

Electoral Review of New Forest District Council

Warding Patterns – Zone 3 –
Lymington & Pennington & Rural
Central

Task and Finish Group have agreed:-

- Group the District into “Zones”.
- Town and Parishes – building blocks.
- Go out to 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

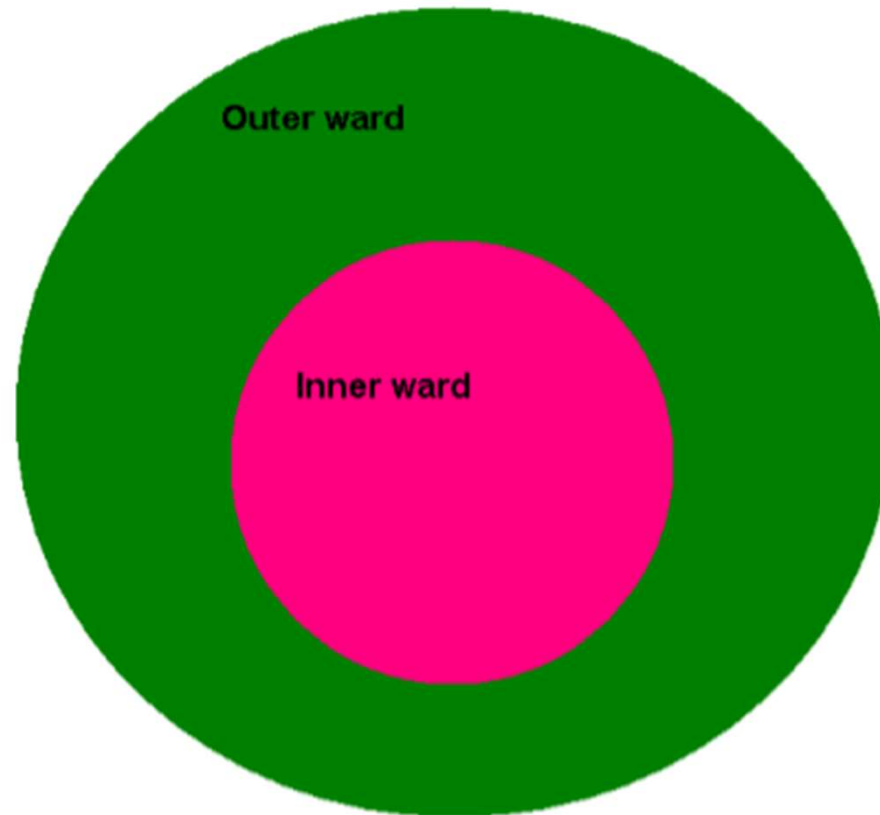
Community Identities & Interests

- 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

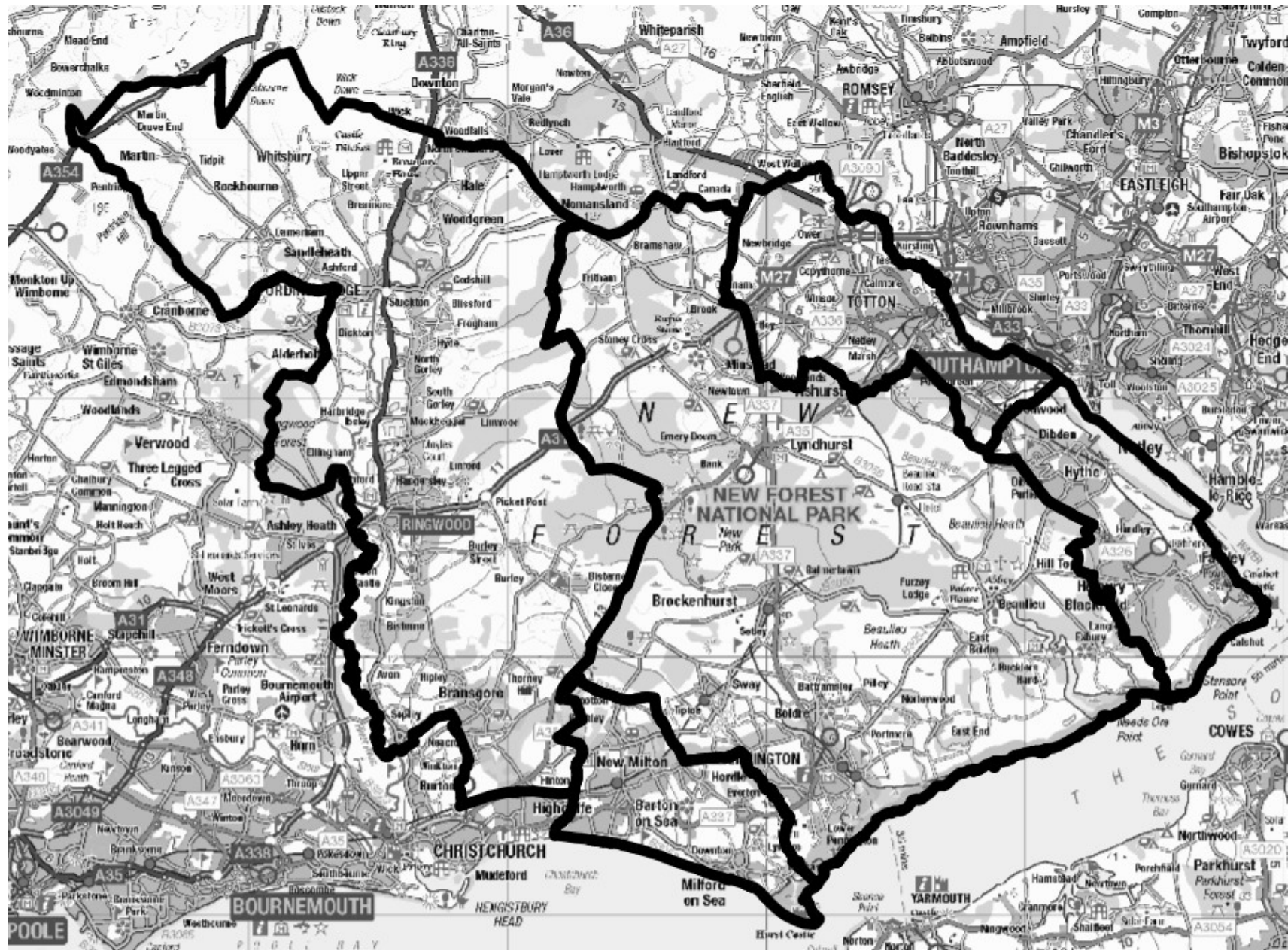
Oakhill should be with
Maryland because they
share access to the
park and the doctor's
surgery

