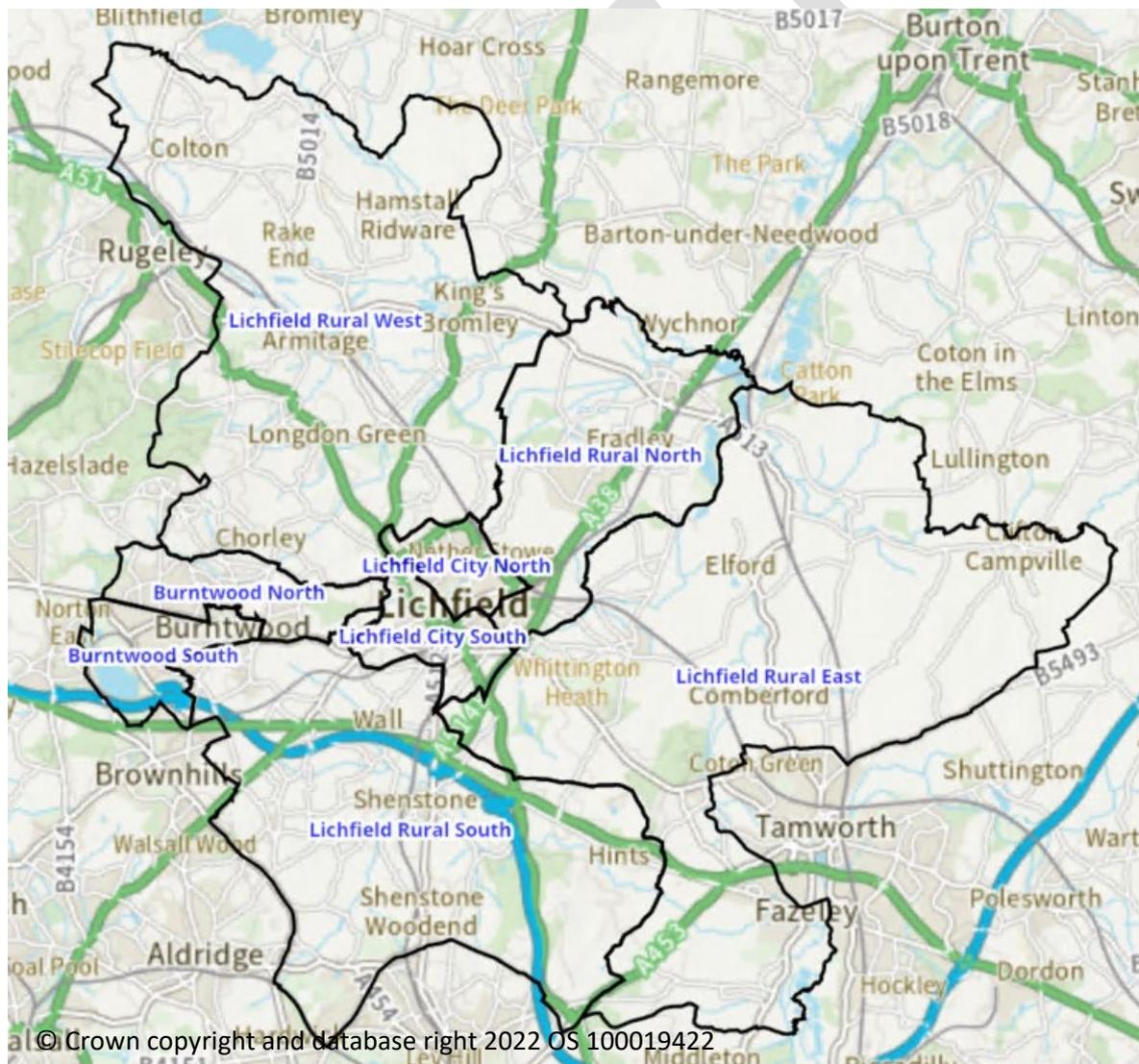


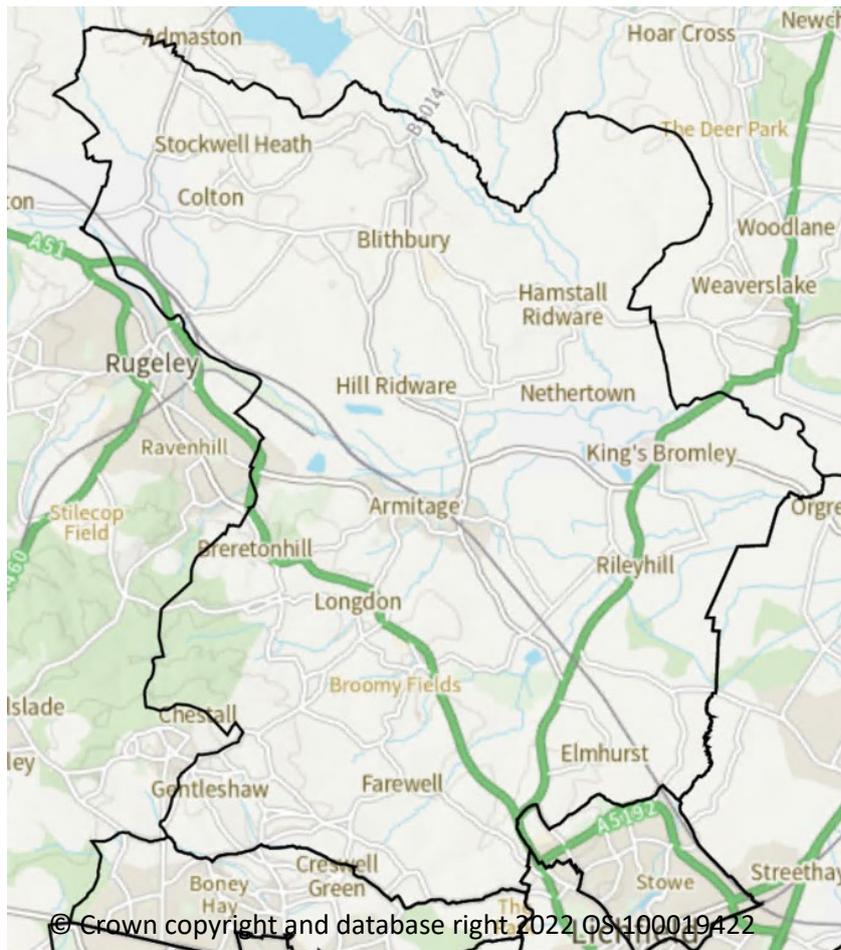
## Lichfield District

### Overview

Lichfield District total electorate is forecast to rise from 83,085 in 2022 to 91,177 in 2028. Lichfield will continue to have 8 single member divisions. This gives an average electorate in the district of 11,397, 1.9% below the average division size for Staffordshire of 11,617. Large areas of housing led population growth have been identified in Lichfield Rural North and Lichfield City South, resulting in both divisions having a forecast electorate variance of above 14% by 2028. In contrast, the two Burntwood divisions and Lichfield Rural South are forecast to have forecast variances of over -10% by 2028.



## Division 1: Lichfield Rural West



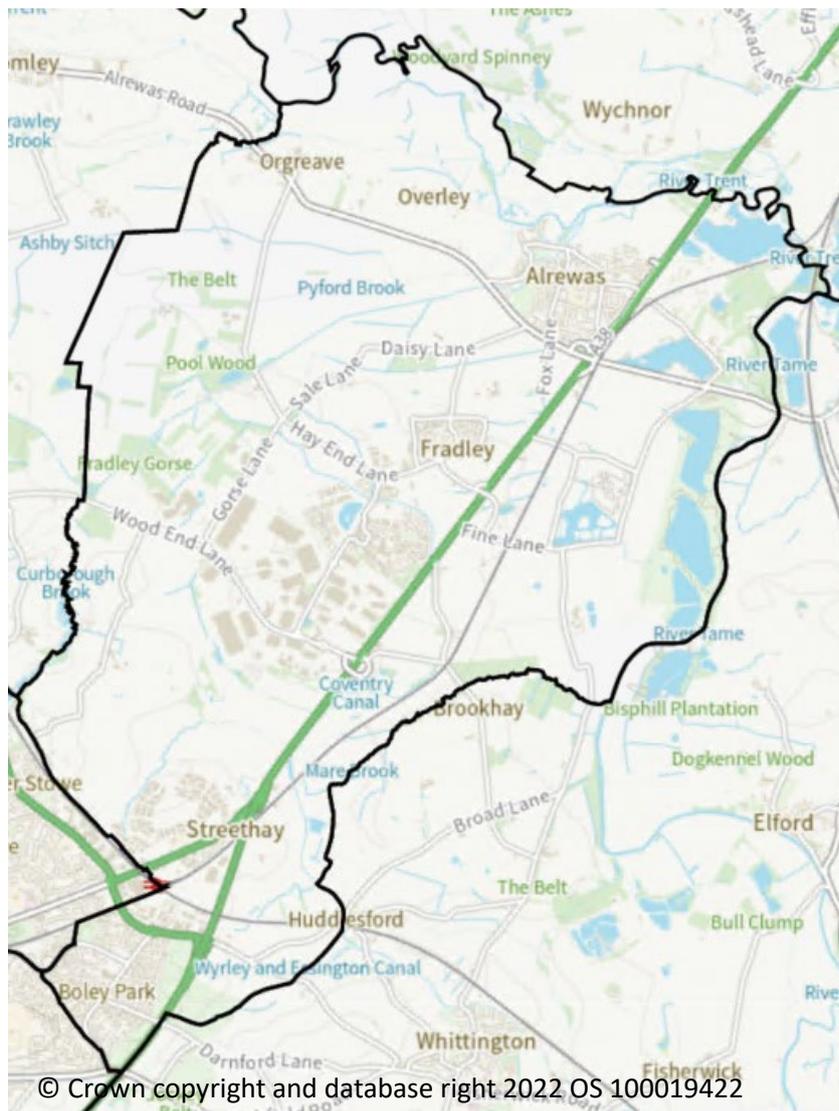
**Summary of Division:** Lichfield Rural West lies in the north-west of Lichfield district. The proposed division would comprise in full the wards of Colton & the Ridwares, Armitage with Handsacre and Longdon.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 10,498 – a variance of -9.6% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Identity. Councillors highlighted that electors in Woodhouses/St Matthews consider themselves part of Burntwood rather than identifying with the rural nature of the rest of this division; this proposal moves the St Matthews area (Highfield parish ward, Burntwood parish) out of the current Lichfield Rural North and into Burntwood North, therefore better reflecting that sense of community identity.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government – coterminosity is good as the division now comprises the entirety of 3 wards – Colton & the Ridwares, Armitage with Handsacre and Longdon.

