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Constitution of the Commission

In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended), the Commission was constituted as follows:-

Ex-officio Member

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Chairman.

Three other Members

The Honourable Mr Justice Sullivan, Deputy Chairman appointed by the Lord Chancellor.

Mr Michael Lewer, CBE, QC appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Robin Gray appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister.

Assessors

The Registrar General for England and Wales.
The Director General of Ordnance Survey.

Secretary

Mr Robert Farrance (Office for National Statistics).

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

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25 July 2008

To the Right Honourable Jack Straw MP
Her Majesty's Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

Sir,

Introduction

1.1 We, the Boundary Commission for England, constituted by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992, for the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections in England, submit this report under the provision of section 3(3) of the Act, showing our recommendations with respect to the areas comprised in the following county constituencies (CC):-

Daventry CC
Somerton and Frome CC
South Northamptonshire CC
Wells CC

1.2 Our original intention was to submit a report to you that also contained recommendations with respect to the areas comprised in the following county constituencies (CC):-

Berwick-upon-Tweed CC
Chippenham CC
Hexham CC
South West Wiltshire CC
Wansbeck CC

1.3 However, following publication of our provisional recommendations, two matters arose that suggested to us it would no longer be appropriate to pursue the review of these constituencies and we decided to suspend it in respect of them. We return to this matter in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 below.

Enumeration date and electoral quota

1.4 Notice of our intention to consider making a report with respect to the constituencies listed above, was submitted to your predecessor on 15 June 2007 and published in the London Gazette on 2 July 2007. The enumeration date for this interim review was, therefore, 2 July 2007. The electoral quota at the time the electoral registers were published on 1 December 2006 was 70,523 (based on 533 constituencies).

- 1.5 We considered whether we should establish an exact electoral quota for the review. This would have required us to contact all 354 Electoral Registration Officers in England, to ask them to supply the updates to their registers that had occurred between 1 December 2006 and 2 July 2007. We concluded that this would be an unnecessarily time consuming and expensive process that was unlikely to result in an electoral quota that would differ significantly from that published on 1 December 2006. We noted that we had adopted a similar approach during the last two interim reviews conducted in 1996 (Cm438) and in 1998 (Cm1087).
- Reason for the review**
- 1.6 On 31 October 2006, we submitted to you the periodical report (Cm7032) of our fifth general review. The report set out the 533 constituencies into which we recommended England should be divided. When we submitted the report, we were aware that an interim review of some of the new constituencies would be made necessary by the Further Electoral Reviews that were being conducted by the Boundary Committee for England. However, we decided it would not be appropriate to delay the submission of our report in order to correct any anomalies created by the Further Electoral Reviews.
- 1.7 In fact, we first considered the need for this interim review in February 2006 when, with the end of the fifth general review in sight, we discussed the tasks that it would be necessary for us and our Secretariat to undertake following submission of our report. We noted that the Boundary Committee for England had already commenced Further Electoral Reviews in both 2004 and 2005 that would result in new ward boundaries for seventeen local authority areas. These new ward boundaries came into effect at the local government elections held in May 2007.
- 1.8 We considered the final recommendations of the Boundary Committee for England and concluded they would result in the boundaries of the new wards being out of alignment with the boundaries of some of the new constituencies. Our Secretary consulted representatives at the headquarters of each of the Parliamentary political parties who agreed that it would be a most unsatisfactory situation to have ward and constituency boundaries out of alignment at a general election: it would not only cause difficulty for the relevant Electoral Registration Officers and confusion to the local electors, but it would also cause considerable inconvenience to their local organisations.
- 1.9 We concluded that we should conduct an interim review of the affected constituencies in order to remove any confusion to the local electorate and the administrative problems that would be caused to Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers, by the existence of different boundaries for parliamentary and local government purposes. We decided to conduct this interim review as soon as possible in an effort to ensure that our recommendations would be available to you before the conduct of the next general election.

Policy considerations

- 1.10 Before looking at options, we considered our general approach to the interim review. We noted that the new constituencies resulting from the fifth general review had not yet come into effect at a general election. Therefore, we decided that, as a guiding principle we would seek to make minimum change. We would realign constituency boundaries with the altered ward boundaries in such a way so as to transfer the fewest number of electors between constituencies, unless there were good reasons for making greater change.
- 1.11 We also decided that we should not hold an interim review in any area where the changes made by the Boundary Committee for England involved parcels of land that contained no electors. One such area that we considered is the boundary between Lincoln BC and Sleaford and North Hykeham CC, which is no longer in alignment with the altered ward boundaries. We decided not to include these two constituencies as part of this interim review as no electors would be affected by the ward and constituency boundaries remaining out of alignment.
- 1.12 If at some future date, such an area of land is developed and subsequently contains electors, we will reconsider whether to hold an interim review to remove the anomalies between the ward and constituency boundaries.

Publicity

- 1.13 We issued our provisional recommendations on 19 July 2007 and, as required by the Act, we published these in local newspapers circulating in the constituencies inviting written representations to be made to us by 13 September 2007. The period of time we allowed for representations to be made was longer than the statutory period of one month. However, we considered it was necessary to extend the representation period as we were publishing our provisional recommendations shortly before the summer holiday period commenced. In the event, and as is most often the case, we received the majority of the representations in the final few days of the representation period.
- 1.14 Copies of the recommendations, with illustrative maps, were made available for public inspection at suitable places within each of the nine constituencies for which we published proposals. We are grateful to the local authorities and their officers for assistance with these arrangements and for supplying the electoral statistics necessary for the review.