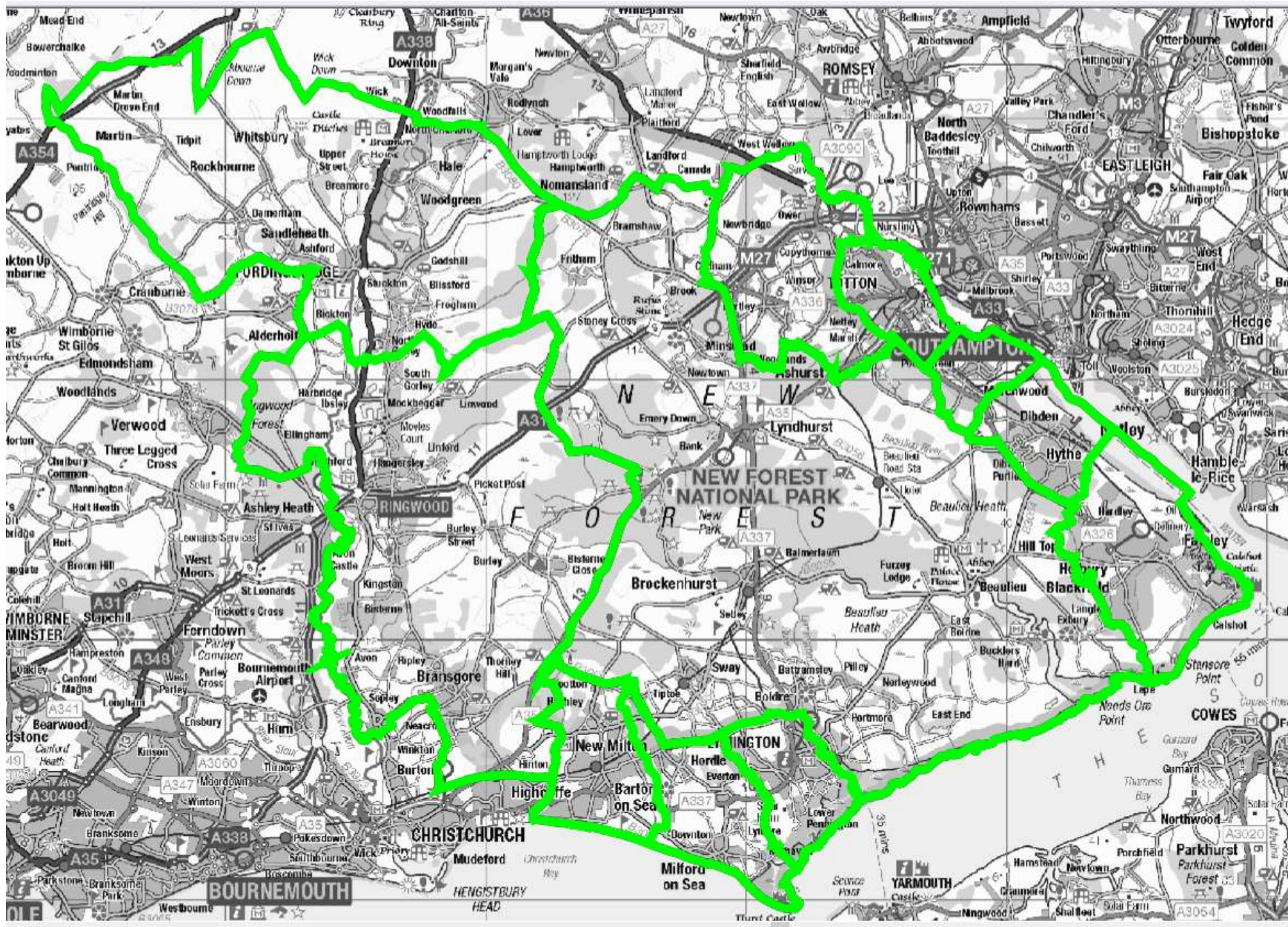
It should go back to
how it was 20 years
ago, it worked better

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





Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central

- Current Number of Councillors – 10.5
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3075
- Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central Electorate Per Councillor – 2933



Lymington & Pennington / Rural Central

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Rural Central**
- Councillor Numbers
 - Current 5.5 —————> Target 4.5
 - Electorate – 2934 ✓
- **Area 2 – Lymington & Pennington**
- Councillor Numbers
 - Current 5 —————> Target 4.5
 - Electorate – 2932 ✓