## Division 2: Lichfield Rural North



**Summary of Division:** Lichfield Rural North lies in the north of Lichfield district. The proposed division would comprise all of Alrewas and Fradley ward, a small western area of Whittington and Streethay ward, and the majority of Boley Park ward. In the south-west of the division, a small area of Stowe ward which currently sits in Lichfield Rural North would move to Lichfield City North.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 12,439 – a variance of +7.1% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Identity:

Bus service comes from Lichfield City Centre and from Burton upon Trent. In the past year or so the bus service has changed from a single decker bus to a double decker bus because of volume of people travelling.

Alrewas has a very close relationship with their communities. Fradley is different owing to the new residential developments and large manufacturing units. Both villages rely on the Bus Service for shopping and for the children going to and from school in either Lichfield or Barton under Needwood. Fradley has a small area of shops also. There is also a doctor's surgery in Alrewas Village plus a Chemist and small Supermarket. Alrewas and Fradley have working Farms which serve the community.

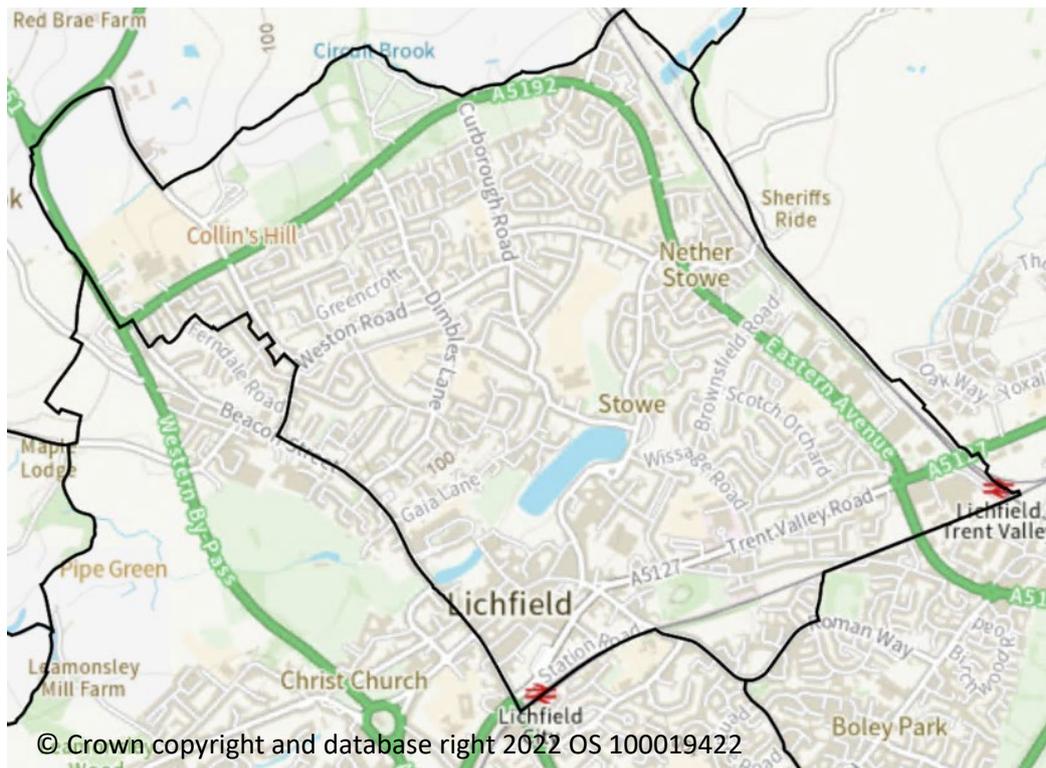
Fradley has a community which is growing owing to the large new residential developments in its mist. A Village Hall along with a community hall serve the residents with activities being put on. This is where all communities get together, scouts, brownies etc. There is also the local church which is very active in the community.

This division currently has three parish councils. Fradley – Alrewas – Boley Park it is part of the Larger Parish of Lichfield City Council. Boley Park is situated within walking distance to the main City Centre of Lichfield. Boley Park has a very good shopping area together with a Community Hall which is well used by the local people with all different activities. It uses Green Hill Health centre for the doctor's surgery. There is however a bus service which travels to Tamworth. Plus, a bus service from Lichfield City Centre to Alrewas and Fradley and on to Burton on Trent. Villages have their own way of entertaining through the residents living in the Villages, such as active arts and music festivals every other year. However, Fradley Village is no longer considered a village it has a large industrial area withing its mist. Plus, very large and new residential developments taking place which lends to the fact that Fradley is no longer considered a village. A new infant's school has just opened with plans to expand as the residential development gets larger. Shopping wise most people travel to larger supermarkets for their main shopping. However, Alrewas has a small shopping area plus a doctor's surgery as mentioned above.