Provisional recommendations

- 2.1 The District of South Northamptonshire in Northamptonshire
- The District of South Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2006 and the District of South Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2007 were made on 23 November 2006 and 25 January 2007 respectively, and created twenty-seven new wards where thirty-one had previously existed. We noted that the following two wards are divided between Daventry CC and South Northamptonshire CC:-

- (a) the new Blakesley and Cote ward; and
- (b) the new Harpole and Grange ward.

2.2 We decided to make only the minimum change necessary to bring the constituency boundaries back into full alignment with the new ward boundaries. The effect of this would be to locate the new Blakesley and Cote, and Harpole and Grange wards wholly within Daventry CC. The effect of realigning the boundaries in this way would be that 1,834 parliamentary electors would transfer from South Northamptonshire CC to Daventry CC.

2.3 The Borough of Castle Morpeth in Northumberland

The Borough of Castle Morpeth (Electoral Changes) Order 2007 was made on 25 January 2007 and created seventeen new wards where twenty had previously existed. We noted that:-

- (a) the new Pegswood and Hebron ward is divided between Berwick-upon-Tweed CC and Wansbeck CC;
- (b) the new Stamfordham ward is divided between Berwick-upon-Tweed CC and Hexham CC; and
- (c) the new Stannington and Mitford ward is divided between Hexham CC and Wansbeck CC.

2.4 In accordance with our policy for the interim review, we decided to make only the minimum of change necessary to bring the constituency boundaries back into full alignment with the new ward boundaries. The effect of this was to locate the new Pegswood and Hebron ward wholly within Wansbeck CC, the new Stamfordham ward wholly within Hexham CC, and the new Stannington and Mitford ward wholly within Hexham CC. The changes would affect 1,237 electors.

2.5 In adopting the minimum change we noted that the effect would be that the electorate of Berwick-upon-Tweed CC, which at the start of the interim review was the fifth smallest in England, would become marginally smaller and that the electorate of Wansbeck CC, which was the second largest in Northumberland at the start of the review, would become very slightly larger. We considered that the effect was marginal and not so significant as to require us to make further changes.

2.6 The effect of realigning the boundaries would be that:-

- (a) 188 parliamentary electors would transfer from Berwick-upon-Tweed CC to Wansbeck CC;
- (b) 132 parliamentary electors would transfer from Berwick-upon-Tweed CC to Hexham CC; and

- (c) 917 parliamentary electors would transfer from Wansbeck CC to Hexham CC.

2.7 The District of Mendip in Somerset

The District of Mendip (Electoral Changes) Order 2007 was made on 25 January 2007 and created thirty-four new wards where thirty-five had previously existed. We noted that the following three wards are divided between Somerton and Frome CC and Wells CC:-

- (a) the new Ashwick, Chilcompton and Stratton ward;
- (b) the new Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward; and
- (c) the new The Pennards and Ditcheat ward.

2.8 We decided to make only the minimum of change necessary to bring the constituency boundaries back into full alignment with the new ward boundaries. The effect of this would be to locate the new Ashwick, Chilcompton and Stratton ward wholly within Wells CC, the new Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward wholly within Wells CC, and the new The Pennards and Ditcheat ward wholly within Somerton and Frome CC. The changes would affect 1,796 electors.

2.9 The effect of realigning the boundaries in this way would be that:-

- (a) 1,052 parliamentary electors would transfer from Somerton and Frome CC to Wells CC; and
- (b) 744 parliamentary electors would transfer from Wells CC to Somerton and Frome CC.

2.10 The District of West Wiltshire in Wiltshire

The District of West Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2007 was made on 8 February 2007 and created twenty-four new wards where twenty-five had previously existed. We noted that the following two wards are divided between Chippenham CC and South West Wiltshire CC:-

- (a) the new Bradford-on-Avon South ward; and
- (b) the new Summerham ward.

2.11 We decided to make only the minimum of change necessary to bring the constituency boundaries back into full alignment with the new ward boundaries. The effect of this would be to locate the new Bradford-on-Avon South ward wholly within Chippenham CC and the new Summerham ward wholly within South West Wiltshire CC. The changes would affect 1,015 electors.

- 2.12 The effect of realigning the boundaries in this way would be that:-
- (a) 274 parliamentary electors would transfer from South West Wiltshire CC to Chippenham CC; and
 - (b) 741 parliamentary electors would transfer from Chippenham CC to South West Wiltshire CC.

Electorates

- 2.13 The effect of the transfers on the 2007 electorates (1 December 2006 figures) of the nine constituencies was:-

	Current	Proposed
Berwick-upon-Tweed CC	58,475	58,155
Hexham CC	60,906	61,955
Wansbeck CC	63,417	62,688
Chippenham CC	70,595	70,128
South West Wiltshire CC	70,680	71,147
Daventry CC	71,788	73,622
South Northamptonshire CC	76,854	75,020
Somerton and Frome CC	78,294	77,986
Wells CC	80,247	80,555

Local government boundaries

- 3.1 On 25 July 2007, six days after we published our provisional recommendations, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced that she was minded to implement proposals for the creation of nine new unitary authorities. We noted that two of the new unitary authorities would be formed from the Counties of Northumberland and Wiltshire, in whose areas are located five of the constituencies for which we announced provisional recommendations.
- 3.2 Quite naturally, this announcement resulted in us receiving representations that submitted that we should postpone the interim review in both areas until such time as the new unitary authorities were fully operational, which we understood would be April 2009. It was claimed that any new wards (electoral divisions) created when the new unitary authorities came into being would make nugatory the recommendations that we would be making to you. We decided that we should consider these representations alongside the others that had been received.

Representations

- 4.1 Following publication of our provisional recommendations we received thirty-six representations. Those who made representations to us in respect of the constituencies in Northamptonshire and Somerset are listed at Appendix A.

