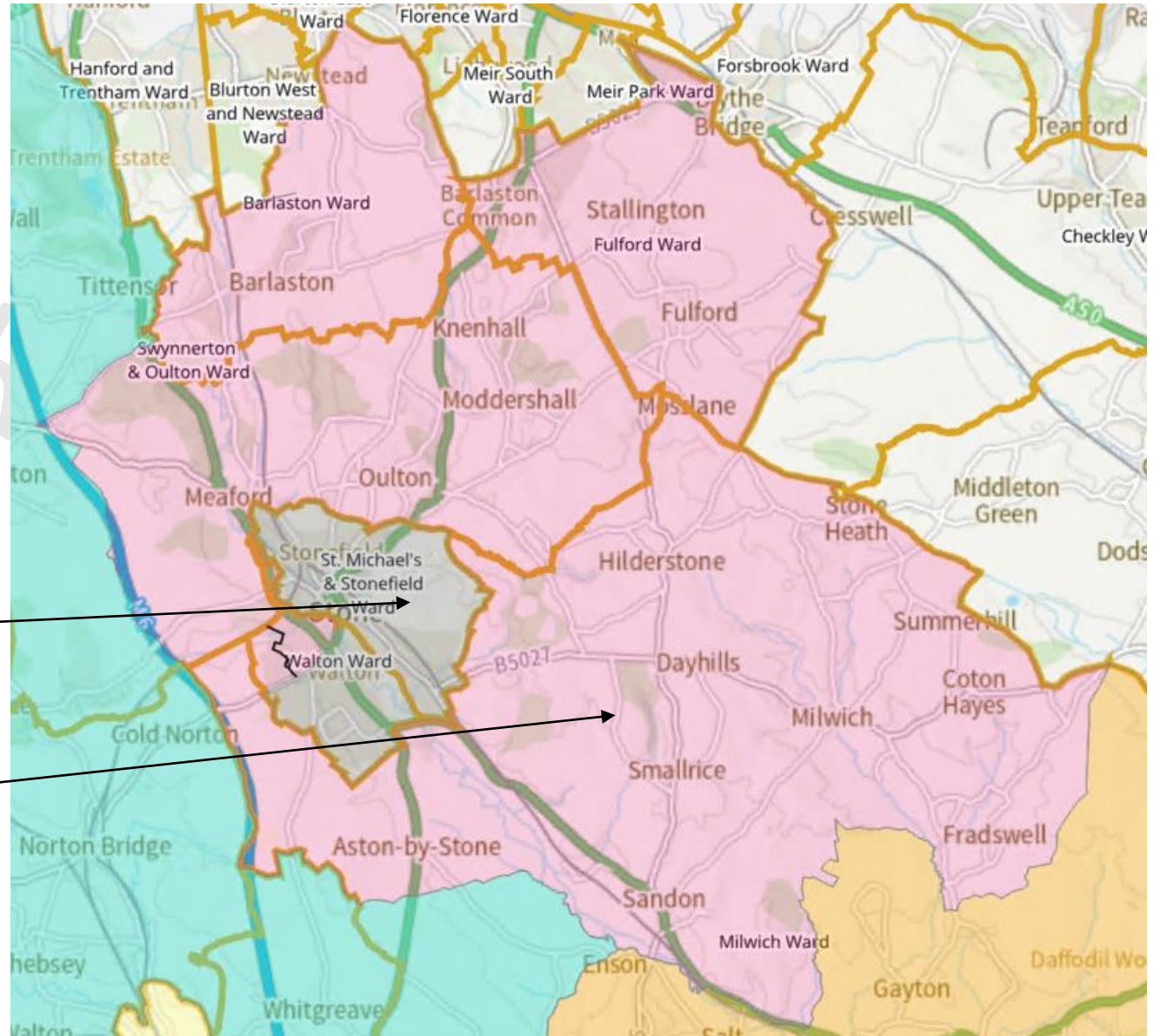
Stone Rural

Stone Rural ED is projected to have a variance of +4.8% by 2028.

Please see previous slide on Stone Urban for potential changes to this division.