A Canal runs through Fradley and Alrewas which bring lots of visitors. Fradley has a canal lock gates which hosts a local café. It also has a holiday caravan park. Fradley and Alrewas have large development of Sand and Gravel extractions Cemex and Tarmac which brings concerns of HGVs to local residents- in its self this has created a community culture. Alrewas has many large ponds of water from the digging of the sand and gravel. Alrewas also has The National Memorial Arboretum off the A38 on the A515. Many people from the area acting as volunteers to maintain this facility. The NMA sees many visitors from all over the world so residents feel very proud.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government – the proposed changes improve coterminosity for the division – the proposed new boundary to the south-west of the division would follow the existing ward boundary between Boley Park and Stowe wards.

### **Division 3: Lichfield City North**



**Summary of Division:** Lichfield City North lies in the centre of Lichfield district. The proposed division would therefore comprise the entirety of 3 wards - Chadsmead, Curborough and Stowe wards.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 12,096 – a variance of +4.1% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Insight:

Transport links provide a critical part of this proposal, in recent dealing with the Transport team, it was confirmed that the current level of provision is only possible with linking to the X12 bus service for example.

Shared interests are identified within this proposal as the existing efforts of the City Council, together with District wards and County divisions are

effective in this area and will further support with the improved alignment.

Community groups will be able to continue to provide their valuable contribution to the area.

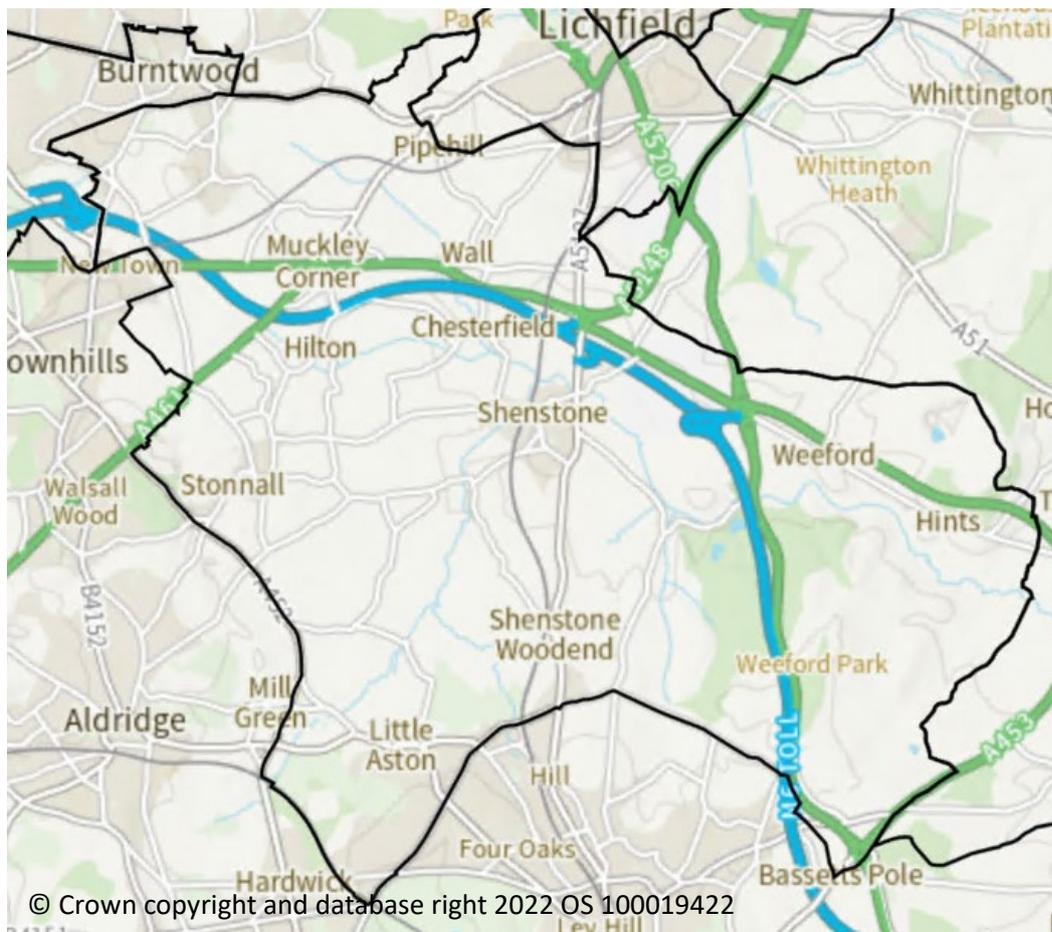
In addition, the vast majority of these have considerable reach across the district, whilst based in this division.

Facilities wise, this division is unique locally with the provisions of public facilities, being the City Centre, and NHS services being it GP practice or Samuel Johnson hospital. It is not anticipated that any further difficulties effecting access of these services with the changes proposed.

Identifiable boundaries - The majority of these in this division are arterial road networks. The addition towards the south of the area will refer to train line and provides a clear boundary.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government – coterminosity is good - the proposed changes improve coterminosity for the division – a small area of Chadsmead ward currently in Lichfield City South division and a small area of Stowe ward currently in Lichfield Rural North division are incorporated into Lichfield City North.