4.2 The District of South Northamptonshire

Sixteen representations concerned the alterations affecting the areas contained in the District of South Northamptonshire, with thirteen objecting to our proposals. The main issues raised in the representations were:-

- (a) whether the Blakesley and Cote ward should be included in Daventry CC or South Northamptonshire CC;
- (b) whether the Harpole and Grange ward should be included in Daventry CC or South Northamptonshire CC;
- (c) whether the two wards should remain divided between constituencies; and
- (d) whether an alternative name should be adopted for South Northamptonshire CC.

4.3 The Borough of Castle Morpeth

Four representations concerned the alterations affecting the areas contained in the Borough of Castle Morpeth, with three objecting to our proposals. The main issues raised in the representations were:-

- (a) whether the Stamfordham ward should be included in Hexham CC or Berwick-upon-Tweed CC;
- (b) whether the Stannington and Mitford ward should be included in Hexham CC or Wansbeck CC; and
- (c) whether the three wards should remain divided between constituencies.

4.4 The District of Mendip

Five representations concerned the alterations affecting the areas contained in the District of Mendip, with four objecting to our proposals. The main issues raised in the representations were:-

- (a) whether the Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward should be included in Wells CC or Somerton and Frome CC; and
- (b) whether the three wards should remain divided between constituencies.

4.5 The District of West Wiltshire

Eleven representations concerned the alterations affecting the areas contained in the District of West Wiltshire, with ten objecting to our proposals. The main issue raised in the representations was whether the two wards should remain divided between the constituencies.

Suspension of the review for five constituencies

- 5.1 Following publication of our provisional recommendations for Chippenham CC and South West Wiltshire CC, our Secretariat was informed that the new Box and Rudloe ward in the District of North Wiltshire was divided between Chippenham CC and North Wiltshire CC. We noted that before we took the decision to commence the interim review, our Secretariat had studied the report of the Boundary Committee for England, in respect of the final recommendations for Future Electoral Arrangements for North Wiltshire, and the District of North Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2007. Unfortunately, the analysis by our Secretariat did not establish that the Box and Rudloe ward was divided between the two constituencies and, therefore, we did not include North Wiltshire CC in our considerations, as would otherwise have been the case.
- 5.2 In considering the issues relating to the two constituencies in Wiltshire, we also noted the concerns that had been expressed to us about proceeding with the interim review because of the establishment of a new unitary authority (and new wards/electoral divisions) that would occur shortly after we had intended to submit our recommendations to you. Similar representations had also been made to us in respect of Northumberland.
- 5.3 In the circumstances we decided that the most appropriate course of action would be for us to suspend the review of the five constituencies listed below until a later date, at which time we would include consideration of North Wiltshire CC:-

Berwick-upon-Tweed CC
Chippenham CC
Hexham CC
South West Wiltshire CC
Wansbeck CC

Local inquiries

The District of South Northamptonshire

- 6.1 The representations we received in respect of our proposals for Daventry CC and South Northamptonshire CC required us to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The inquiry was conducted by Mr Christopher Berry (Solicitor) and was held on 10 December 2007 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Springfield, Towcester, Northamptonshire.
- 6.2 The Assistant Commissioner reported that whilst three representations supported our provisional recommendations, thirteen opposed them. He confirmed that the main issues he was called upon to consider at the local inquiry were those set out in (a) - (d) in paragraph 4.2 above.

- 6.3 The Assistant Commissioner noted that almost everyone who responded to our provisional recommendations accepted that local government district wards should not be divided between constituencies. He reported that, based upon the evidence he was called to consider, it appeared that the villages located in the new Blakesley and Cote ward have an historic affinity to Towcester.
- 6.4 Given the strength of opposition to our proposal and the virtually unanimous support given to the counter-proposal, he recommended that the whole of the ward should be included in South Northamptonshire CC and not in Daventry CC as we had proposed. He also noted that there was only limited opposition to our proposal to include the new Harpole and Grange ward in Daventry CC. He reported that he was impressed by the support for our proposal from the residents within the ward and he recommended that the whole of the ward should be included in Daventry CC as we had proposed.
- 6.5 One representation suggested that South Northamptonshire CC should be re-named Towcester CC. The Assistant Commissioner reported that he did not consider that an interim review was the time to introduce such a significant change and that he could see no reason to support a change without extensive consultation.

The District of Mendip

- 6.6 The representations received in respect of our proposals for Somerton and Frome CC and Wells CC did not require us to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Act. However, they contained objections and issues that we decided should be considered at a local inquiry. We therefore decided to use the discretion afforded to us by section 6(1) of the Act to hold one. The inquiry was conducted by Mr Alun Alesbury (Barrister) and was held on 13 December 2007 in the Parkes Room, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset.
- 6.7 The Assistant Commissioner noted that whilst one representation supported our provisional recommendations, four opposed them. He confirmed that the main issues he was called upon to consider were those set out in (a) and (b) in paragraph 4.4 above.
- 6.8 The Assistant Commissioner reported that he was asked to consider whether the three wards could remain divided between constituencies, so as to avoid any disruption that would be caused to local ties by moving “part wards” (generally whole civil parishes) between constituencies. It was submitted that whilst we have a longstanding policy of not dividing local government district wards between constituencies, it was not a statutory requirement for us to use them as “building blocks”.

