

# **Boundary Commission Public Hearing**

## **East Midlands**



**Conservatives**

# Representation on behalf of the Conservative Party, and East Midlands Conservatives

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# East Midlands

- We support the allocation of 44 seats to the East Midlands
- We support each of the Commission's groupings, and the proposed allocations to the sub-regions, as follows:

Sub-region	Proposed allocation
Derbyshire	10
Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland	27
Lincolnshire	7
Total	44

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# Derbyshire

In this sub-region, we support the Commission's proposals, in their entirety, for the following seats:

Chesterfield BC (77,425 electors)

Erewash CC (79,716 electors)

North East Derbyshire CC (78,763 electors)

# Derbyshire

In this sub-region, we support a change of name for the following seats:

Derby South and Swadlincote CC (79,717 electors)

to:

South Derbyshire CC.

# Northern Derbyshire counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Derbyshire Dales CC (74,417 electors)

High Peak CC (78,444 electors)

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
Bradwell	Derbyshire Dales	High Peak	1,568
Tideswell	Derbyshire Dales	High Peak	1,513

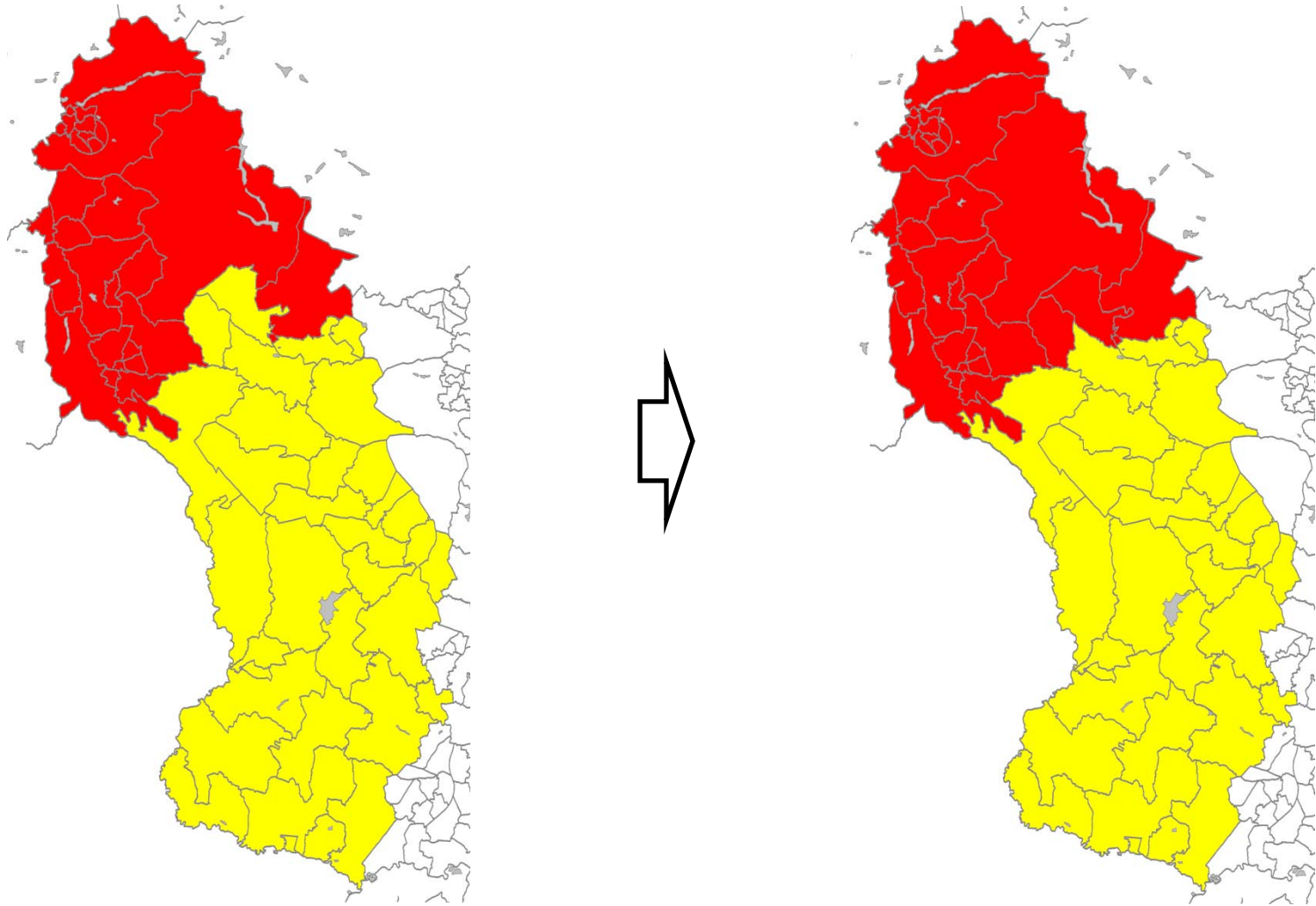
# Northern Derbyshire counter-proposal

## Advantages

- Bradwell and Tideswell were both in the High Peak seat until 2010
- Bradwell and Tideswell clearly look to Buxton and Glossop, rather than to Matlock or Ashbourne
- Prevents Hathersage and Eyam being an “orphan ward” from Derbyshire Dales in the High Peak seat



# Northern Derbyshire counter-proposal



# Central Derbyshire counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Amber Valley CC (76,446 electors)

Bolsover CC (76,244 electors)

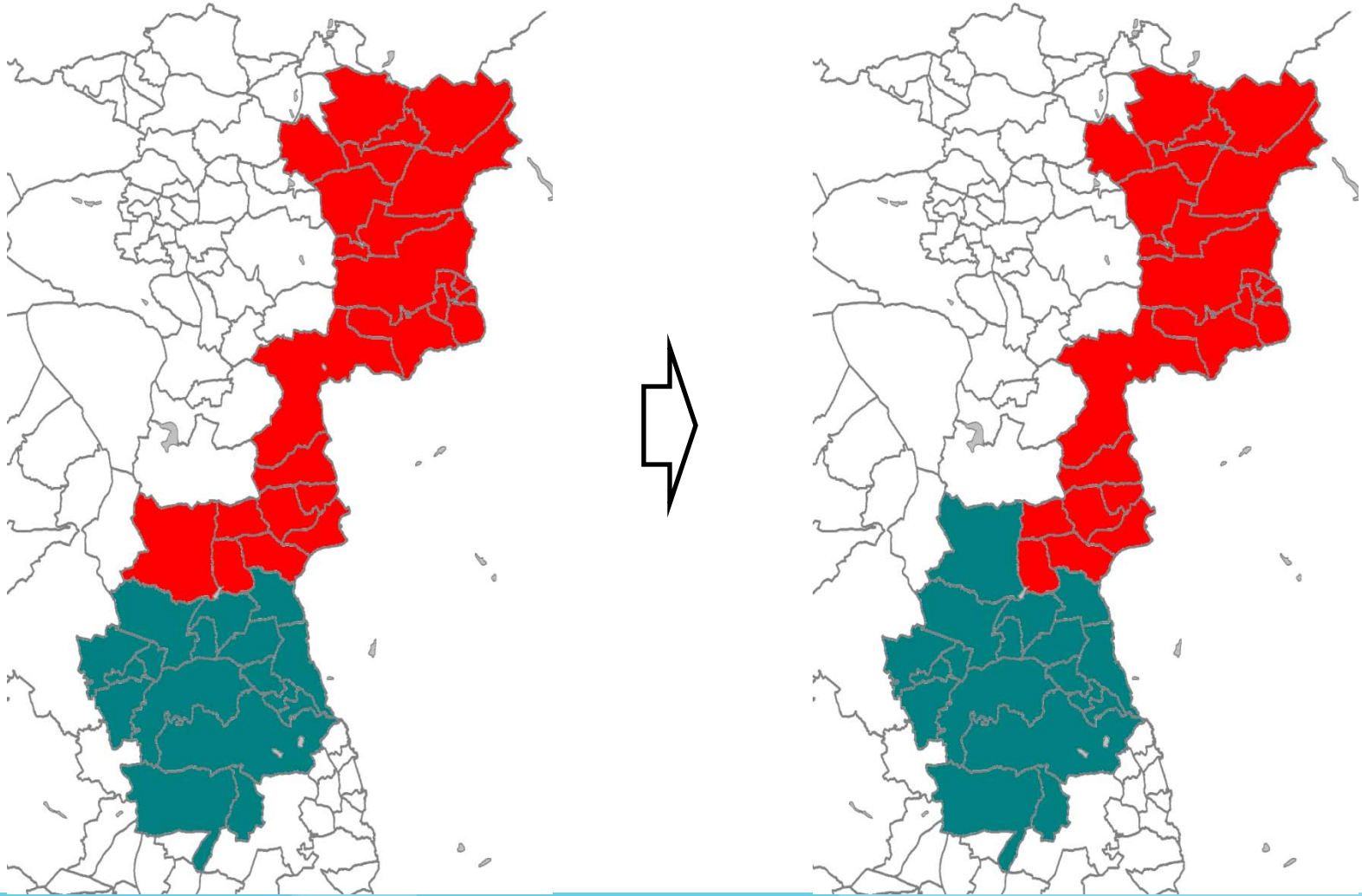
Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
Wingfield	Bolsover	Amber Valley	1,859