## Division 4: Lichfield Rural South



**Summary of Division:** Lichfield Rural South lies in the South of Lichfield district. It is a large, primarily rural division. The proposed division would comprise Little Aston and Stonnall ward, Shenstone ward, the majority of Hammerwich with Wall (geographically), a large part of Bourne Vale ward (the parishes of Hints and Canwell and Weeford, and the parish ward of Shenstone Wood End) and a proportion of the south-west of St John's ward.

The proposed boundary to the south of the division would start along the boundary with St John's ward to the west, before moving east along the Lichfield southern bypass, and then south following the railway line to re-join the boundary with St John's ward.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 11,127 – a variance of -4.2% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Identity: There is a rail station at Shenstone with regular services to Lichfield City station. Going out of county on the rail line offers residents the option to shop / work / visit Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham. Some residents from Little Aston may choose to commute

from Blake Street or Four Oaks stations which are geographically closer, albeit outside of Staffordshire.

The discreet villages within the division have some shared interests but these may be different to the issues faced within the new area of the division, which is on the fringes of Lichfield city.

The proposed area is a new housing estate sitting within the boundary of Lichfield City and will have representation on the larger Lichfield City Council and with District Councillors representing City Wards. There are no proposals to change the city or district wards at this time. This local representation is distinctly different to the more rural areas which will have representation from smaller Parish Councils.

The rural villages within the division offer a range of local activities for residents and most settlements have active village and church halls.

Residents within the new Deanslade Farm estate, on the fringe of Lichfield, that is part of Lichfield City, will enjoy City activities in the city that are within walking distance and residents are unlikely to make use of rural facilities in the widespread villages. There are no new community facilities planned within this development.

The division is widespread, so residents call on services from Tamworth, Lichfield, Shenstone, Walsall and Stonnall.

Those in Shenstone also have the options of commuting via the train line to Sutton Coldfield or further afield to Birmingham.

Dr's surgeries are in both Staffordshire and West Midlands.

The main hospitals with A&E facilities used by this divisions' residents are located in Sutton Coldfield or Walsall. This means that many residents will travel out of county if seeking emergency A&E interventions rather than travel to Burton / Stafford.

Smaller community hospitals with Minor Injury Units can be found in Tamworth and Lichfield.

The main divisional boundary is formed by the County boundary to the south, where it borders Walsall and Birmingham. A number of national roads cross the division including the M6 toll, A38 and A5 although none are used as administrative boundaries.

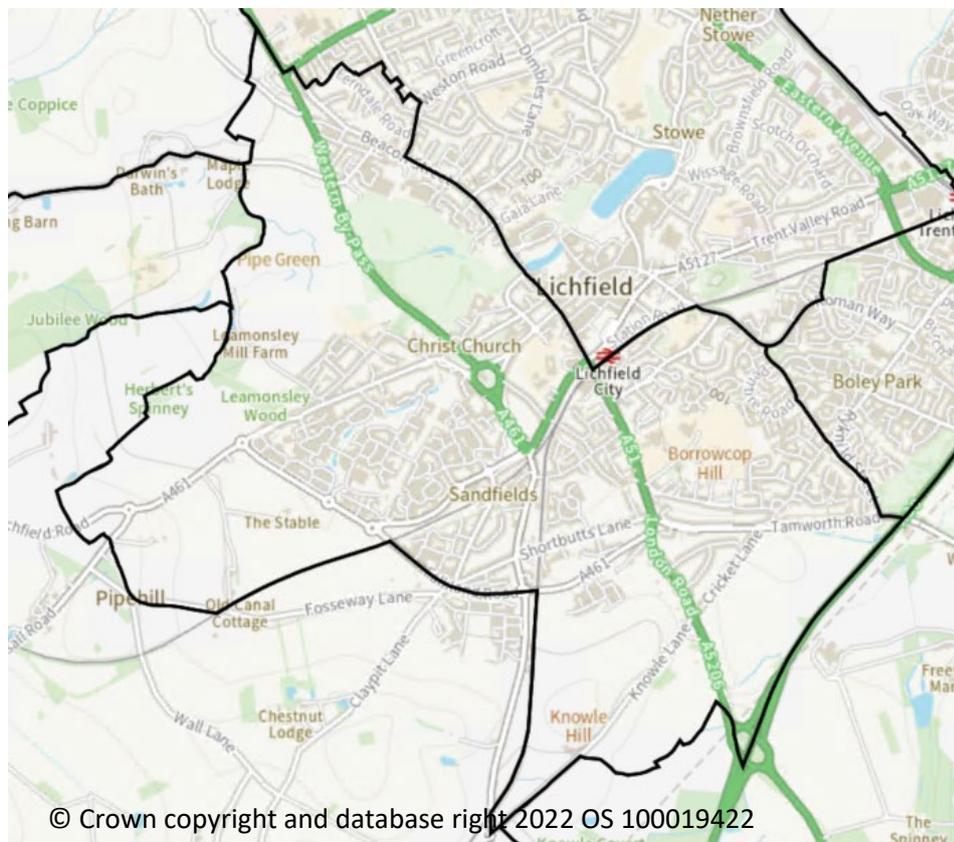
The division is currently made up of five rural Parishes ranging from the largest in Staffordshire (Shenstone) to one of the smallest (Hints & Canwell).