- 6.9 The Assistant Commissioner informed us that, whilst he had not recommended that the wards should remain divided between constituencies, he had some sympathy with the views expressed to him and he asked us to consider whether, in some rural areas, civil parishes might prove to be more useful as “building blocks” for constituencies. This is something that we will consider carefully when we conduct our policy review ahead of the next general review.
- 6.10 The Assistant Commissioner reported that, in addition to the representations supporting retention of the status quo (whereby the three wards would remain divided between constituencies), he was called upon to consider a counter-proposal which, whilst supporting our proposal for the Ashwick, Chilcompton and Stratton ward to be located in Wells CC and The Pennards and Ditchat ward to be located in Somerton and Frome CC, submitted that the Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward should be located in Somerton and Frome CC and not Wells CC as we had proposed. He noted that the counter-proposal would deal with two of the criticisms levelled against the provisional recommendations as it would not produce an awkwardly shaped boundary between the two constituencies and it would reduce the electorate of the proposed Wells CC. He also noted that the counter-proposal would reduce the electoral disparity between the five constituencies in Somerset from 3,346 under the provisional recommendations to 2,602.
- 6.11 The Assistant Commissioner confirmed that he found persuasive the arguments that the Lydford-on-Fosse parish (part of the Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward) had links to places in Somerton and Frome CC. His view was re-inforced by a visit to the area, that took place after the inquiry closed. He concluded that the counter-proposal would command wider general acceptance than our provisional recommendations and that it represented a sensible solution.

Revised recommendations

- 7.1 We agreed with the conclusions and recommendations of both Assistant Commissioners and, accordingly, published the following revised recommendations:-

	Electorate
Daventry CC	70,892
South Northamptonshire CC	77,750
Somerton and Frome CC	79,811
Wells CC	78,730

Further representations

- 8.1 The District of South Northamptonshire

Following publication of the revised recommendations we received three representations. The three representations supported the revised recommendations and, therefore, we decided to make no further changes to our proposals.

8.2 The District of Mendip

Following publication of the revised recommendations we received eight representations, of which seven objected to the revised recommendations. The main issues raised in the representations of objection were:-

- (a) the inclusion of the Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward in Somerton and Frome CC;
- (b) the inclusion of the West Pennard parish in Somerton and Frome CC; and
- (c) whether the wards should have been left divided between constituencies and whether the interim review should have been conducted.

8.3 We noted that those objecting to the revised recommendations wanted the status quo, whereby the Butleigh and Baltonsborough ward and The Pennards and Ditchat ward would continue to be divided between the two constituencies. We considered that there was no evidence to suggest that the independent Assistant Commissioner had given insufficient weight to the submissions presented to him at the inquiry and we noted that in his report he had expressed some sympathy with the view that the wards should remain divided, but that he had considered that his recommendation to us provided a better outcome than our provisional recommendations. We considered that there were no reasons that required us to make further changes.

8.4 We also, again, considered our longstanding policy of not dividing local government district wards between constituencies and concluded that we were correct in this instance to continue to use them as the building blocks for constituencies. We recalled the reasoning on which the evidence that had been submitted to us on a number of previous occasions had been based, that we should include whole wards in constituencies as this was more convenient for those involved in the conduct of elections and for electors. We also noted that this policy had been generally accepted and supported by the major Parliamentary political parties, particularly during our recently completed fifth general review.

8.5 We noted that all of the issues relating to the division of wards between constituencies had been fully discussed at the local inquiry and fully considered by the Assistant Commissioner in his report. He had made his recommendation on the basis that it was preferable to the status quo, where three wards would be divided between the two constituencies, and to our provisional recommendations. We therefore decided to make no further changes to our proposals

Final recommendations

9.1 We recommend adoption of the following constituencies containing the wards as listed in Appendix B:-

	Electorate
Daventry CC	70,892
South Northamptonshire CC	77,750
Somerton and Frome CC	79,811
Wells CC	78,730

9.2 The full composition of the recommended constituencies is set out in Appendix B. Maps illustrating the areas covered by the interim review are at Appendix C.

Jeremy Sullivan, Deputy Chairman

Michael Lewer

Robin Gray

Robert Farrance
Secretary

25 July 2008

THOSE WHO MADE REPRESENTATIONS

The District of South Northamptonshire

Provisional recommendations

Blakesley Parish Council
Cold Higham Parish Council
Councillor A Addison
P Kingswood
J Loftus
Maidford Parish Council
Milton Malsor Conservative Branch
Slapton Parish Meeting
South Northamptonshire Conservative Association
South Northamptonshire District Council
South Northamptonshire Liberal Democrats
The Conservative Party
The Labour Party
Tim Boswell MP
West Northamptonshire Conservatives
Woodend Parish Council

Revised recommendations

J Cartwright
Councillor S Smallman (representing nine Parish Councils)
South Northamptonshire District Council

The District of Mendip

Provisional recommendations

Rt. Hon. David Heathcoat-Amory MP
Mendip District Council
The Conservative Party
The Labour Party
Wells Conservative Association

Revised recommendations

Baltonsborough Parish Council
Butleigh Parish Council
J Cartwright
C Fox
Glastonbury Town Council
David Heath CBE MP
Rt. Hon. David Heathcoat-Amory MP
C McNamee

APPENDIX B

COMPOSITION OF THE RECOMMENDED CONSTITUENCIES

Northamptonshire	Daventry CC	70,892
	The District of Daventry wards:-	
	Abbey North	6,192
	Abbey South	2,881
	Badby	1,579
	Barby and Kilsby	2,722
	Boughton and Pitsford	1,328
	Brampton	1,369
	Braunston	1,432
	Brixworth	4,548
	Byfield	1,489
	Clipston	1,506
	Crick	1,460
	Drayton	4,656
	Flore	1,560
	Hill	4,178
	Long Buckby	3,390
	Moulton	3,379
	Ravensthorpe	1,415
	Spratton	1,465
	Walgrave	1,598
	Weedon	2,652
	Welford	1,562
	West Haddon and Guilsborough	1,757
	Woodford	2,832
	Yelvertoft	1,419
	The District of South Northamptonshire wards:-	
	Harpole and Grange	3,531
	Heyfords and Bugbrooke	3,397
	The Borough of Wellingborough wards:-	
	Earls Barton	4,146
	West	1,449