Area 1 – Rural Central

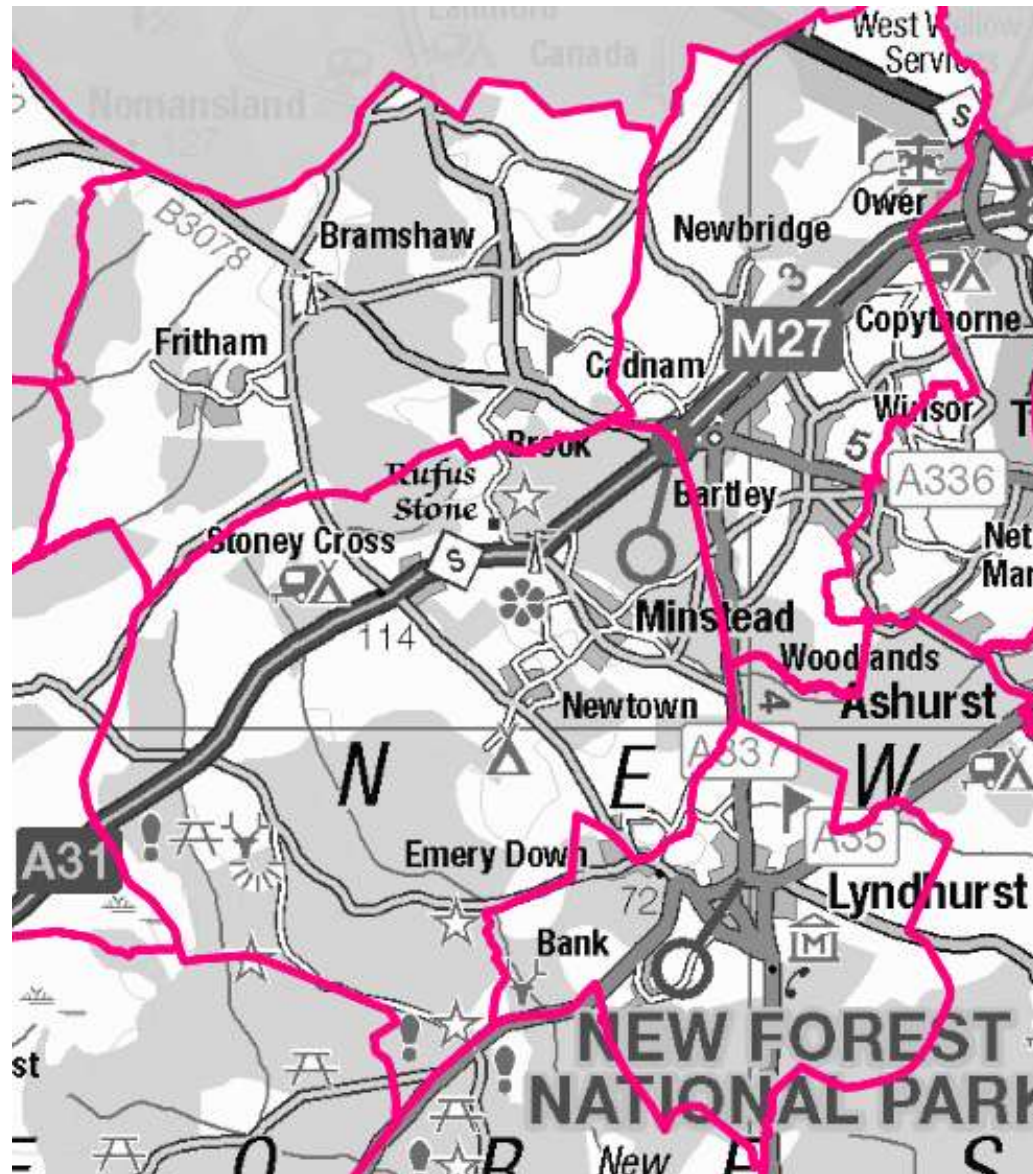
- Options
 - 4 single Member wards?
 - 2 or 3 Wards – Other combinations?
- Community Identities and Interests?

