

Electoral Review of New Forest District Council

Warding Patterns – Zone 4 –
South Waterside

Task and Finish Group have agreed:-

- Group the District into “Zones”.
- Town and Parishes – building blocks.
- Meet with each Zone and invite Ward Councillors to feed in their local knowledge.
- Work within each Zone to balance the criteria and create warding pattern options.
- Bring recommended options back to the Task and Finish Group, Cabinet and Council.
- Submit full proposals to the LGBCE.

Warding Patterns - Criteria

- Electoral Equality for voters.
- Community Identities and Interests.
- Effective and convenient Local Government.

- These are all of equal balance and importance.

Electoral Equality

Figure one: electoral variances

Local authority A has an electorate of 100,000 in 2012. In 2018 (five years after the planned completion of the review), the electorate of Local authority A is expected to be 103,000.

The Commission has decided that it is minded to recommend a council size of 40 councillors for Local authority A.

In these circumstances, the Commission will base its new ward patterns on each councillor representing around 2,500 electors.

	2012	2018
10% fewer electors	2,250	2,318
Perfect electoral equality	2,500	2,575
10% more electors	2,750	2,833

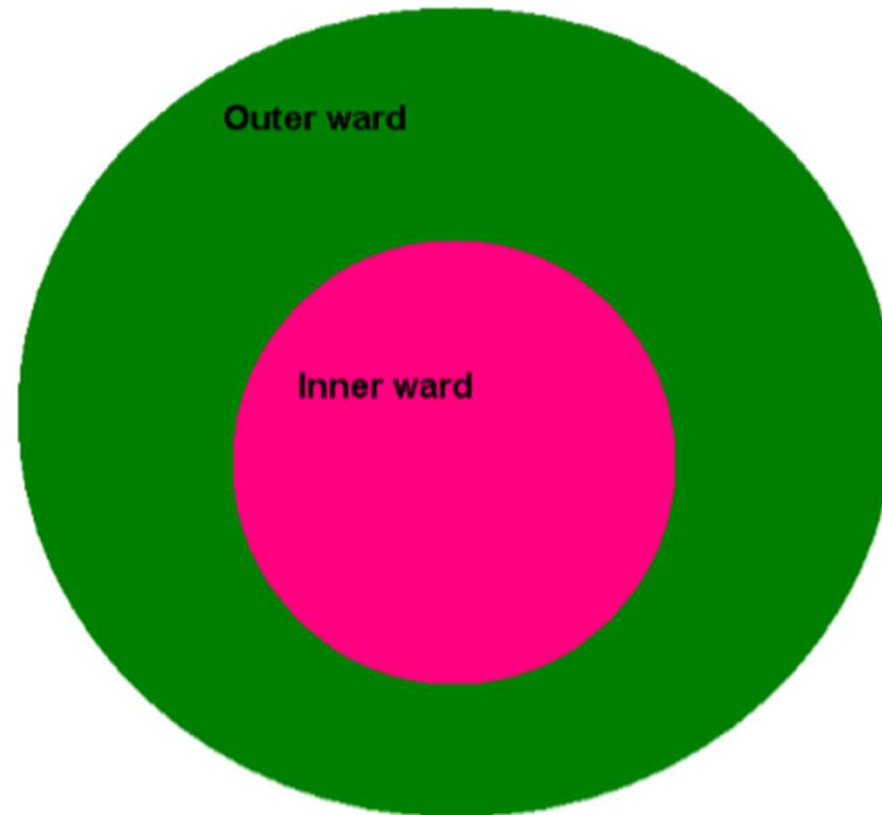
Community Identities & Interests

- Transport links
- Community groups
- Facilities
- Identifiable boundaries
- Parishes
- Shared interests

Effective and Convenient Local Government

- Number of councillors in each ward or division.
 - 1, 2 or 3 Member Wards
- ‘Doughnut’ Wards are not considered effective by the LGBCE.

'Doughnut' Ward



My area is in the
Domesday Book

We don't associate with
the neighbouring area

Station Road looks like
a boundary but actually
it's where all the shops
are for us and the
people to the North

We have a local
carnival organised by
our Community Council
that is vital to our local
area's identity

