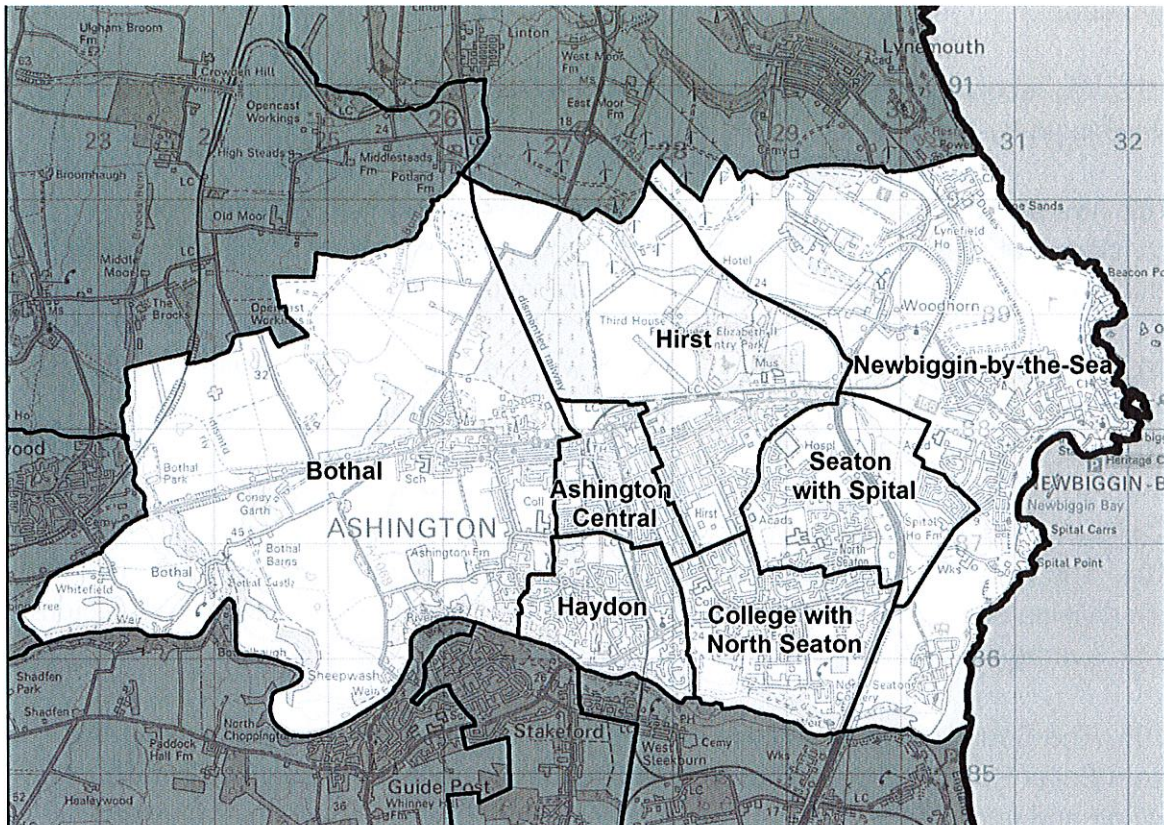


Ashington and Newbiggin-by-the-Sea



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Ashington Central	1	-7%
Bothal	1	-7%
College with North Seaton	1	-1%
Haydon	1	-3%
Hirst	1	-7%
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea	1	3%
Seaton with Spital	1	9%

Ashington Central, Bothal, Haydon and Hirst

99 The Council's submission for these four divisions saw them make minor changes to the existing divisions to improve the poor electoral equality in Ashington Central and Hirst divisions.

100 The Council proposed to move the boundary between Ashington Central and College divisions from Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue to provide for electoral equality in Ashington Central. They also proposed to extend the boundary between Hirst and College divisions further along Sixth Avenue to include more of the electors facing onto Hirst Park in Hirst division. The Council also suggested a small change to the boundary between Bothal and Haydon to include electors to the north of Blackthorn

Way in Haydon division. This provides Haydon division with good electoral equality by 2028.

101 We received no other submissions that related to the towns of Ashington or Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

102 We propose to adopt the Council's suggested divisions in this area. We consider that they accurately reflect the communities in the town, whilst the small changes proposed help to provide for electoral equality for the town's electors.

103 Our proposed draft recommendations will see four single-councillor divisions of Ashington Central, Bothal, Haydon and Hirst with electoral variances of -7%, -7%, -3% and -7% by 2028, respectively.