South Northamptonshire CC **77,750**

The Borough of **Northampton** wards:-

East Hunsbury	6,310
Nene Valley	8,027
West Hunsbury	6,253

The District of **South Northamptonshire** wards:-

Astwell	1,523
Blakesley and Cote	2,730
Blisworth and Roade	3,278
Brackley East	3,256
Brackley South	3,150
Brackley West	3,209
Brafield and Yardley	3,279
Cosgrove and Grafton	1,500
Danvers and Wardoun	2,896
Deanshanger	2,936
Grange Park	2,580
Hackleton	1,728
Kings Sutton	1,656
Kingthorn	1,354
Little Brook	1,477
Middleton Cheney	3,063
Old Stratford	1,455
Salcey	1,693
Silverstone	1,628
Steane	1,510
Tove	1,417
Towcester Brook	4,538
Towcester Mill	2,402
Washington	1,324
Whittlewood	1,578

Somerset**Somerton and Frome CC****79,811**The District of **Mendip** wards:-

Ammerdown	1,842
Beckington and Selwood	1,679
Butleigh and Baltonsborough	1,825
Coleford and Holcombe	3,725
Cranmore, Doultling and Nunney	1,818
Creech	1,768
Frome Berkley Down	3,332
Frome College	3,606
Frome Keyford	3,065
Frome Market	3,508
Frome Oakfield	1,956
Frome Park	3,664
Postlebury	1,605
Rode and Norton St Philip	1,710
The Pennards and Ditchat	1,877

The District of **South Somerset** wards:-

Blackmoor Vale	4,459
Bruton	1,902
Burrow Hill	1,794
Camelot	2,142
Cary	4,401
Curry Rivel	2,104
Islemoor	2,292
Langport and Huish	2,207
Martock	4,495
Milborne Port	2,184
Northstone	2,424
Tower	1,956
Turn Hill	2,199
Wessex	4,376
Wincanton	3,896

Wells CC**78,730**The District of **Mendip** wards:-

Ashwick, Chilcompton and Stratton	3,563
Chewton Mendip and Ston Easton	1,736
Croscombe and Pilton	1,954
Glastonbury St Benedict's	1,828
Glastonbury St Edmund's	1,733
Glastonbury St John's	1,456
Glastonbury St Mary's	1,760
Moor	1,991
Rodney and Westbury	1,780
St Cuthbert Out North	1,878
Shepton East	3,270
Shepton West	3,632
Street North	2,794
Street South	3,804
Street West	1,728
Wells Central	1,645
Wells St Cuthbert's	3,287
Wells St Thomas'	3,346
Wookey and St Cuthbert Out West	1,972

The District of **Sedgemoor** wards:-

Axbridge	1,541
Axe Vale	1,740
Berrow	1,863
Brent North	1,706
Burnham North	5,490
Burnham South	5,261
Cheddar and Shipham	5,402
Highbridge	4,900
Knoll	1,995
Wedmore and Mark	3,675

APPENDIX C

WARD ELECTORATES IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Ward Name	Electorate	Ward Name	Electorate
The District of South Northamptonshire		The District of Daventry	
Astwell	1,523	Abbey North	6,192
Blakesley and Cote	2,730	Abbey South	2,881
Blisworth and Roade	3,278	Badby	1,579
Brackley East	3,256	Barby and Kilsby	2,722
Brackley South	3,150	Boughton and Pitsford	1,328
Brackley West	3,209	Brampton	1,369
Brafield and Yardley	3,279	Braunston	1,432
Cosgrove and Grafton	1,500	Brixworth	4,548
Danvers and Wardoun	2,896	Byfield	1,489
Deanshanger	2,936	Clipston	1,506
Grange Park	2,580	Crick	1,460
Hackleton	1,728	Drayton	4,656
Harpole and Grange	3,531	Flore	1,560
Heyfords and Bugbrooke	3,397	Hill	4,178
Kings Sutton	1,656	Long Buckby	3,390
Kingthorn	1,354	Moulton	3,379
Little Brook	1,477	Ravensthorpe	1,415
Middleton Cheney	3,063	Spratton	1,465
Old Stratford	1,455	Walgrave	1,598
Salcey	1,693	Weedon	2,652
Silverstone	1,628	Welford	1,562
Steane	1,510	West Haddon and Guilsborough	1,757
Tove	1,417	Woodford	2,832
Towcester Brook	4,538	Yelvertoft	1,419
Towcester Mill	2,402		
Washington	1,324		
Whittlewood	1,578		
The Borough of Northampton		The Borough of Wellingborough	
East Hunsbury	6,310	Earls Barton	4,146
Nene Valley	8,027	West	1,449
West Hunsbury	6,253		

