

The 13 areas that we feel make up Norwich are:

1. **Bowthorpe**
2. **Larkman/Marlpit/Earlham**
3. **University**
4. **Eaton**
5. **Tuckswood**
6. **Lakenham**
7. **Golden Triangle/Heigham**
8. **City Centre**
9. **Thorpe Hamlet**
10. **Heartsease/Mousehold**
11. **Silver Triangle/Sewell**
12. **North City/Airport/Catton**
13. **Mile Cross**

Obviously the cartographical layout of Norwich makes forming wards of equal sizes very difficult and making the 13 wards represent these areas will be difficult. We would have preferred a move to all out elections, which would have meant that wards could have been different sizes to better reflect the communities that they represent. However, below is the Norwich Green Party's position on how these wards should look if the current arrangements of 39 councillors representing 13 wards elected by thirds is to continue..

The average given the most up to date electoral data we have is that each ward should have c.8,500 electors by 2022. With that in mind we have aimed to ensure that each ward will have between 8000 and 9000 electors in by 2022 while retaining a link to the communities on which they are based.

Bowthorpe

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| BO1 | Bowthorpe | 1717 | 1774 |
| BO2 | Bowthorpe | 2628 | 2715 |
| BO3 | Bowthorpe | 824 | 851 |
| BO4 (west part only with Marlbrook lane being the boundary)* | Bowthorpe | N/a c.800* | N/a c.800* |
| BO5 | Bowthorpe | 1566 | 2101 |

Total – c.8300

*Our proposal would be to divide the BO4 polling district. The boundary would now be the middle of Malbrook Road then then down to the River Yare. The goal would be to have approximately 800 voters remaining in BO4. The rest would be moved to the new Larkman&Marlpit / Earlham ward (see below).

Bowthorpe is a clearly defined community in the West of the city. The building of 172 new houses at Three Score started in 2017 and more look set to be built in the future. It is likely that the electoral figures will continue to increase past 2022 so ensuring that there is space for more growth would be useful

Larkman&Marlpit / Earlham

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| BO4 (east of Marlbrook road)* | Bowthorpe | N/a c.1150* | N/a c.1150* |
| WE1 | Wensum | 2411 | 2491 |
| WE4 | Wensum | 3738 | 3862 |
| UN1 | University | 1039 | 1073 |

Total – c.8600

*Our proposal would be to divide the BO4 polling district down the middle of Malbrook Road then then down to the River Yare. The remaining c.1200 electors would now be part of the new Larkman&Marlpit / Earlham ward

This ward would replace the western parts of the current Wensum ward. Currently Wensum ward is almost two separate communities, divided by the outer ring road (A140/Sweet Briar Road, Farrow Road, etc). This makes sense from a geographical and community sense. The Earlham area/Larkman&Marlpit area is an established part of Norwich towards the west of the city. Many of the houses were built at the same time and there is a strong sense of community there. Keeping this homogenous would be desirable and would make sense in terms of the electoral arithmetics.

University

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| UN2 | University | 144* | 149* |
| UN3 | University | 1829 | 1890 |
| UN4 | University | 868 | 897 |
| UN5 | University | 1375 | 1421 |
| EA1 | Eaton | 1195 | 1235 |
| NE4 (to the south of Portersfield Road)** | Nelson | c.2200 | c.2200 |

Total – c.7700 (see caveat regarding UN2 below)

*This figure seems ridiculously low. This area contains the student halls of residents and therefore the number here presumably does not take account of the massive number of voters who registered for the EU referendum or indeed 2017 general election. If these figures are taken in the autumn then they might be accurate as students will have just moved in , but if taken in May, when people vote, then this figure will likely be 10times as high. Our ward figures take this into account

**While this area is at the heart of the so-called Golden Triangle, it does contain a lot of houses which have been rented to students and so would make sense to include it as part of University ward. Also Portersfield Road is a reasonably large road for that area and so makes as much sense for the boundary as Avenues, which is currently used as a border.

The new university ward would include most of the existing one, but would also include the area to the south of Eaton Park and to the west of Warwick Keeping the community around the park together makes sense as demographically they are quite similar. Also given the high number of students that live in the NE4 area as well as many academics, who work at the UEA, it makes sense that University ward goes much further west to ensure that the ward has an appropriate number of electors.