# Central Derbyshire counter-proposal

## Advantages

- Wingfield lies to the west of the A38 and is largely detached from the other Amber Valley wards, to the east of the A38, and has very little connection with the borough of Bolsover.
- Restores Wingfield to its current seat
- 1,859 fewer electors move under our counter-proposal

# Central Derbyshire counter-proposal



# Derby counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Derby North BC (73,941 electors)

Derby South BC (80,322 electors)

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
Abbey	Derby West	Derby South	9,633
Arboretum	Derby West	Derby South	10,093
Derwent	Derby East	Derby North	9,732
Oakwood	Derby East	Derby North	10,089

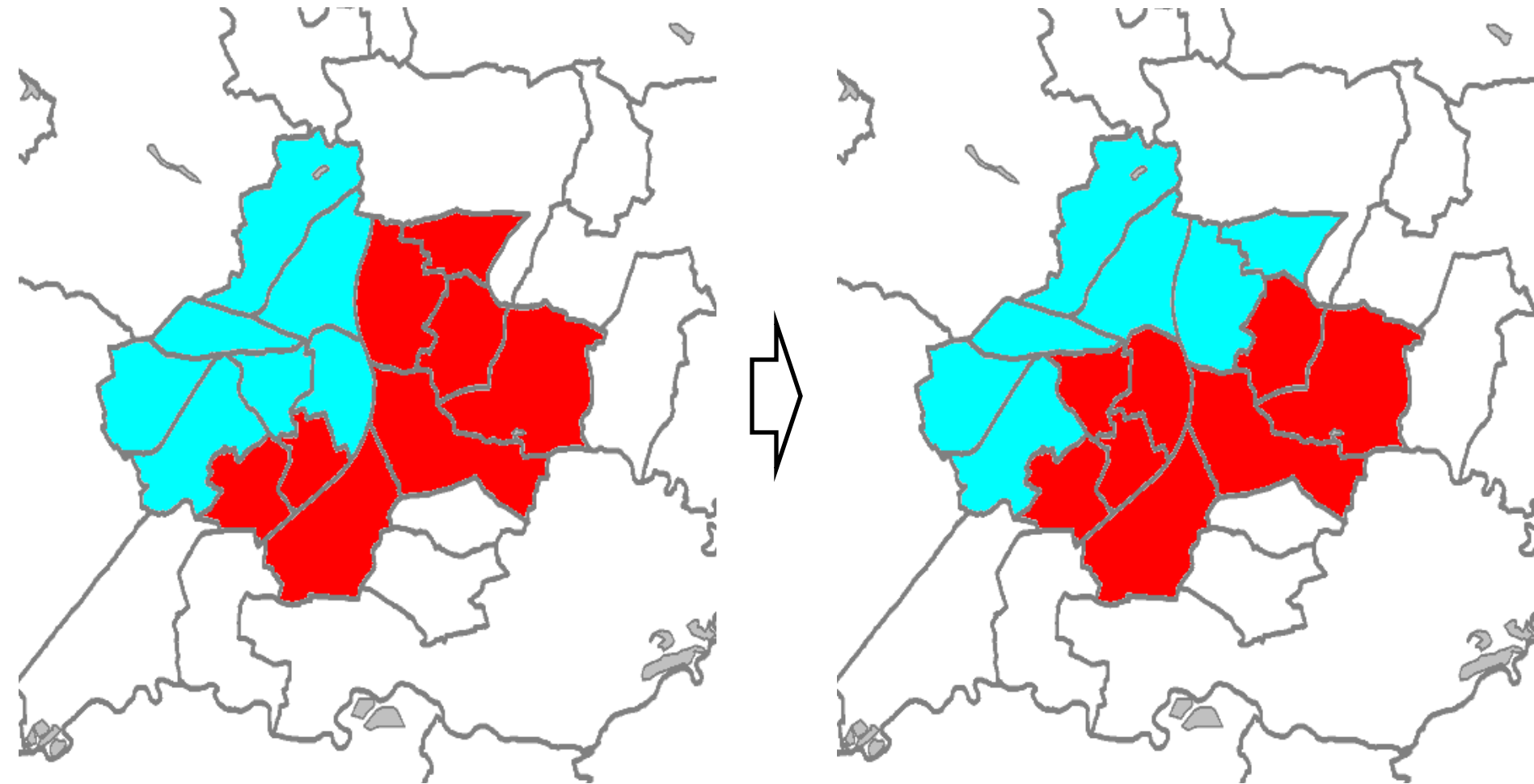
\* All remaining wards in the Commission's Derby East are retained in our Derby South