Stone Urban

Stone Rural



Forecast 2028 Variance: +4.8%

Variance after proposed changes: +4.8 %

Gnosall and Doxey

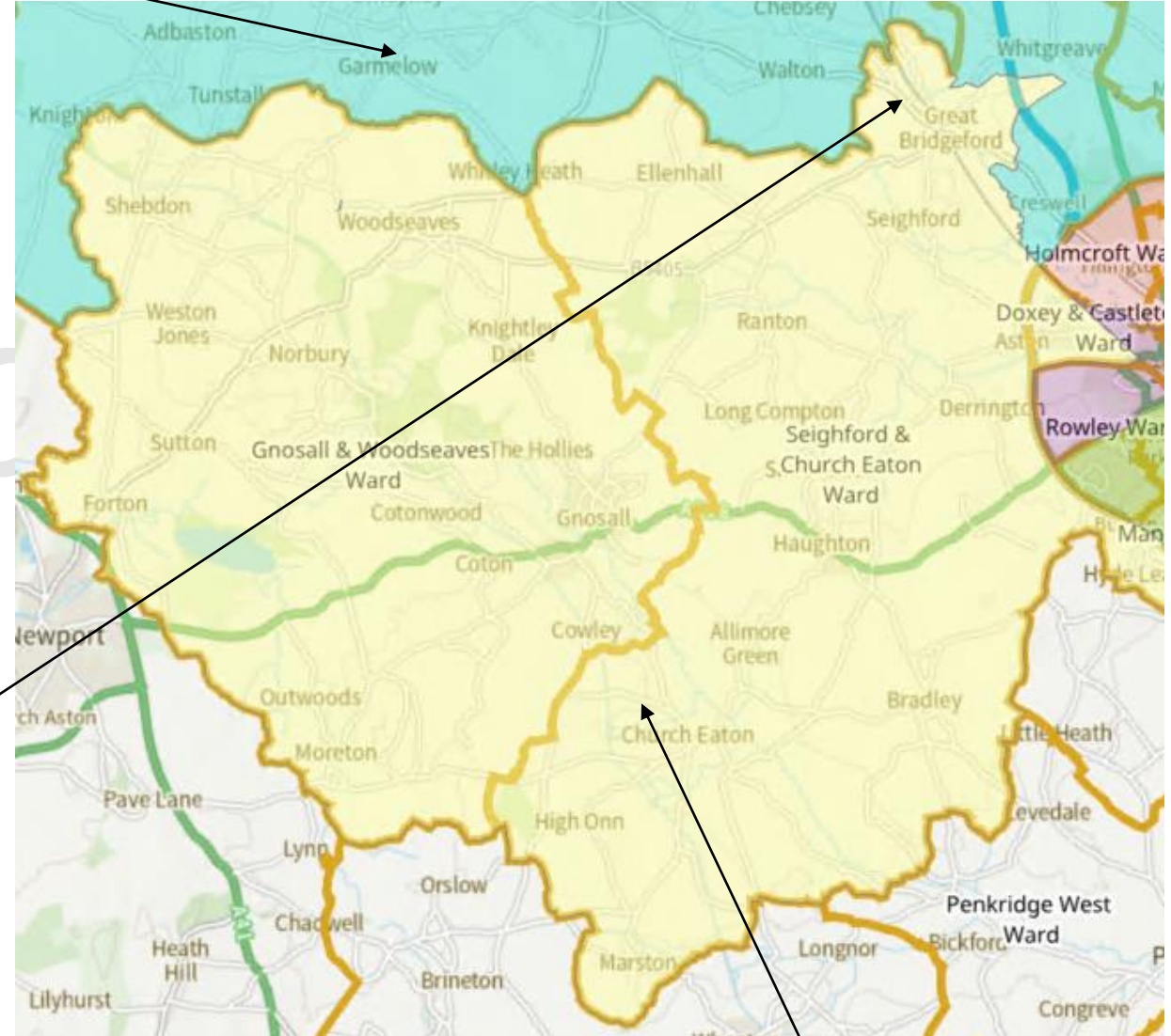
For Gnosall & Doxey ED, the forecast variance by 2028 is +25.1%.