WARD ELECTORATES IN SOMERSET

Ward Name	Electorate	Ward Name	Electorate
The District of Mendip		The District of Sedgemoor	
Ammerdown	1,842	Axbridge	1,541
Ashwick, Chilcompton and Stratton	3,563	Axe Vale	1,740
Beckington and Selwood	1,679	Berrow	1,863
Butleigh and Baltonsborough	1,825	Brent North	1,706
Chewton Mendip and Ston Easton	1,736	Burnham North	5,490
Coleford and Holcombe	3,725	Burnham South	5,261
Cranmore, Doulling and Nunney	1,818	Cheddar and Shipham	5,402
Creech	1,768	Highbridge	4,900
Croscombe and Pilton	1,954	Knoll	1,995
Frome Berkley Down	3,332	Wedmore and Mark	3,675
Frome College	3,606		
Frome Keyford	3,065	The District of South Somerset	
Frome Market	3,508	Blackmoor Vale	4,459
Frome Oakfield	1,956	Bruton	1,902
Frome Park	3,664	Burrow Hill	1,794
Glastonbury St Benedict's	1,828	Camelot	2,142
Glastonbury St Edmund's	1,733	Cary	4,401
Glastonbury St John's	1,456	Curry Rivel	2,104
Glastonbury St Mary's	1,760	Islemoor	2,292
Moor	1,991	Langport and Huish	2,207
Postlebury	1,605	Martock	4,495
Rode and Norton St Philip	1,710	Milborne Port	2,184
Rodney and Westbury	1,780	Northstone	2,424
St Cuthbert Out North	1,878	Tower	1,956
Shepton East	3,270	Turn Hill	2,199
Shepton West	3,632	Wessex	4,376
Street North	2,794	Wincanton	3,896
Street South	3,804		
Street West	1,728		
The Pennards and Ditchat	1,877		
Wells Central	1,645		
Wells St Cuthbert's	3,287		
Wells St Thomas'	3,346		
Wookey and St Cuthbert Out West	1,972		