\* All remaining wards in the Commission's Derby West are retained in our Derby North

## Advantages

- Returns Derby to its current north/south alignment
- 10,192 fewer electors move under our counter-proposal.

# Derby counter-proposal



# Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland

In this sub-region, we support the Commission's proposals, in their entirety, for the following seats:

Ashfield CC (77,049 electors)

Bassetlaw CC (74,687 electors)

Blaby CC (79,777 electors)

Bosworth CC (74,131 electors)

Broxtowe CC (73,643 electors)

Coalville and Keyworth CC (72,896 electors)

Harborough CC (78,753 electors)

# Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland

In this sub-region, we support the Commission's proposals, in their entirety, for the following seats:

Leicester East BC (74,377 electors)

Leicester South BC (78,433 electors)

Leicester West BC (78,088 electors)

Loughborough CC (77,884 electors)

Nottingham North and Hucknall BC (73,222 electors)

Nottingham South and West Bridgford BC (78,367 electors)

Nottingham West BC (78,494 electors)

Rutland and Melton CC (77,324 electors)

South Northamptonshire CC (73,975 electors)



# Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland

In this sub-region, we support a change of name for the following seats:

Corby CC (79,468 electors)

to:

Corby and East Northamptonshire CC.

Daventry CC (73,394 electors)

to:

Daventry and Lutterworth CC.

# Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland

In this sub-region, we support a change of name for the following seats:

Mid Leicestershire CC (75,135 electors)

to:

Charnwood CC.

Nottingham East BC (73,445 electors)

to:

Nottingham East and Carlton BC.