Make all the wards
single-member wards

We are cut off from the
neighbouring area by a
high-speed railway line

Our polling station is
too far away, changing
the ward would fix this

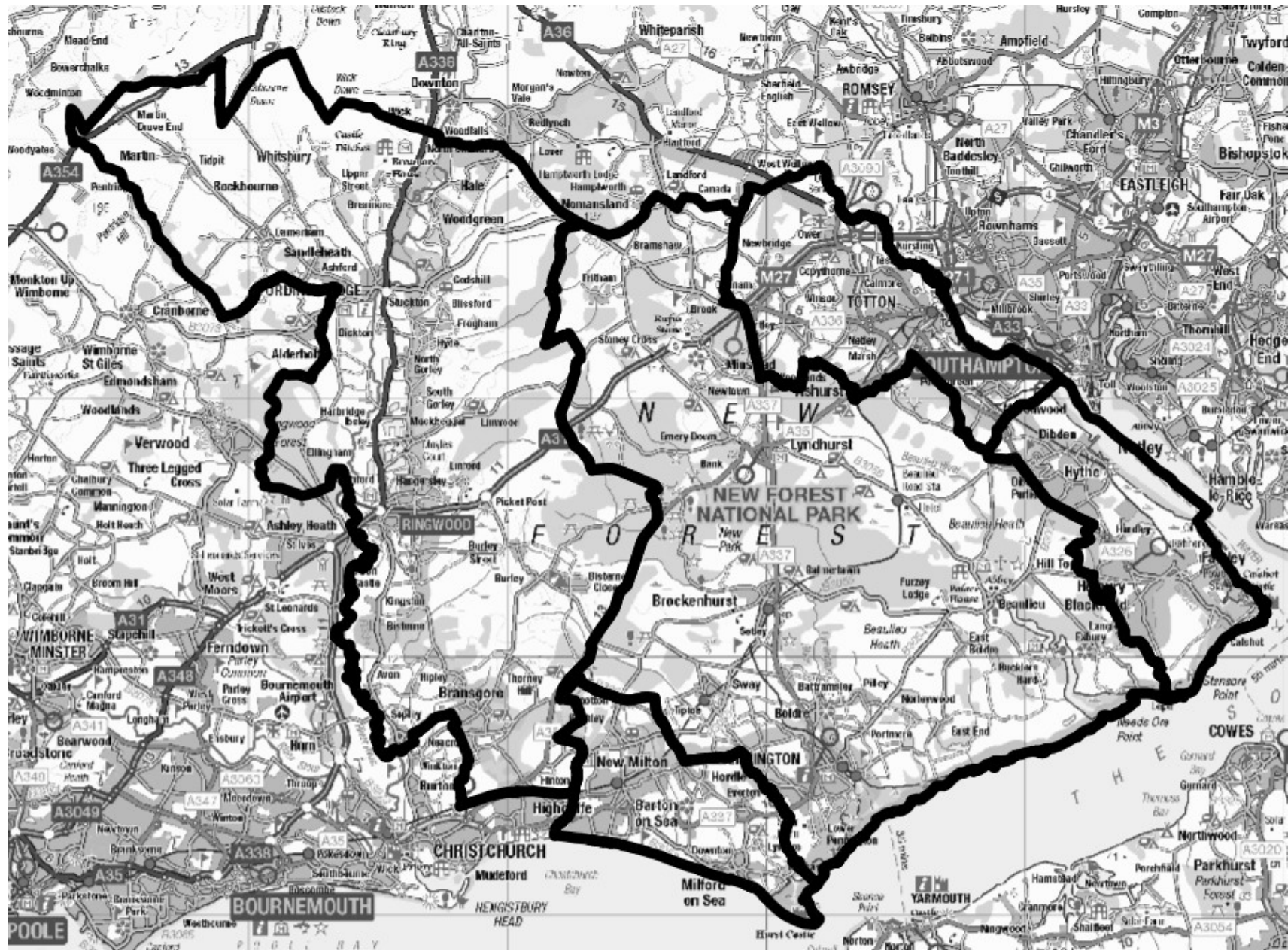
Oakhill should be with
Maryland because they
share access to the
park and the doctor's
surgery