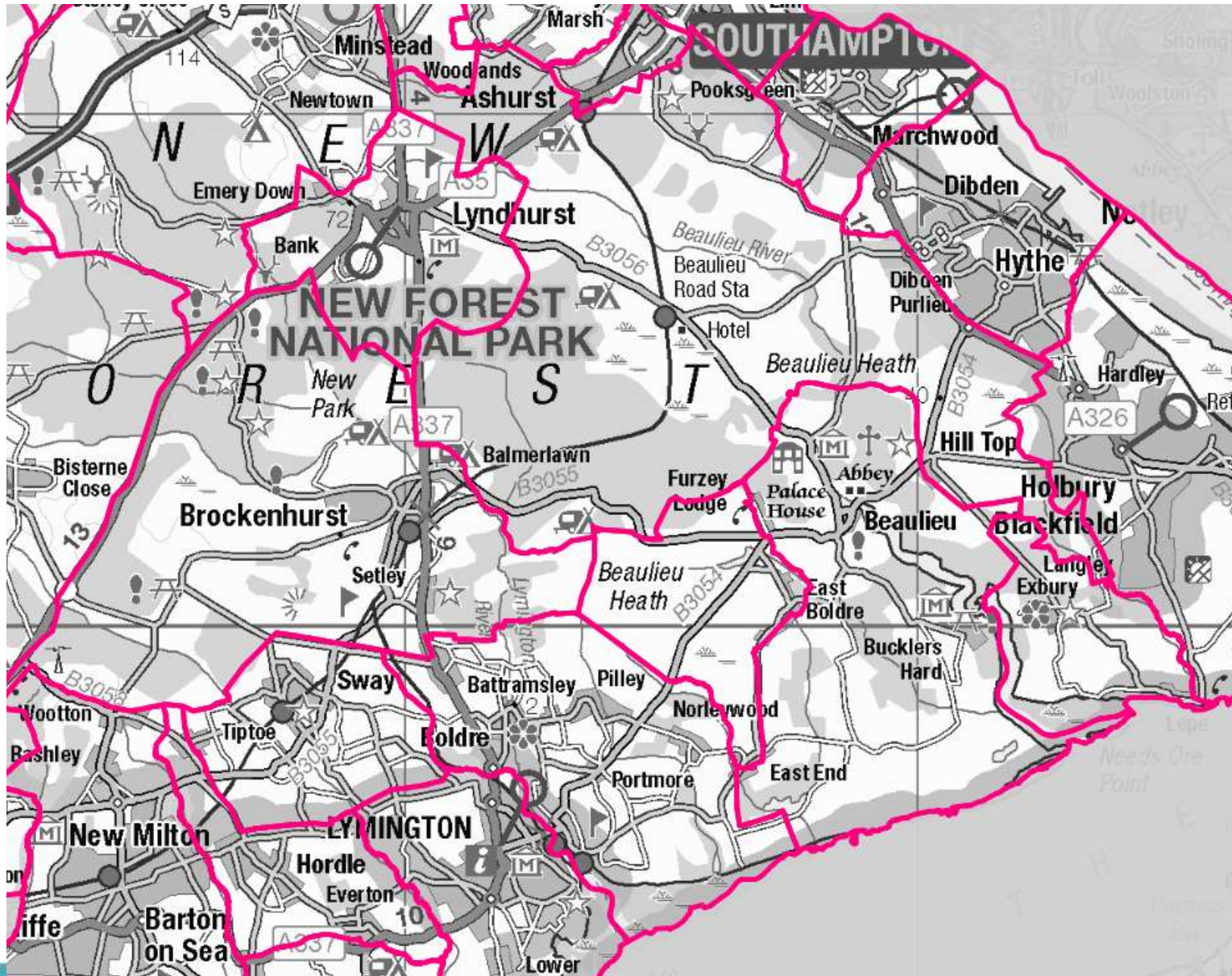
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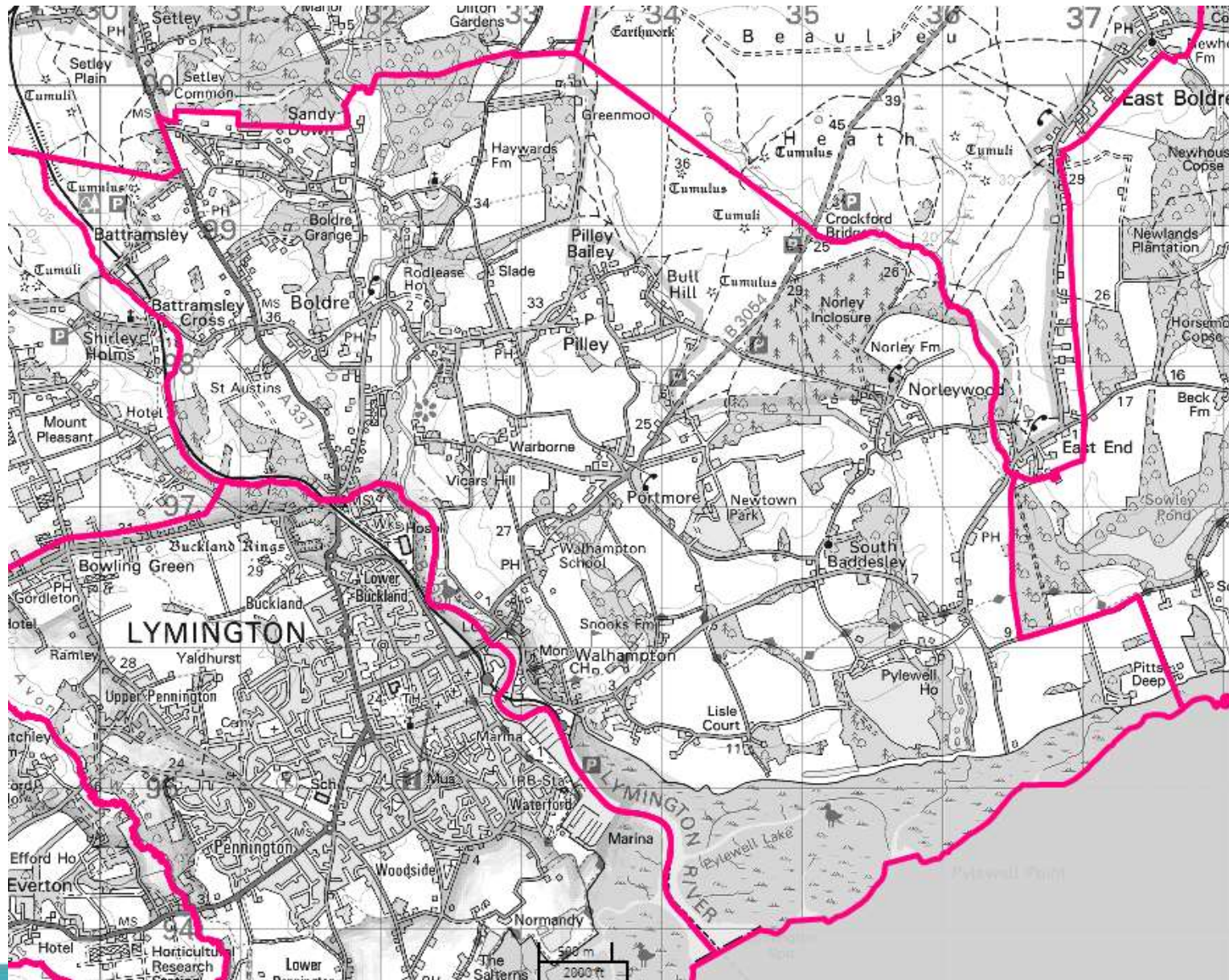
- Current Warding Arrangements of Area
 - The parishes of Bramshaw and Minstead of the Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead ward – Total Electorate – 1,186
 - Lyndhurst – Total Electorate – 2,594
 - Boldre and Sway – Total Electorate – 4,687
 - Brockenhurst and Forest South East – Total Electorate – 4,738

Area 1 – Rural Central

- Key Questions
 - Could the parishes of Lyndhurst and Minstead form a ward?
 - Does Bramshaw actually work better with Copythorne, Ashurst & Colbury and Netley Marsh in the North East?
 - Could the parish of Sway form a ward?
 - Could the parish of Brockenhurst form a ward?
 - Could the remaining parishes form a ward?
 - Denny Lodge, Beaulieu, Exbury & Lepe, East Boldre and part of Boldre?
- Considerations - Community Identities & Interests







Area 2 - Lymington & Pennington

- Options
 - 5 single Member Wards
 - 2, 3 or 4 Wards – other combinations
 - Community Identities and Interests?

Area 2 – Lymington & Pennington

- Current Warding Arrangements of Area
 - Lymington – Total Electorate – 5,200
 - Pennington – Total Electorate – 5,173
 - Buckland – Total Electorate – 2,821
- Key Questions
 - Does the current ward of Buckland work well?
 - Could the south part of Boldre Parish join with Lymington?
 - Walhampton, Portmore, South Baddesley, Norleywood?
 - Could Pennington have a small part of Lymington to balance the electorate in each area?
 - Electorate West of the A337?
- Considerations - Community Identities & Interests