The proposal is for the Great Bridgeford Parish ward to move into the division from Eccleshall ED, and for a highly populated urban area of electorate around the Castlefields area to move out of the division and into Stafford Central.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +25.1%
Variance after proposed changes: +3.3%

Eccleshall

Great Bridgeford
Parish ward



Gnosall and Doxey ED

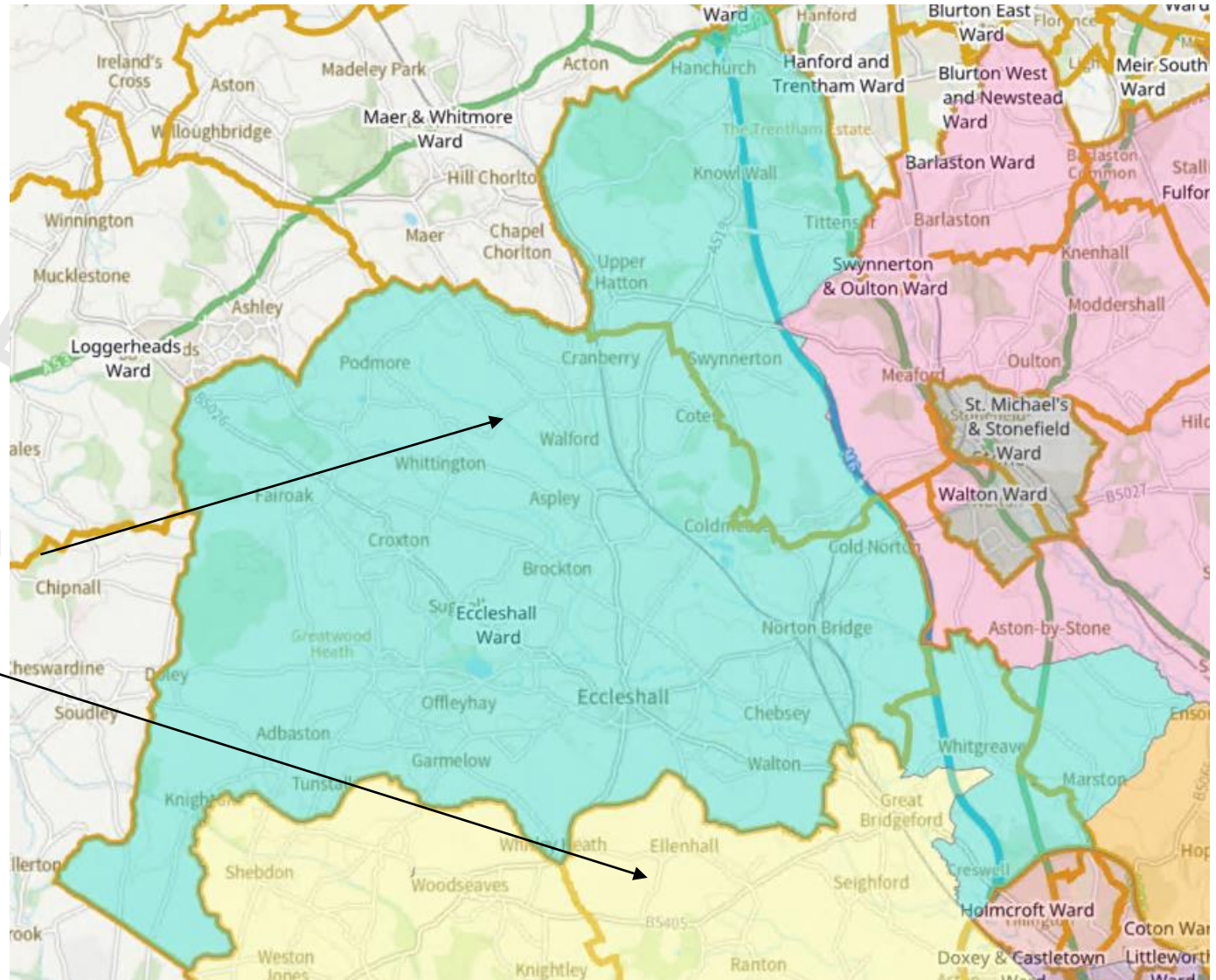
Eccleshall

For Eccleshall ED, the forecast variance by 2028 is +8.3%.

The proposal is for the Great Bridgeford Parish ward to move out of the division and into Gnosall and Doxey.

Eccleshall

Gnosall and Doxey



Forecast 2028 Variance: +8.3%
Variance after proposed changes: +3.2%

Stafford Proposed Divisions

Stone Urban -2.9%

Stone Rural +4.8%

Eccleshall +3.2%

Stafford North +9.7%

Stafford Trent Valley +3.9%

Stafford Central +5.8%

Stafford South East +5.4%

Gnosall & Doxey +3.3%

Stafford West -0.4%