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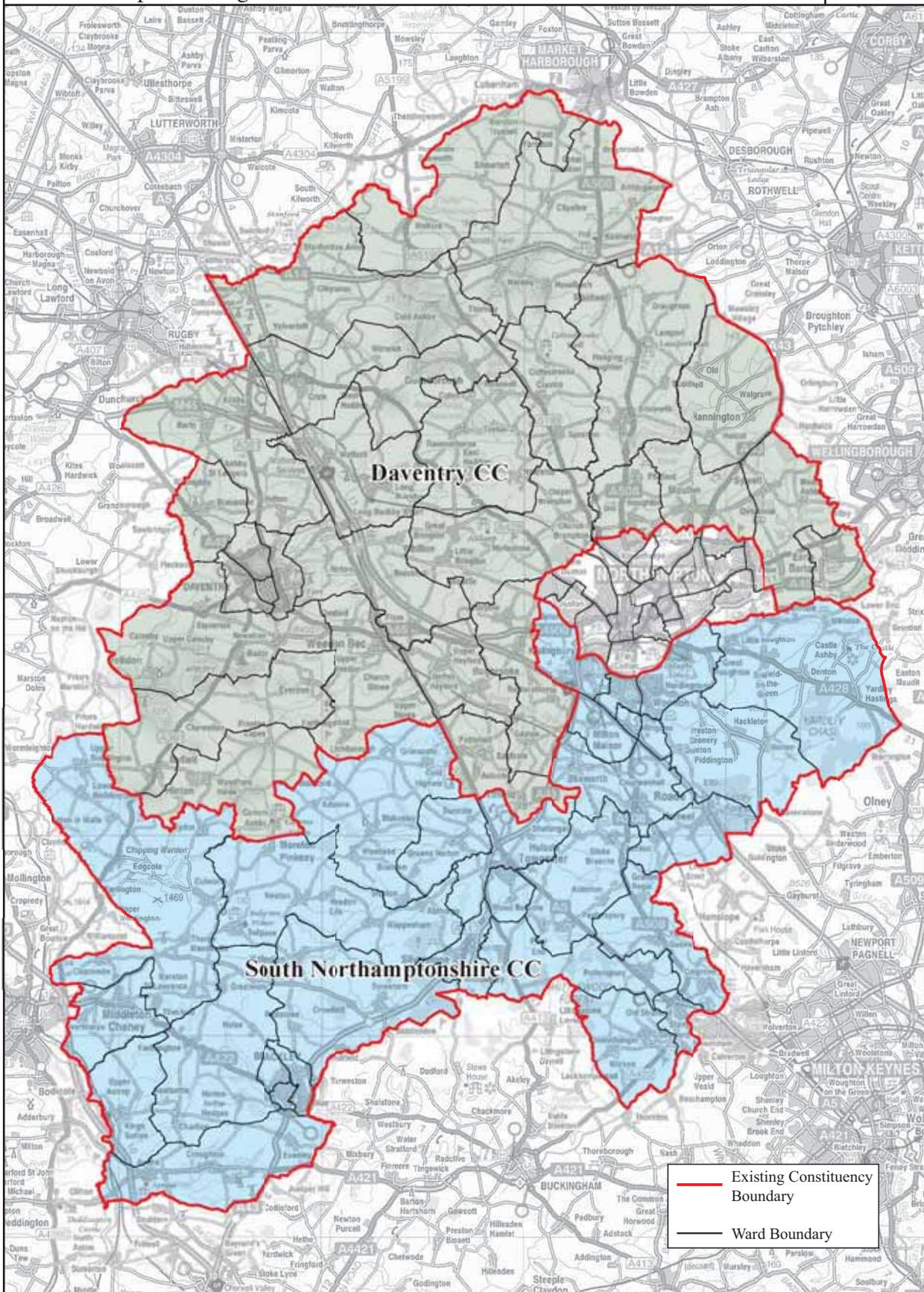
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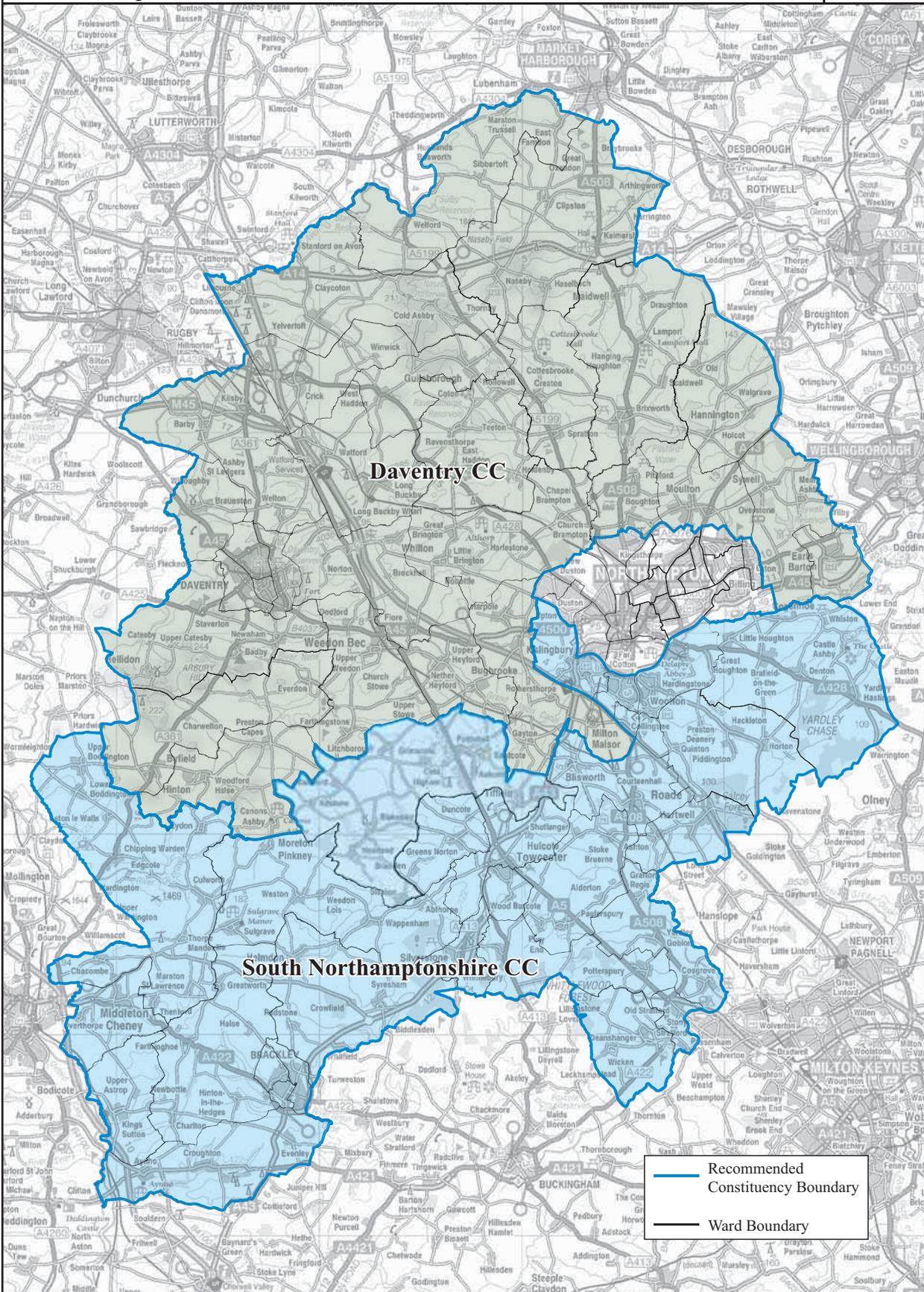