Other Parishes in the division are Hammerwich, Wall and Weeford.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government. Coterminosity is in the main good, following ward and parish boundaries where possible. It is accepted that it is not ideal to add into the division the area in the south of St John's ward, given that this will result in the creation of a new parish ward, and that the general nature of the division is more rural. However, given the nature of housing developments in the south of Lichfield City South, and the resulting forecast variances for the 2 divisions (-15.6% for Lichfield Rural South and +16.9% for Lichfield City South) it is inevitable that the continuing development in the south of the city cannot be contained entirely within the city divisions. This proposal identifies an area of predominantly new housing development, with close geographic ties to Lichfield Rural South, as the best fit to balance the two divisions.

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## Division 5: Lichfield City South



**Summary of Division:** Lichfield City South lies in the centre of Lichfield. The division is proposed to comprise Leamonsley ward, a small part of Boley Park ward, and the majority of St John’s ward.

The new proposed boundary would start along the boundary with St John’s ward to the west, before moving east along the Lichfield southern bypass, and then south following the railway line to re-join the boundary with St John’s ward. The new division boundary is required to address the forecast variance in the division of +16.9% by 2028. The area of St John’s that would be moved from the division into Lichfield Rural South primarily consists of new housing developments that do not have a strong community identity linked to Lichfield city itself.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 11,951 – a variance of +2.9% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Transport links: The Division between Lichfield City South with Lichfield City North (being Upper St John St, St John St and Beacon

Street) is clear and understood by residents and gives a good balance of facilities and housing either side of the boundary.

Shared interests: Lichfield City South ED enjoys many older properties with sizeable gardens, driveways, and garage facilities.

The Proposal of separating Lichfield City South from Lichfield Rural South by the Lichfield Southern Bypass will keep that distinctive character for those in Lichfield City South, whereas those newer estates, south of the bypass, will be of a character of more density and a more urban style.

Lichfield City South ED residents tend to be users of city centre shops and community halls, whereas those south of the bypass may be drawn to out of town supermarkets (Waitrose and Morrisons), the newly built Cooperative Convenience Store or even to Burntwood centre.

Community groups: There are a number of existing resident groups:

Beacon Street Area Residents Association (BSARA)

Borrowcop and District Residents Association (BADRA)

Leomansley Area Residents Association (LARA)

Sandfields Area Residents Association (SARA)

Our proposals encapsulate the needs of the residents and whilst trying to balance the electorate we have factored in these groups as best as we could.

Facilities: The new Anna Seward School will become a new education and community facility to support the new housing, rather than the new Lichfield Rural South ED residents relying on city centre facilities.

As above, Lichfield City South ED residents tend to be users of city centre shops, whereas those south of the bypass in what will be Lichfield Rural South ED may be drawn to out of town supermarkets (Waitrose and Morrisons), the newly built Cooperative Convenience Store or even to Burntwood centre.

GP surgery locations are yet to be agreed but it is hoped they will be provided closer to the new Lichfield Rural South ED housing, to help create new focal points.

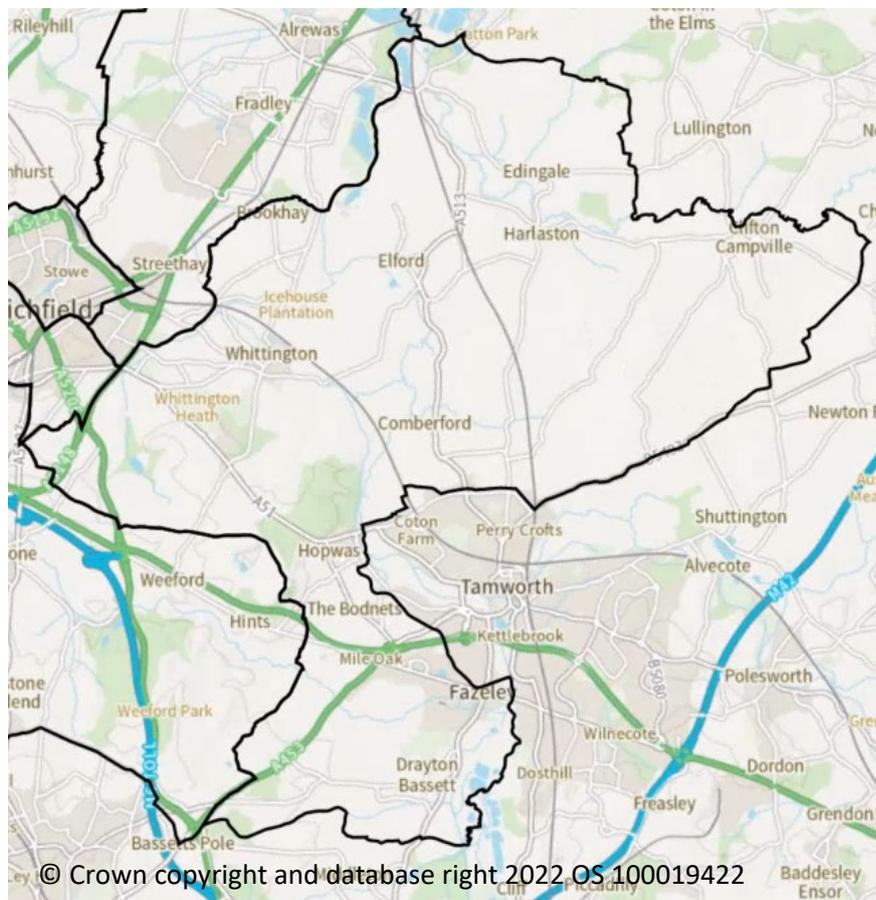
Identifiable boundaries: We believe that the Lichfield Southern Bypass is a strong and recognisable boundary which, over time, will act as an artificial boundary between communities.