# Northampton counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Northampton North BC (73,868 electors)

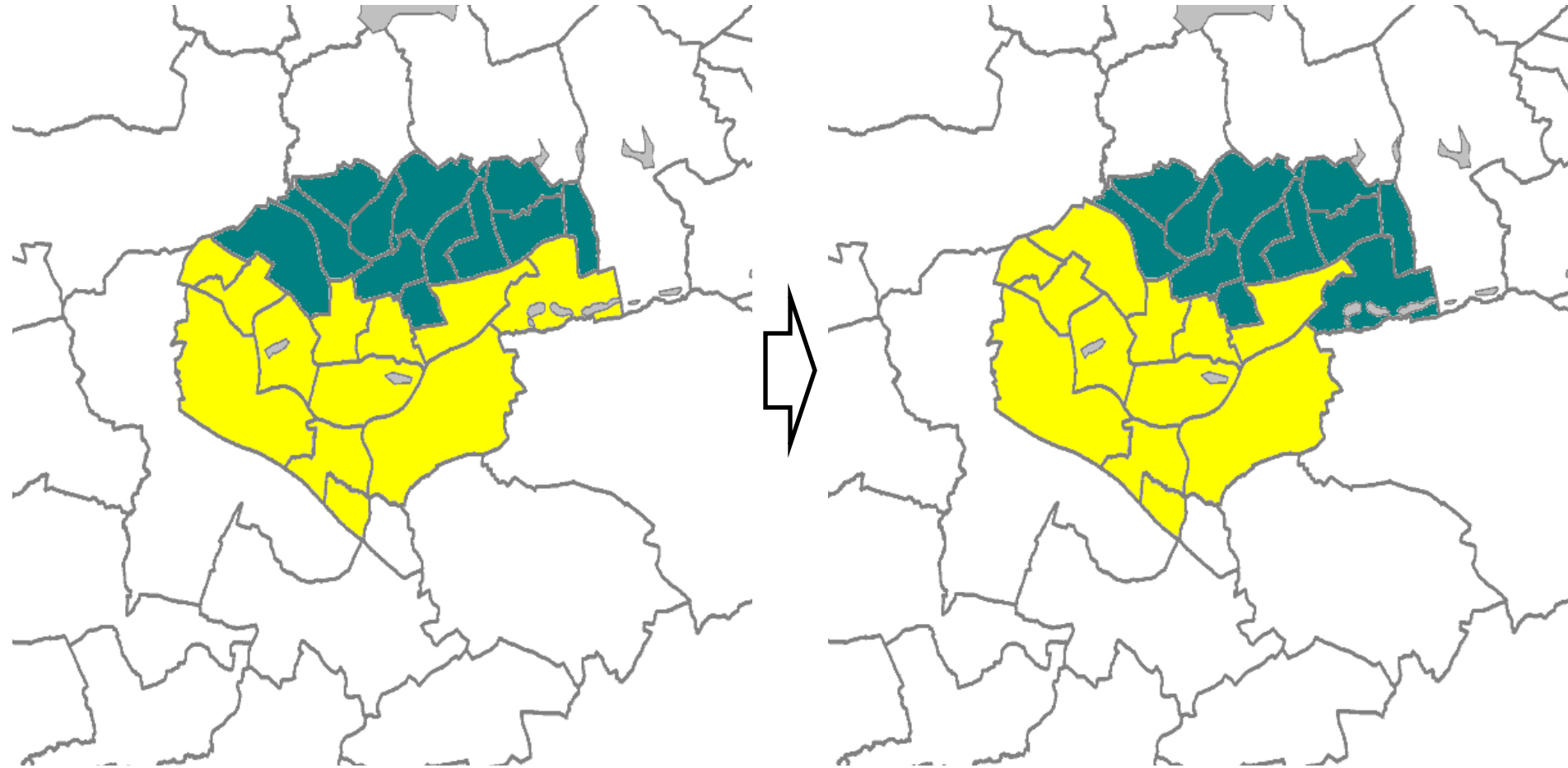
Northampton South BC (75,196 electors)

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
Spencer	Northampton North	Northampton South	5,833
Billing	Northampton South	Northampton North	6,271

## Advantages

- Spencer and Kingsthorpe wards are divided by a brook and a railway line, with only one road between the two
- Our proposals unite the majority of the current (post-2011) Billing ward in the Northampton North seat