Eaton

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| EA2 | Eaton | 1384 | 1430 |
| EA3 | Eaton | 1878 | 2123 |
| EA4 | Eaton | 1747 | 1805 |
| EA5 | Eaton | 1209 | 1249 |
| TC4 | Town Close | 763 | 788 |
| TC2 (south of York Street) | Town Close | c.1200* | c.1200 |

Total – c.8500

*The streets to the south of York Street are largely made up of pleasant Victorian houses, who demographically and from a sense of community aren't too dissimilar from those in the new Eaton Ward which would stretch to the south as far as the city boundary.

Including TC4 into the new Eaton ward makes sense as the area around Mount Pleasant fits in neatly with the areas on the other side of Colman Road. Demographically TC4 isn't dissimilar from EA2 and EA5, which it currently borders. Combining the areas together actually makes more sense than the current arrangements. By including TC4 it would also make sense to include at least part of TC2 given that the streets around Mount Pleasant are quite similar in terms of community and demographics.

Town Close

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| TC1 | Town Close | 2633 | 2728 |
| TC2 (north of York Street only)* | Town Close | c.600 | c.600 |
| TC3 | Town Close | 3516 | 3642 |
| NE3 | Nelson | 977 | 1023 |

Total c.8000

*See above

The new Town Close Ward includes much of the existing ward, which is currently oversized and (if it were to remain intact) would be set to remain 7% over the average by 2022. Including NE3 which is the area largely bordering Unthank Road makes a lot of sense, given that the residents there use many of the same services and shops that residents in TC1 do along that road. Although the Unthank Road is a major trunk road out and into the city, the residents there are part of the same community and our new ward make up reflect this.

Heigham/Nelson

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| NE1 | Nelson | 2015 | 2082 |
| NE2 | Nelson | 1840 | 1901 |
| NE4 (area to the North of Portersfield Road)* | Nelson | c.400 | c.400 |
| WE2 | Wensum | 1506 | 1610 |
| WE3 | Wensum | 794 | 960 |
| MA4 | Mancroft | 1334 | 1438 |

Total – c.8400

*see reasons above for dividing this polling district accordingly.

This area is largely based around Earham Road and Dereham – two major trunk roads with their own shops that act as the hub for the community there. The houses are largely Victorian terraces with a mixture of students and a predominantly middle class demographic. There are a number of community groups in the area, such as Wensum Residents which covers both MA4 and WE2. Ensuring that these

two areas remain in the ward is essential. The ward makes sense geographically as it is bordered to the North by the river, to the West by the outer ring road and to the east by Old Palace Road which is a busy road. Old Palace Road and Heigham Road are also clear dividing lines between the more affluent areas to the west and the areas to the east which look more to the city centre. Including the surrounding areas such as MA1 or MA3, which are closer to the city would not make sense, as these are distinct, more insular communities that have more in common with the city centre than the areas put forward here. These proposals attempt to fix the current problem insofar as relatively homogenous communities around Dereham Road are currently divided into three different wards. This area could take the old Norwich ward name of Heigham, given that it includes both Heigham Road, Heigham Street and Heigham Park.

Tuckswood/Lakenham

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| LA1 | Lakenham | 1300 | 1351 |
| LA2 | Lakenham | 750 | 775 |
| LA3 | Lakenham | 1915 | 2083 |
| LA4 | Lakenham | 2008 | 2075 |
| LA5 | Lakenham | 1362 | 1407 |
| MA5 and TH3 (The new boundary will go down the middle of Finkelgate, then along the middle of Ber Street (between Finkelgate to Mariners Lane), down Mariners Lane, then along the footpath to Rouen Road, then down the middle of Rouen Road and Kings Street until the Novi Sad friendship bridge and follow the River Wensum eastward to the city boundary)* | Mancroft and Thorpe Hamlet | c.800* | c.1250* |

Total – c.8,600

*The figure here is likely as the area is home to a lot of new developments, e.g. along the river while a number of other former office sites have been converted into residential properties.

The area to the north of the current Lakenham ward around Bracondale would fit neatly in with the south east part of the city centre. Currently there is already one street (Southgate Lane) which feels it should be part of Lakenham, but is currently part of Mancroft. Using Rouen Road, Finkelgate and the river as the boundary gives a clear geographical break for the ward.