Parishes: Our proposal moves an area of St John's ward away from Lichfield City. This is not ideal but is an acceptable split of the ward, given the other compelling reasons for the move, given all of the above factors we believe this provided the best balance across all 3 criteria.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government. Coterminosity is reduced by the split of St John's ward/Lichfield Parish, however, as described above this appears to be unavoidable. The division remains geographically compact and easy for a councillor to navigate. Consideration was given to moving the small area of Boley Park ward that is currently in this division into Lichfield Rural North with the rest of Boley Park ward. However, this negatively impacts the forecast electoral variance in Lichfield Rural North (resulting in a variance of more than 10%). In addition, the current boundary along Broad Lane is geographically sensible and continues the boundary between Boley Park ward and Stowe ward uninterrupted.

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## Division 6: Lichfield Rural East



**Summary of Division:** Lichfield Rural East lies to the east of Lichfield district. The division is proposed to incorporate Mease Valley ward, Fazeley ward, most of Whittington and Streethay and parts of Bourne Vale ward.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 11,702 – a variance of +0.7% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Transport links: The Division consists of several discrete settlements (villages). Some have public transport, and some do not. The villages mostly have parish councils to support them and seem to reasonably happy with the current transport arrangements.

Shared interests: Fazeley looks to Tamworth rather than Lichfield, however due to the fact that County Divisions have to align to District boundaries, it is included in this Division.

Facilities: Due to the convenient location for the residents within this division, they are close to a few local areas to shop, they have a choice of

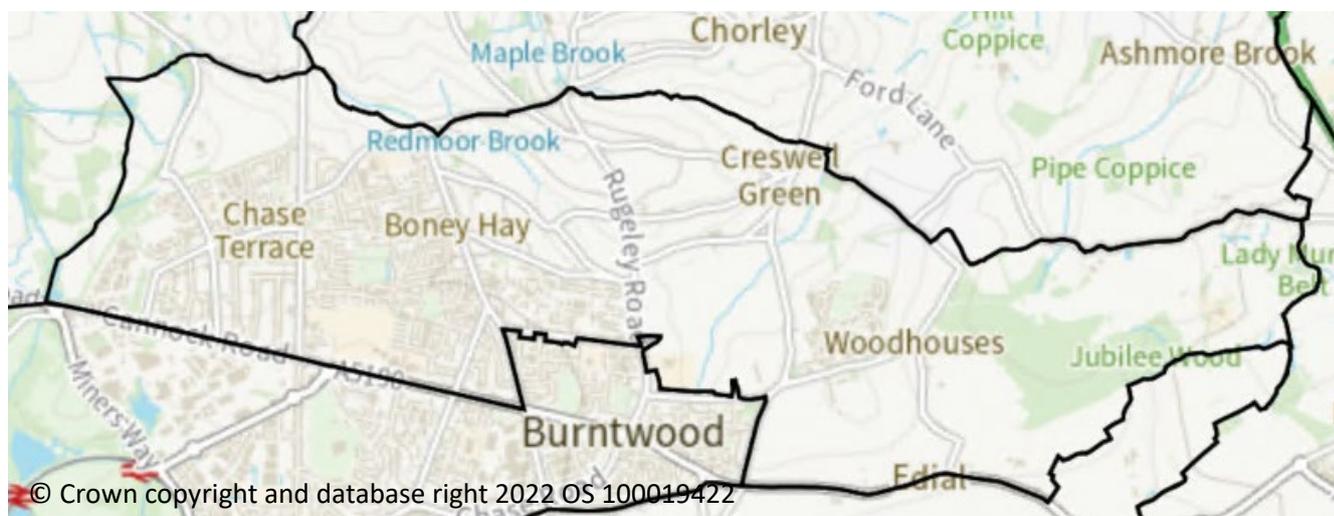
Tamworth, Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield for example, it appears they frequent all areas and would not be affected by any changes facility wise.

Identifiable boundaries: The A38, A5, River Mease and District Boundary are the obvious boundaries within this division. The existing division uses those in several areas.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government. Coterminosity is in the main good, with the division following ward and parish boundaries.

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## Division 7: Burntwood North



**Summary of Division:** Burntwood North lies in the west of Lichfield district. The proposal is for Burntwood North to comprise Boney Hay and Central ward, most of Chase Terrace ward excluding the small triangle to the south of the A5190 Cannock Road, plus the Hunslet and Highfield parish wards from Burntwood parish.

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 10,744 – a variance of -7.5% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Identity. Councillors highlighted that electors in St Matthew’s consider themselves part of Burntwood rather than identifying with the rural nature of the Lichfield Rural West, this proposal moves St Matthew’s (Highfield parish ward, Burntwood parish) into the division to reflect that sense of community identity.