# Northampton counter-proposal



# Northamptonshire counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Kettering CC (72,913 electors)

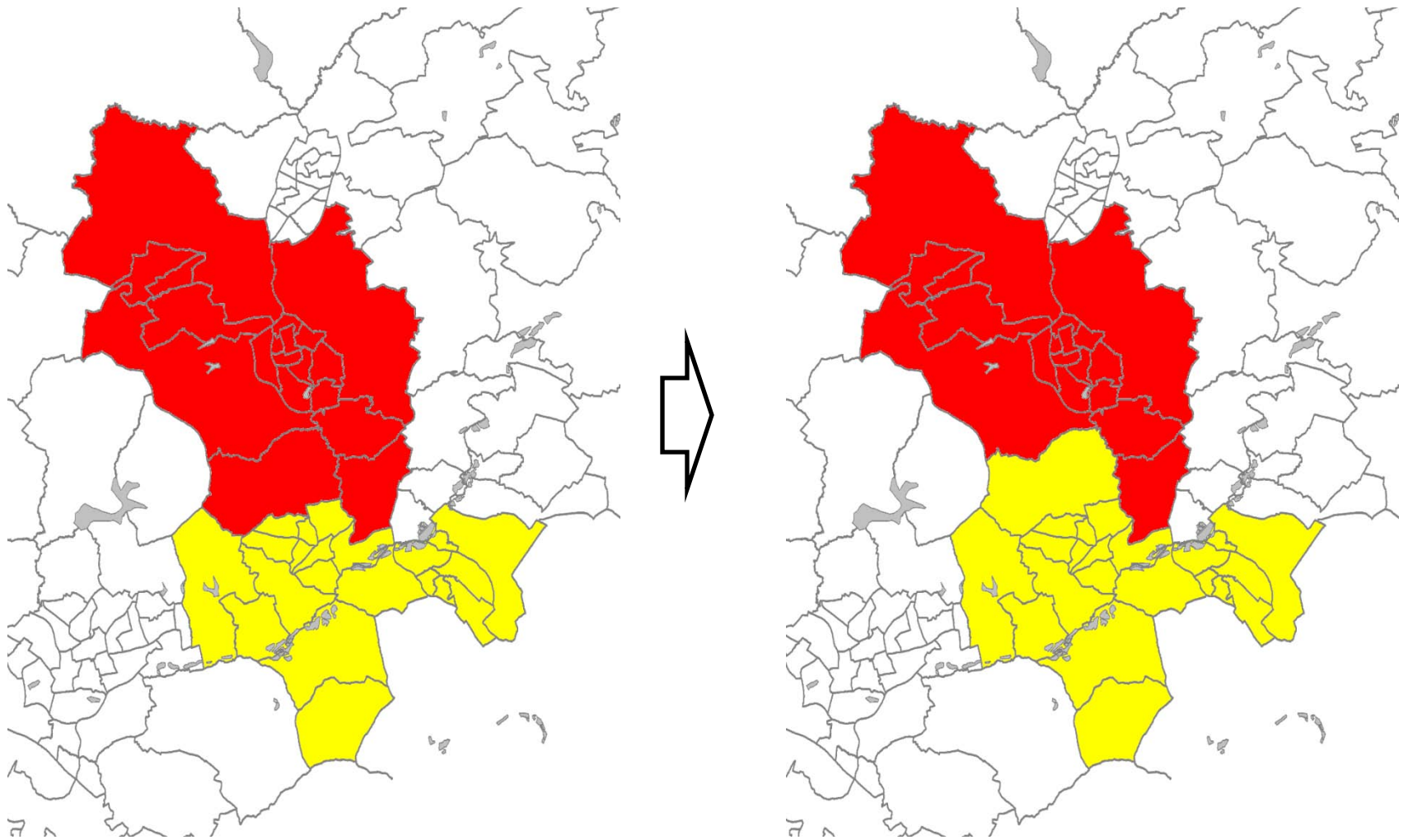
Wellingborough CC (79,080 electors).

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
North	Kettering	Wellingborough	1,905

## Advantages

- The North ward looks more clearly to Wellingborough for amenities
- 1,905 fewer electors move under our counter-proposal.

# Northamptonshire counter-proposal



# Nottinghamshire counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Mansfield BC (79,849 electors)

Newark CC (73,466 electors)

Sherwood CC (73,812 electors)

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
Birklands	Sherwood	Mansfield	4,347
Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph	Newark	Sherwood	2,939