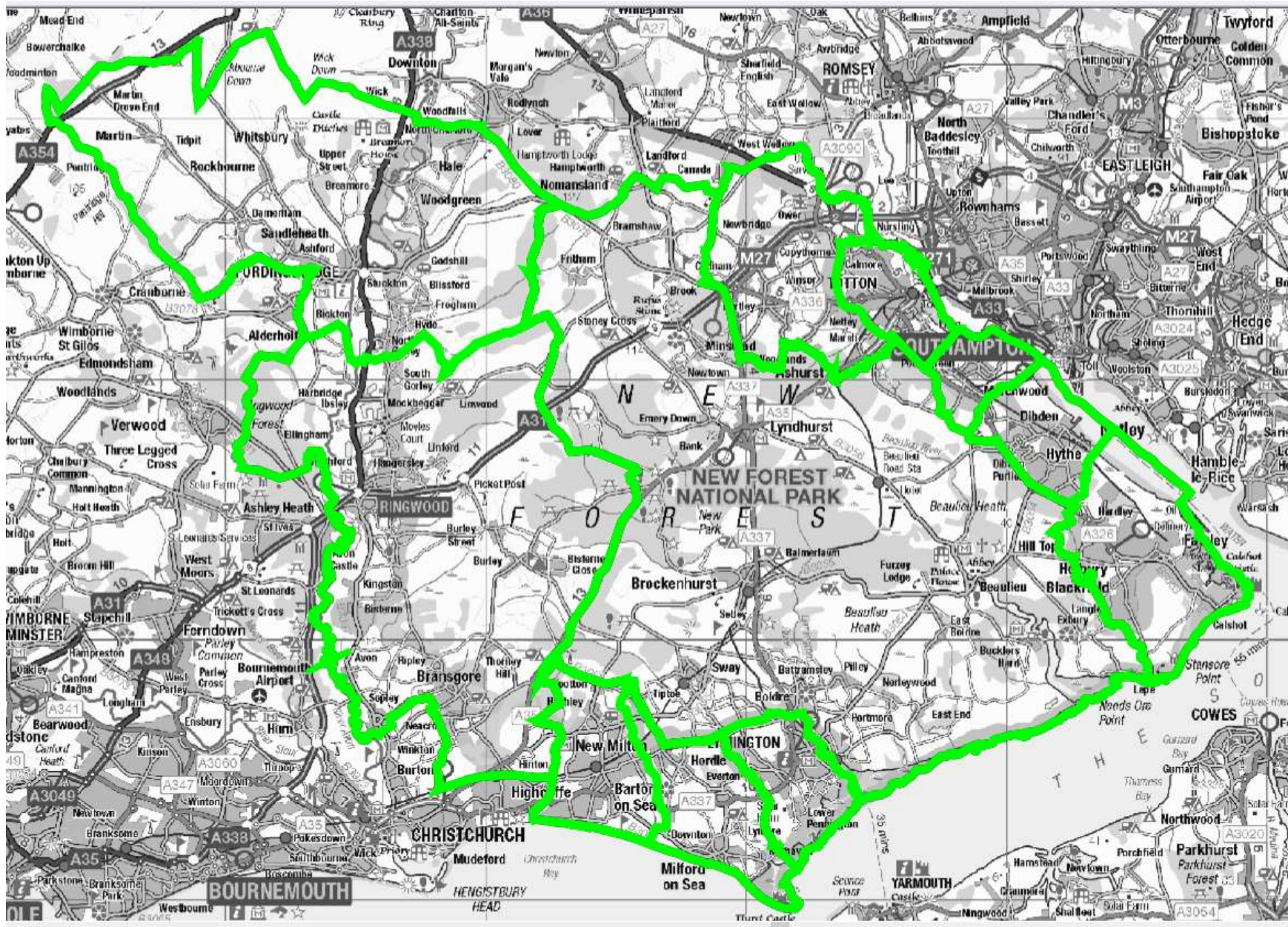
It should go back to
how it was 20 years
ago, it worked better

The Residents'
Association represents
these ten roads, and
hold regular meetings
at X Community Centre

Our Parish Council has
a detailed
neighbourhood plan

If it ain't broke, don't fix
it





South Waterside

- Current Number of Councillors – 11
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- Hythe & Dibden / Fawley Electorate Per Councillor – 3143



Hythe & Dibden / Fawley

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Hythe & Dibden**
- Councillor Numbers
 - Current 6.5 —————> Target 5.5
 - Electorate – 3076 ✓
- **Area 2 – Fawley**
- Councillor Numbers
 - Current 4.5 —————> Target 3.5
 - Electorate – 3248 ✓

Hythe & Dibden / Fawley

- Current Warding Arrangements of Area
 - Fawley, Blackfield & Langley (Fawley Parish) – Total Electorate – 4,987
 - Holbury & North Blackfield (Fawley Parish) – Total Electorate – 5,224
 - Furzedown & Hardley (split across Hythe and Dibden and Fawley Parish) – Total Electorate – 2,808
 - Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu (Hythe and Dibden Parish) – Total Electorate – 5,263
 - Hythe West & Langdown – Total Electorate – 5,277
 - Dibden & Hythe East – Total Electorate – 4,732

Hythe & Dibden / Fawley

- Key Questions

- Can approximately 1,000 electors from Hythe and Dibden Parish work with Fawley Parish to balance electoral equality?
- If so, how could wards be created for 4 Councillors in this new area?
 - 2 Wards of 2 Councillors?
 - Other options?
- This leaves 5 Councillors for the remaining area in Hythe and Dibden. To use the current Warding patterns as a starting point:-
 - Could approximately 1,400 electors from Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu work with the current Dibden & Hythe East to form a new 2 Member Ward?
 - Could the remainder of Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu work with Furzedown & Hardley to form a new 3 Member ward?
 - Alternatively, what warding patterns within this 3 Member area work and make sense on the ground?

- Considerations - Community Identities & Interests