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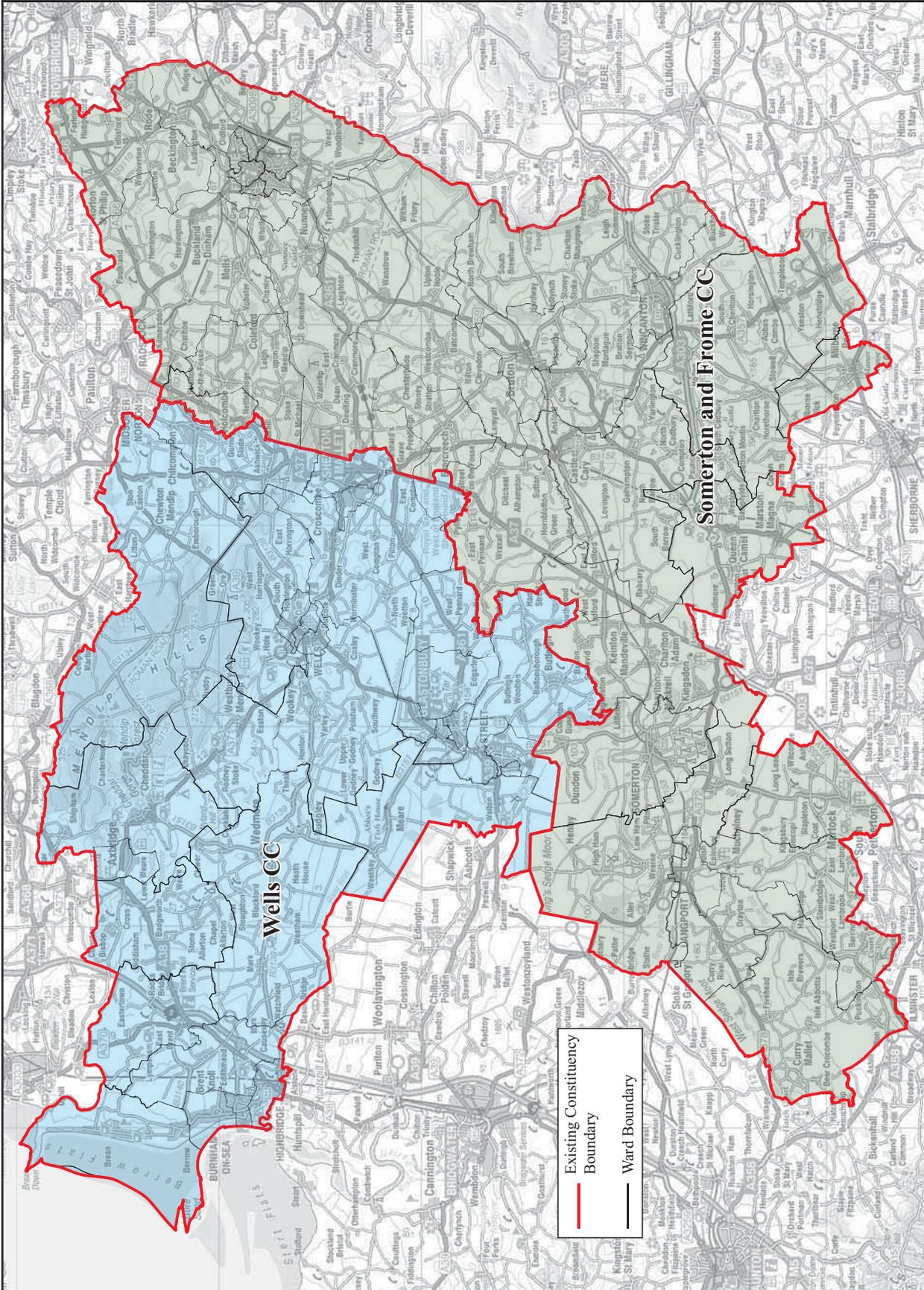
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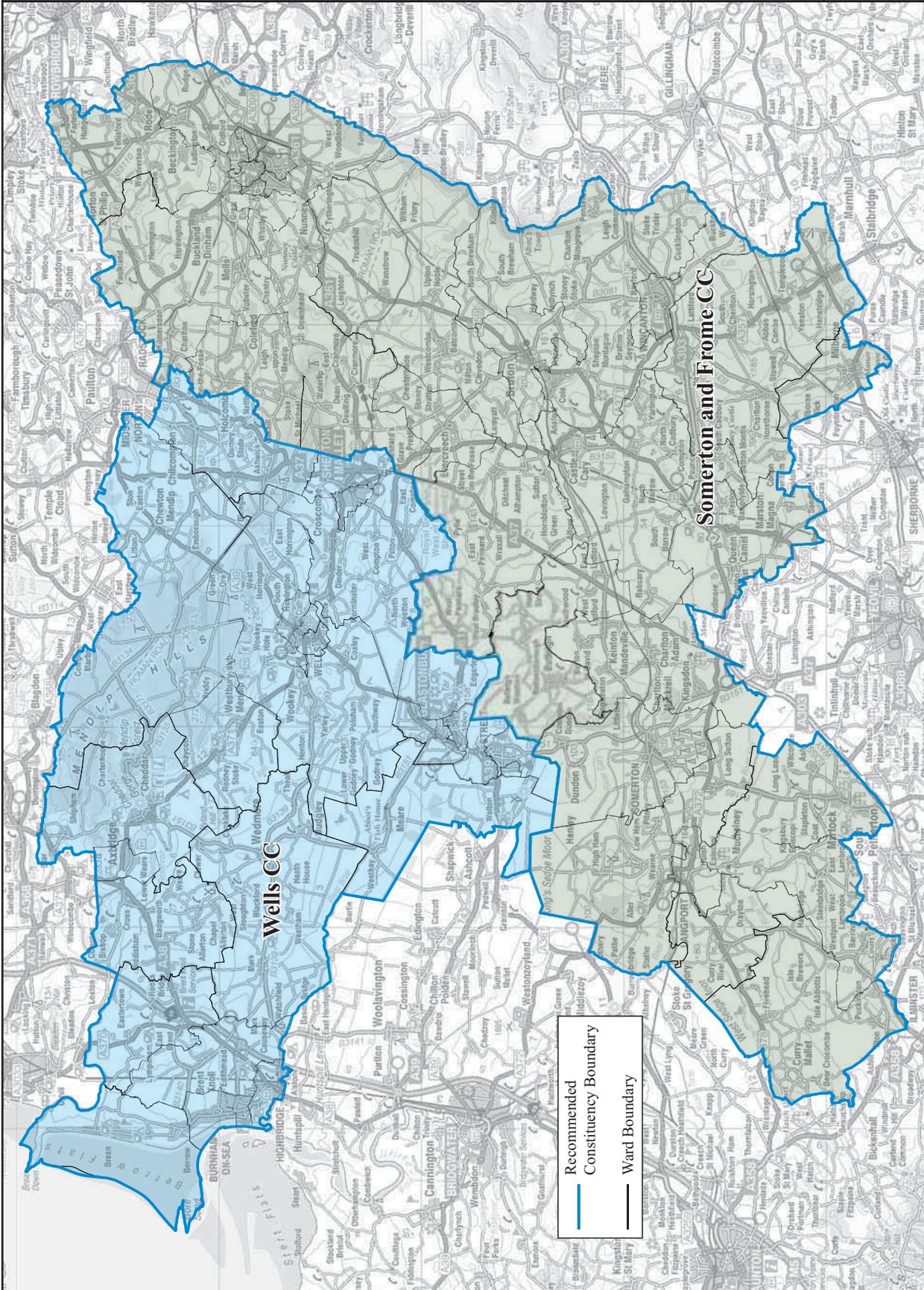
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