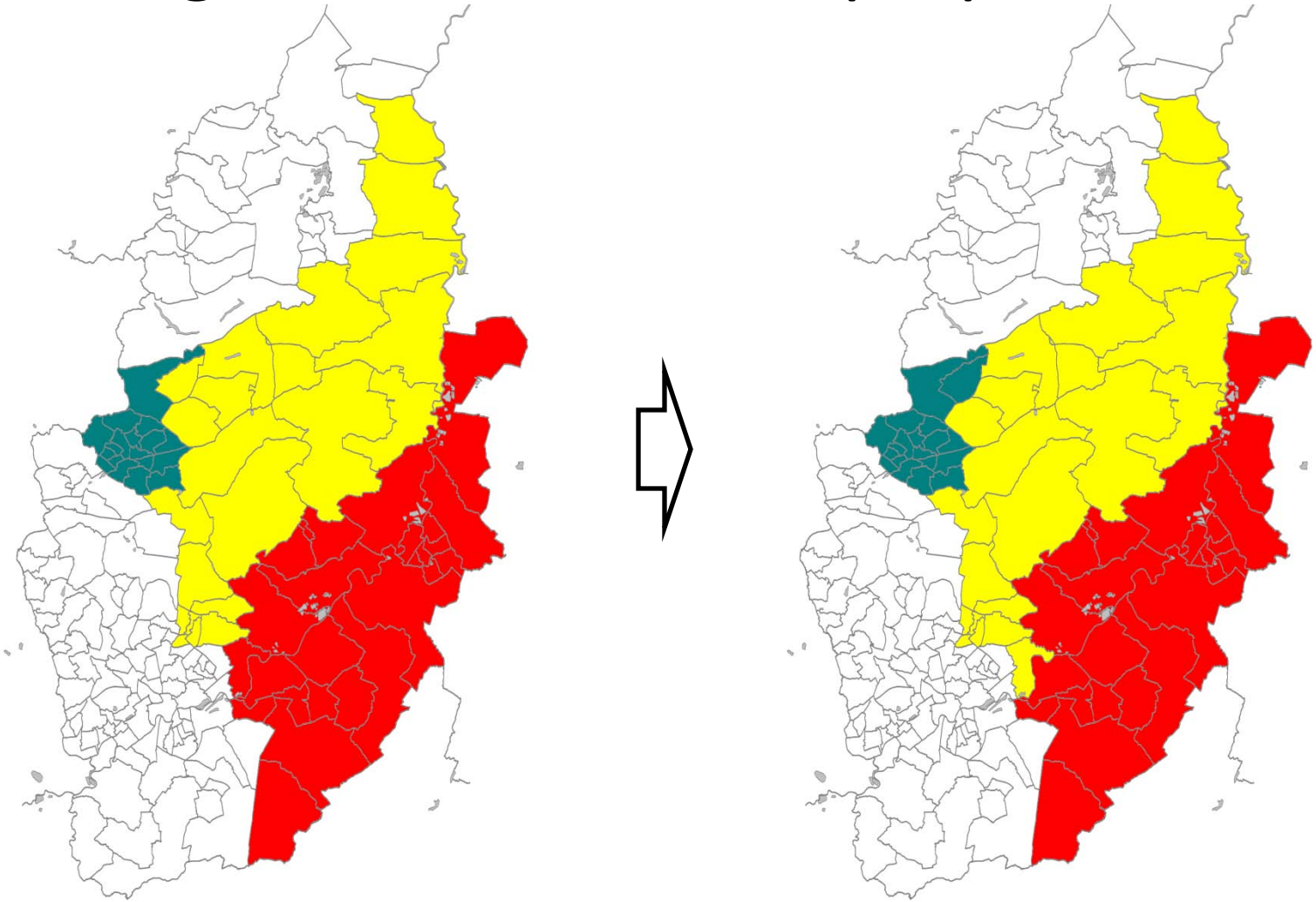
# Nottinghamshire counter-proposal

## Advantages

- No change to the existing Mansfield constituency, which remains coterminous with the borough
- Gedling and Mansfield both have one fewer seat within the local authority than under the Commission's proposals
- Newark and Sherwood constituencies both comprise one fewer local authority than under the Commission's proposals, with no constituency consisting of more than three local authorities
- 4,347 fewer electors move under our counter-proposal.



# Nottinghamshire counter-proposal



# Lincolnshire

In this sub-region, we support the Commission's proposals, in their entirety, for the following seats:

Boston and Skegness CC (72,958 electors)

Gainsborough CC (73,795 electors)

Grantham and Stamford CC (79,118 electors)

Louth and Horncastle CC (73,895 electors)

South Holland and the Deepings CC (76,939 electors)

# Lincolnshire counter-proposal

We propose the following alternative seats:

Lincoln BC (79,969 electors)

Sleaford and North Hykeham CC (78,254 electors).

Ward	Boundary Commission's seat	Counter-proposal	Electorate
North Hykeham Forum	Lincoln	Sleaford and North Hykeham	1,806
North Hykeham Memorial	Lincoln	Sleaford and North Hykeham	2,102
North Hykeham Mill	Lincoln	Sleaford and North Hykeham	2,955
North Hykeham Moor	Lincoln	Sleaford and North Hykeham	1,935
North Hykeham Witham	Lincoln	Sleaford and North Hykeham	1,942
Bracebridge Heath and Waddington West	Sleaford	Lincoln	6,668
Heightington and Washingborough	Sleaford	Lincoln	5,377