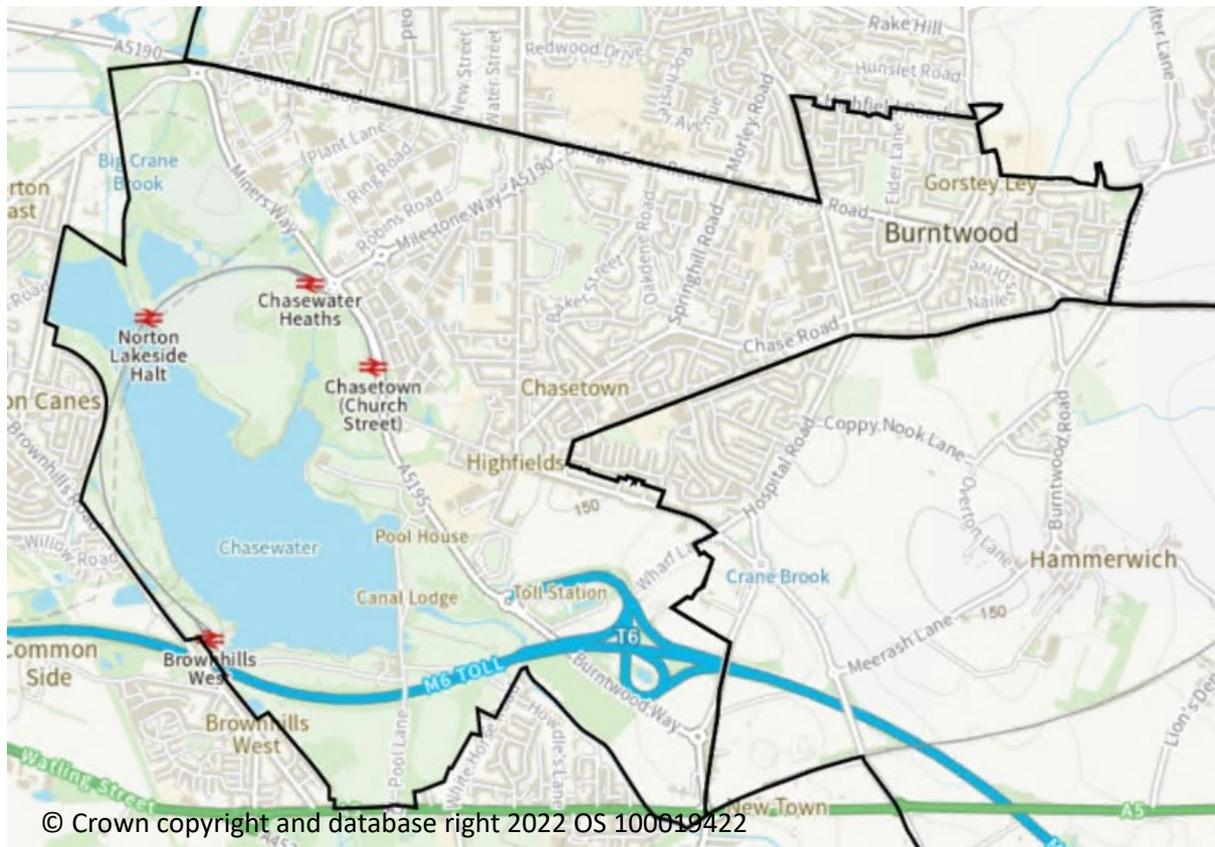
Residents in Burntwood use a wide range of facilities and the changes proposed wouldn’t suggest any change here. There is plenty of access to different medical centres across Burntwood, Salters Meadow Centre and the new Burntwood Medical Centre.

Identifiable boundaries: There are clear boundaries within our proposals, we believe the boundaries are exactly where the community ties would end and where the residents feel they would identify cut offs.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government – coterminosity is improved with the new boundary in the east following the existing ward boundary for Highfield ward.

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## Division 8: Burntwood South



**Summary of Division:** Burntwood South lies in the west of Lichfield district. The proposal is for the division to comprise the entirety of Chasetown and Summerfield & All Saints wards, plus a small part of the west of Hammerwich with Wall ward (Pool parish ward), a small part of the south of Highfield ward (Gorstey Ley parish ward) and a small part of Chase Terrace ward, south of the A5190 Cannock Road (requiring a split of the Chase Terrace parish ward in Burntwood parish).

**Criteria 1:** Electoral Equality is acceptable – total division electorate is forecast to be 10,620 – a variance of -8.6% from the Staffordshire average.

**Criteria 2:** Community Identity:

There are the existing transport links along the A5190 Cannock Road to both Lichfield and Cannock. The A5190 is the route that residents living in this area already use now.

There are no issues that would adversely affect residents moving into Burntwood South. Residents already use Chase Terrace local shops and amenities.

Residents use Chase Terrace (Sankey's Corner) and Morrisons, Aldi and smaller outlets that they would be using now.

Health provision is at either Burntwood Health and Walk -in Centre at Burntwood Leisure Centre or Salters Meadow (Sankey' Corner)

There are no natural or identifiable boundaries that would have worked for Burntwood South as it would have cut communities in half. We have worked with the roads that we feel provide natural boundaries for the communities.

All area's fall under Burntwood Town Council.

**Criteria 3:** Effective and convenient local government – coterminosity remains a challenge in this area, with the division comprising two full wards and two parts wards. However, the area is compact, and allows easy coverage for a councillor from a geographical perspective.

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