College with North Seaton, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and Seaton with Spital

104 The Council's proposals for these three divisions sought to address the fact that the division of Seaton with Newbiggin West was forecast to have 31% more electors than average by 2028.

105 The Council proposed move the boundary of the existing division eastwards from Boiler Road to the A189 and to include the electors to the south of Paddock Wood and north of the B1334 (as well as the street of Links View) in a renamed College with North Seaton division.

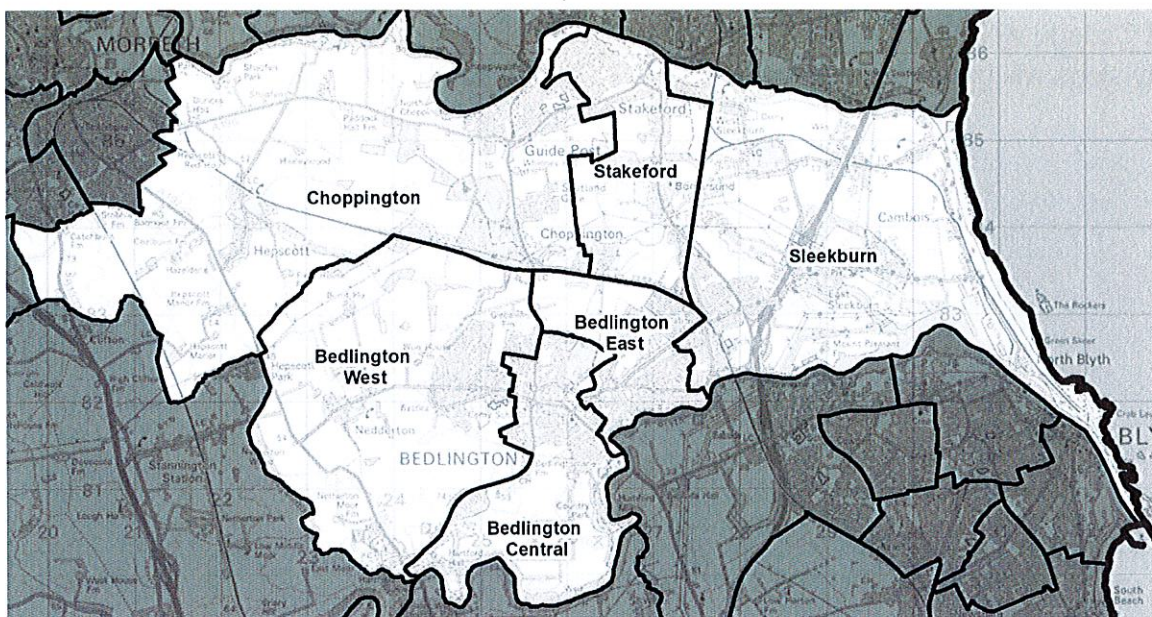
106 The parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea is slightly too large to be encompassed by a single-councillor division, which would have 18% more electors than the average for the county by 2028. It is therefore necessary to include some part of the parish in a division with parts of Ashington. At the moment the area included is Westmoreland Avenue, Welfare Crescent and the streets off Spital Road. The Council proposed to include Westmoreland Avenue and Welfare Crescent in their Newbiggin-by-the-Sea division, leaving the streets of Spital Road in a Seaton with Spital division. This proposal will allow the new housing developments to be wholly contained in Seaton with Spital division.

107 As mentioned above, we received no further submissions relating to this area. Having considered the Council's proposed division pattern for this area we have adopted it as part of our draft recommendations. We consider that the proposed boundaries meet our statutory criteria of providing electoral equality alongside meeting the community ties of the area.

108 We are particularly interested to hear further evidence for this area given the limited evidence we received during the first consultation. Any further evidence will help us in our consideration of the boundaries for Ashington and Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

109 Our draft recommendations for this area are for three single-councillor divisions of College with North Seaton, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and Seaton with Spital. These divisions will have electoral variances of -1%, 3% and 9% by 2028, respectively.