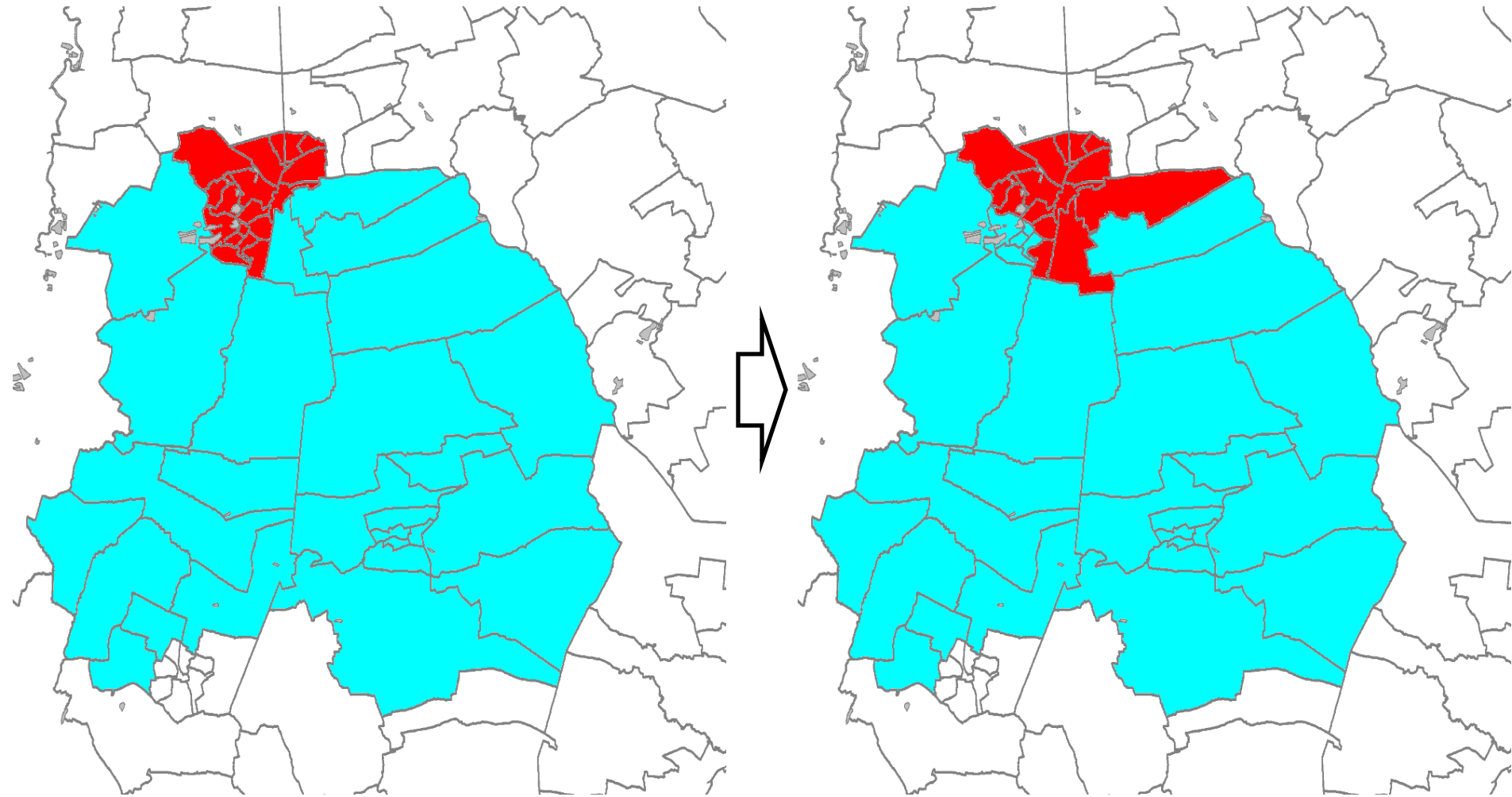
\* All remaining wards in the Commission's Sleaford are retained in our Sleaford and North Hykeham

# Lincolnshire counter-proposal

## Advantages

- Retains North Hykeham in the Sleaford and North Hykeham seat
- Retains the whole of the current Lincoln seat in the proposed Lincoln seat
- Unites the whole of the Waddington parish in the Lincoln seat
- 12,030 fewer electors move under our counter-proposal

# Lincolnshire counter-proposal



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# Summary – East Midlands

- We propose considerably better local authority links in Nottinghamshire, and no constituency which contains more than three local authorities, thus being more compliant with Rule 5 (b).
- We move 26,814 fewer electors than the Commission, and have an extra constituency unchanged, thus being more compliant with Rule 5 (c).
- We break fewer local ties, restoring ties for example in Market Warsop, Northampton, Wellingborough, Amber Valley, and northern Derbyshire, thus being more compliant with Rule 5 (d).