Thorpe Hamlet

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| TH2 | Thorpe Hamlet | 1341 | 1634 |
| TH3* | Thorpe Hamlet | c.1000 | c.1500 |
| TH4 | Thorpe Hamlet | 2427 | 2525 |
| TH5 | Thorpe Hamlet | 2921 | 3707 |

Total – c.9200

*See the boundary above

This may be a bit large relative to the other wards, but it is important to keep the key parts of Thorpe Hamlet together, notably TH4 and TH5. Similarly the Cathedral Close and Bishopgate which makes up a lot of TH2, is more akin in its sense of community and demographic factors to the area in TH4 than it is to areas such as TH1

TH1 has been removed as it far more in keeping with the areas such as Crome or Sewell, which is where we have put it.

Finally it is important to keep most of King Street together, as the area between Rouen Road and Prince of Wales has a clear character and community with an active residents group there. Many of the issues surrounding Prince of Wales Road (the clubbing area of Norwich), which is currently in TH2 affect residents in the King Street area and so it is important that King Street and Prince of Wales Road remain in the same ward.

City Centre/Mancroft

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| MA1 | Mancroft | 824 | 851 |
| MA2 | Mancroft | 2713 | 3232 |

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| MA3 | Mancroft | 1369 | 1572 |
| MA5 (west of Fingelgate, Ber Street and Mariners Lane)* | Mancroft | c.2000 | c.3000 |

Total – c.8,650

MA1 and MA3 should remain together. They are reasonably similar demographically and are centred on the short stretch of Dereham Road closest to the city and use the shops and facilities there. While they are quite insular communities, they do look more to the city than they do to other parts of the city, especially the area around MA1 which has easy access to the city, either through Earham or Dereham Road and also through the underpath between West Pottergate and Pottergate. Furthermore, the MA1 is in the parish of St Giles which is one of the many churches in the city centre of Norwich.

It is important to keep the area around St Augustines in MA2 together as there is a strong sense of community in this part of the city with an established and well functioning residents group.

Having Heigham Road and Old Palace Road as a westerly boundary for this ward makes a lot of sense as this is a busy road, which demarcates the start of the Golden Triangle/Heigham Road and an area more akin to the city centre.

Heartsease/Mousehold

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| CR1 | Crome | 1523 | 1574 |
| CR2 | Crome | 1235 | 1290 |
| CR3 | Crome | 1756 | 1841 |
| CR4 | Crome | 1183 | 1222 |
| CR5 | Crome | 1656 | 1711 |
| TH1 | Thorpe Hamlet | 1131 | 1184 |

Total – 8,822

The area in TH1 is very akin to that to the north of Plumstead Road. It is strange that TH1 was originally included in the Thorpe Hamlet ward as demographically and also in terms of the community that live there, it is far more in keeping with that of Crome Ward than it does with the area around Thorpe Hamlet proper. Indeed given the proximity of areas such as Heathgate for instance to Mousehold Heath, which makes up part of Crome Ward, we suggest that this area should be part of the new ward, which would also resolve the anticipated disproportionately small electorate there in 2022. We might suggest that this ward be called Mousehold or Heartsease.

Mile Cross

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| MX1 | Mile Cross | 1940 | 2018 |
| MX2 | Mile Cross | 3224 | 3357 |
| MX3 | Mile Cross | 1188 | 1227 |
| MX4 | Mile Cross | 1586 | 1698 |

Total – 8,300

While this is slightly under size it is only 3% under the average size so this can remain the same, especially as it represents a distinct community in that part of the city

Sewell/Silver Triangle

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| SE1 | Sewell | 2528 | 2638 |
| SE2 | Sewell | 1105 | 1208 |
| SE3 | Sewell | 2382 | 2461 |
| SE4 | Sewell | 1875 | 1952 |

Total – 8,259

This is also just 3% under size so it makes sense to leave this as it is. This is also a clearly defined part of the city based around what is known as the “Silver Triangle”.

Catton/Catton Grove

| Current Polling District | Current Ward Name | 2017 electorate | 2022 projected electorate |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| CG1 | Catton Grove | 2244 | 2378 |
| CG2 | Catton Grove | 1724 | 1781 |
| CG3 | Catton Grove | 1572 | 1624 |
| CG4 | Catton Grove | 1071 | 1107 |
| CG5 | Catton Grove | 1586 | 1738 |

Total – 8628

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