Bedlington and surrounding area

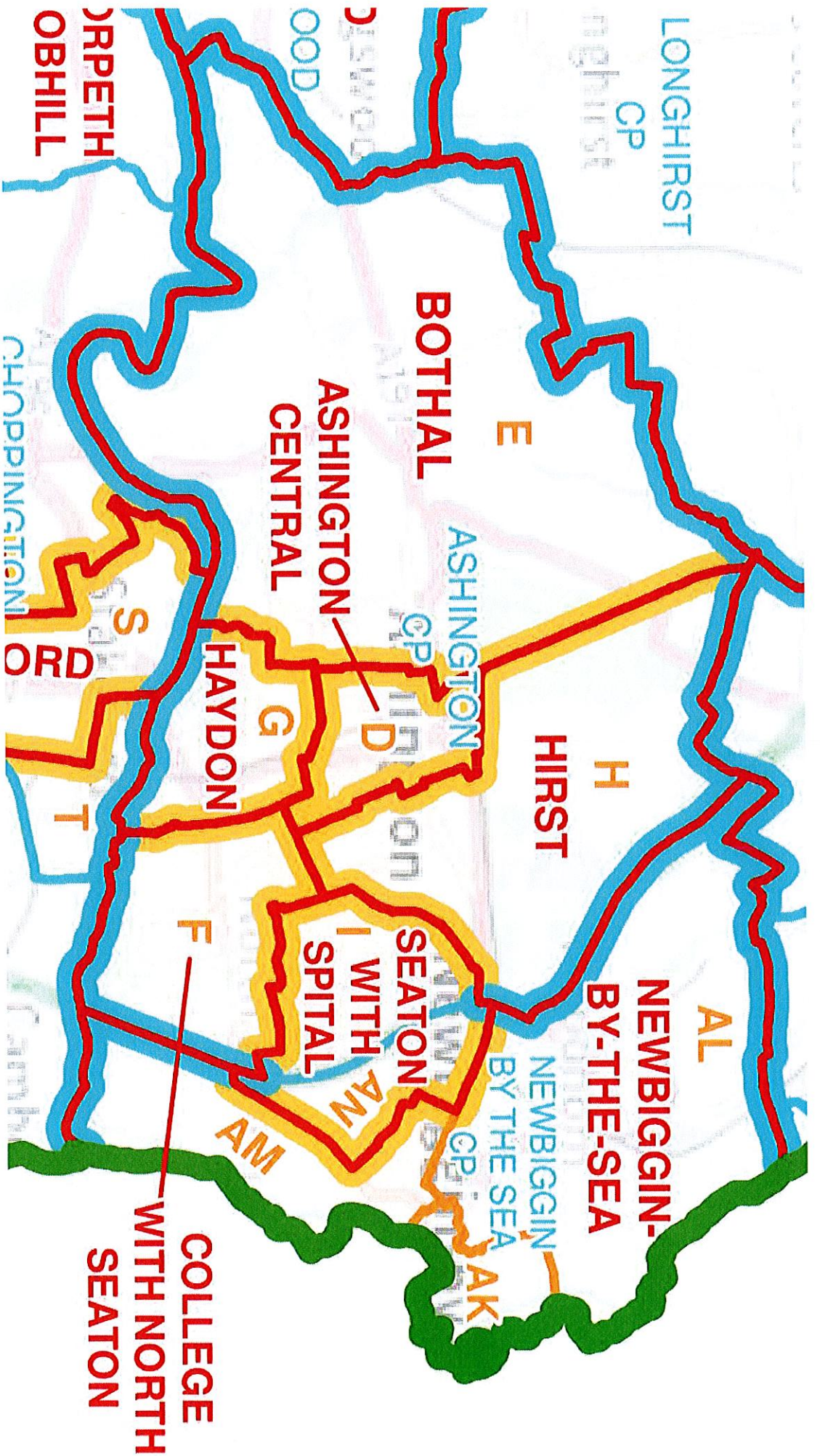


Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Bedlington Central	1	0%
Bedlington East	1	-3%
Bedlington West	1	-2%
Choppington	1	5%
Sleekburn	1	-5%
Stakeford	1	-8%

Bedlington Central, Bedlington East and Bedlington West

110 The town of Bedlington is currently represented by three divisions: Central, East and West. Bedlington East is forecast to have 20% fewer electors than the county average by 2028. The Council proposed to make a small amendment to all three divisions to improve electoral equality in Bedlington East.

111 Bedlington East division is currently comprised of part of East Bedlington parish and a small part of West Bedlington parish which forms the parish ward of Park Road. This parish ward currently includes the streets of Whitsun Gardens and Rosalind Avenue that lie off Park Road, as well as Spring Park and surrounding streets that lie off the A193 Bedlington Bank. The Council proposed to extend the part of West Bedlington parish that is in Bedlington East division by adding the streets on either side of the B1331 Beech Grove between its junction with Schalksmuhle Road and the junction with Rothesay Terrace and Stead Lane. This provides for electoral equality for Bedlington East division. The Council also proposed to amend the boundary between Bedlington West and Bedlington Central by adding a number of streets to the west of the A1068 Choppington Road into



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