

King's Lynn Neighbourhood Board meeting – 27 June 2025

Plan for Neighbourhoods Boundary Change

Background

At the Neighbourhood Board meeting on 28 March 2025, it was agreed that the proposed Plan for Neighbourhoods' boundary for the King's Lynn built up area would be changed to remove North and South Wootton. The rationale for this amendment was based on the ONS data which ranks them in the least deprived IMD centiles. Data also identifies these specific wards as output area classifications containing retired professionals (supergroup 1), established mature families (Group 1c)/spacious rural living (group 1a) and Burgeoning Mature Families (subgroup 1c2)/pre-retirement spacious living (subgroup 1a1). This contrasts with the town centre wards of North end, North Lynn, South Lynn, Fairstead and Gaywood which fall in the most deprived areas and whose socio-economic characteristics, deprivation levels and life outcomes are very different to North & South Wootton.

The PfN boundary change proposal was submitted to MHCLG as part of the required governance return in April 2025. Feedback received from the MHCLG PfN team on 9 June 2025 advised that this boundary change had not been approved for the following reason:

- “Due to your proposal to omit the area covering south and north Wootton and **is not within the spirit of the programme; and excludes areas which were part of the original boundary.**”

Further testing of the decision by officers has resulted in additional clarification that:

- “The guidance sets out that a place should ‘retain the place that was originally selected’ – i.e. not shrink it. However, if your community engagement does not evidence support for the funding of projects in certain areas, such as in North and South Wootton, you may choose to focus funding elsewhere within the boundary, such as in the town centre wards – and this approach would remain within the spirit of the programme.”

The boundary has therefore been revised to include the areas of North and South Wootton. This updated map is attached as appendix 1.

Facts / Issues

- A reduction in the Plan for Neighbourhood Boundary to exclude the areas of North and South Wootton has not been approved by the PfN team.
- A revised boundary has been produced to reflect the original King's Lynn PfN boundary including the areas of North and South Wootton.

Proposal

Subject to Neighbourhood Board approval it is proposed to submit the revised PfN boundary including North and South Wootton to MHCLG.

Decision required

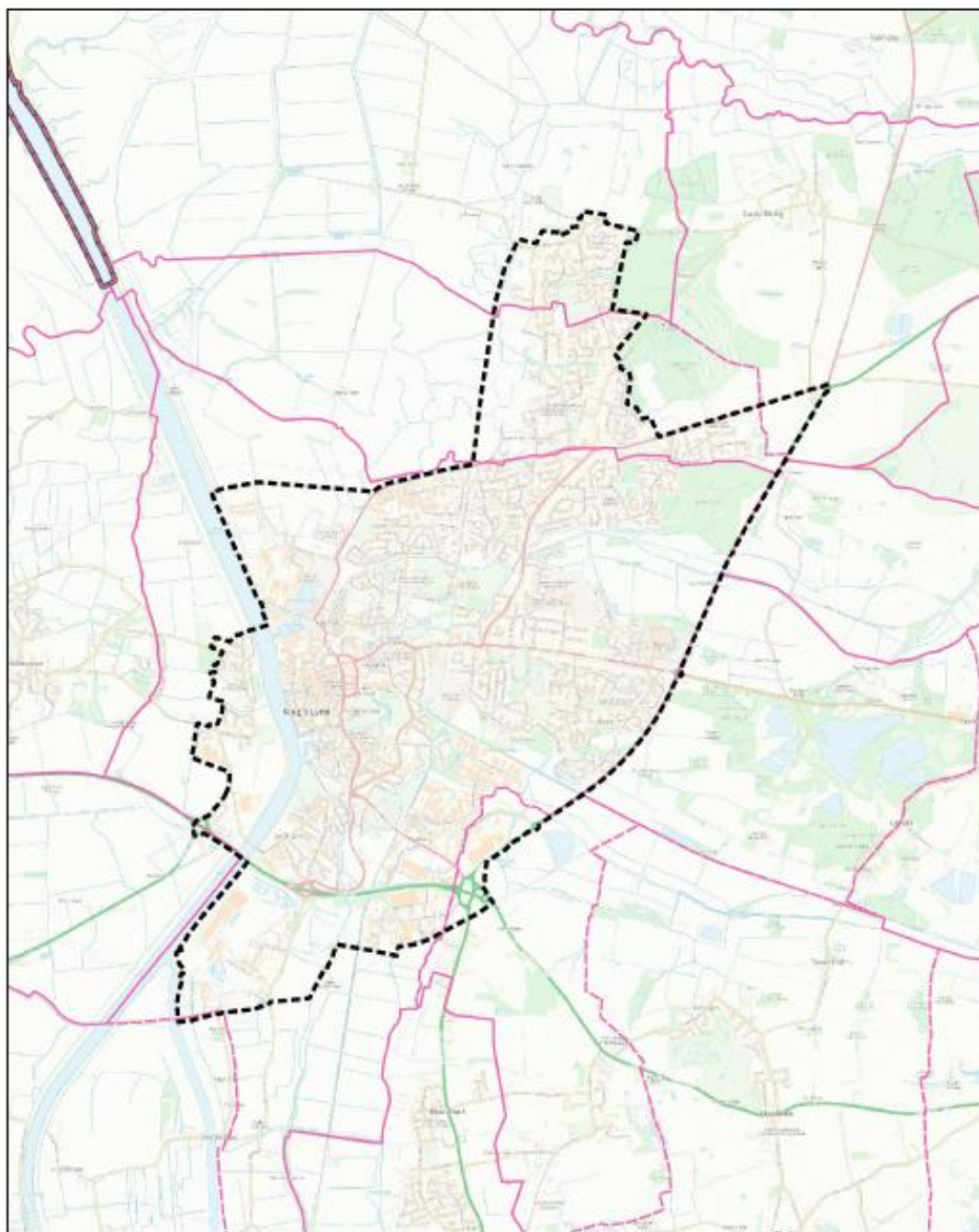
The Board is asked to

1. agree the revised PfN boundary attached at Appendix 1 for submission to the Plan for Neighbourhoods Team.

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Appendix 1



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