Bridgend County Borough Council

REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF BRIDGEND

DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT

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Chapter 1. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. The Council proposes a change to the arrangement of communities and community wards that should ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area.

2. The Council proposes changes to the boundaries of all 20 communities across the principal council area. As a consequence of these changes, the Council has proposed changes to the electoral arrangements of all communities.

3. During the initial consultation period the Council received representations from 9 Town and Community Councils, 7 County Borough Councillors, 2 Community Councillors and 1 member of the public. The Council considered the representations carefully before it formulated its proposals. All representations are published at the end of the report.

4. As described in the Terms of Reference, in producing a scheme of community arrangements the Council must have regard to a number of issues contained in the legislation. It is not always possible to resolve all of these, sometimes conflicting, issues. In the Council's proposed scheme, it has placed emphasis on ensuring that community councils are sufficient in size to support the principal authority's aspirations for the future as well as reduce any democratic deficit, whilst continuing to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.

5. The Council recognises that the creation of communities and community wards, which depart from the pattern which now exists, may impact upon existing ties between communities. The Council recognises however that there may be different proposals for communities and community wards that better reflect community ties and it would welcome any alternative suggestions that comply with the legislation and with the council size policy detailed in chapter 2.

6. In this document, the proposed community and community wards have been given working names which are intended to represent an area rather than particular settlements, villages, or towns. The Council recognises that there may be names that are more appropriate, and it would welcome alternative suggestions. The Council would request that these suggested names should not merely consist of listed communities and villages but, instead, should reflect the character of the areas involved as well as being effective in either Welsh or English.

7. This draft scheme represents the Council's preliminary views on the community arrangements for the principal council area. It welcomes any representations in respect of these proposals. The Council will consider carefully all representations made to it.

Chapter 2. THE COUNCIL SIZE POLICY

1. The Council adopted a 'Town & Community Council Size Policy' at a meeting of full Council on the 17th of April 2024.

2. An ideal minimum size of electorate for a community council to be in the region of 5,000 electors without any maximum size. At the Local Government elections in May 2022, of the sixteen community councils nine had an electorate of under 5,000 electors and, apart from one ward, all were uncontested; see Table 1 below. This is an indication of a democratic deficit in that there is a potential lack of democracy when seats are uncontested.

Table 1 – Community Councils under 5,000 electorate at May 2022 Local Elections

Community Council	Electorate	Seats	May 2022 Election Outcome
Merthyr Mawr	234	7	Uncontested
Llangynwyd Lower	381	7	Uncontested
Coychurch Higher	718	7	Uncontested
Coychurch Lower	1120	7	Uncontested
Cefn Cribbwr	1187	10	Uncontested
Llangynwyd Middle	2321	12	Uncontested
Ynysawdre	2749	10	Uncontested
Newcastle Higher	3368	12	Aberkenfig ward Uncontested
St Bride's Minor	4950	13	Uncontested

3. Existing community councils with smaller electorates may need to be abolished and merged with other community councils but the intention will always be to maintain their identities within the new larger community council. This will be achieved, as far as it is practical to do so, by maintaining their boundaries as a ward in the new community council as well as considering, in exceptional circumstances, increasing the representation of the abolished community council on the new council, albeit the councillor to elector ratio would be much lower than other wards on the new council. Each case would need to be assessed on its merits and in the interest of democracy.

4. In setting the ratio of councillors to electors, it is proposed to use the Aston Business School guidelines published in 1992 to provide a level of flexibility when determining the ratios. Their guidance is set out below in Table 2: -

Table 2 – Ratio of Councillors to Electors

Electorate	Councillor Allocation
Less than 500	5 – 8
501 – 2,500	6 – 12
2,501 – 10,000	9 – 16
10,001 – 20,000	13 – 27
Greater than 20,000	13 - 31

5. Warding of town and community councils will continue to be appropriate. Where they are warded, there will need to be parity in the ratio of councillors to electors amongst the wards in each town and community council albeit some flexibility may be required where mergers have taken place. This will ensure appropriate representation of abolished smaller communities councils in the new council.

Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. The proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each new proposal the report sets out:

    - The name(s) of the existing community areas which wholly or in part constitute the proposed amended new communities;
    - a brief description of the existing community arrangements in terms of the number of electors and warding arrangements (if applicable);
    - key arguments made during the deliberations;
    - the composition of the proposed community arrangements;
    - a table which sets out the proposed community council arrangements including the variance from the ratio of electors per councillor within the wards of each community; and
    - a map of the proposed community and/or community ward.

BRACKLA AND COYCHURCH LOWER

2. The current community council arrangements in Brackla consist of a total electorate of 8,835 and is represented by 12 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Brackla East	2,245	3
Brackla East Central	1,860	3
Brackla West Central	2,686	3
Brackla West	2,044	3
Total	**8,835**	**12**

3. The current community council arrangements in Coychurch Lower consist of a total electorate of 1,152 and is represented by 7 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Coychurch Lower	1,152	7
Total	**1,152**	**7**

Representations

4. The Council received 4 representations concerning the community of Brackla and 4 representations concerning the community of Coychurch Lower.

Community ward boundary proposals

5. The Council proposes to abolish the community of Brackla and the community of Coychurch Lower utilising the 2 areas to form the new community of Brackla. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Coychurch Lower is an electorate of approx. 1,242 and therefore does not meet the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

6. The Council proposes to apply 7 changes to the existing ward boundaries. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Brackla Central ward to Brackla West ward
- Brackla Central ward to Brackla Tremains ward
- Brackla West ward to Brackla Central ward
- Coity Higher to Brackla
- Bridgend Town to Brackla
- Brackla to Bridgend Town
- Pencoed Town to Brackla

7. It was raised during the initial consultation that the electorate between wards in Brackla should be more evenly distributed and as a result, the council proposes to adjust the internal community boundaries. The council proposes to transfer part of the North and Southwest area of the proposed Brackla Central Ward to the proposed Brackla West Ward, which includes the streets of Maes Dewi Pritchard, Trem y Mor, Yr Helyg, The Willows, Georgian Way and Meadow Walk. This transfer affects 625 electors and ensures an even split of electors between the wards in the community of Brackla. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on pages 9 and 10.

8. The Council also proposes to adjust the internal community boundary between the proposed ward of Brackla Central and the proposed ward of Brackla Tremains, by transferring part of the area to the North of the proposed Brackla Central Ward to the proposed Brackla Tremains Ward, the Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. This proposal includes the

transfer of the following streets Sunnybank Court, Pen Onnen, Rhiw Cae Mawr, Bryn Bragl, Rhiw Tremaen, Rhiw Las and Fenwick Drive. This affects 368 electors and ensures an even split of electors between the wards in the community of Brackla. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on page 11.

9. The Council also proposes to adjust the internal community boundary by transferring part of the South area in the proposed ward of Brackla West to the proposed ward of Brackla Central. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. This proposal includes the transfer of the following streets: Clos Tan yr Cefn, Clos Tan yr Fron and Erw Hir. This affects 541 electors and ensures an even split of electors between the wards in the community of Brackla. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on page 12.

10. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Brackla community and proposed Coity Higher community. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of Brackla Industrial Estate within the Brackla community and the whole of the Litchard Industrial Estate within the Coity Higher community, affecting 0 electors. The council proposes to split the Brackla Industrial between the proposed wards of Brackla West and Brackla East, to provide a clear boundary by utilising the Main Avenue and Heol Ffladau Streets and taking into consideration the future proposed development that appears within the Local Development Plan (LDP). As highlighted in the representations received, Brackla Bunkers, due to historical connections, would then also be transferred from the community of Coity Higher to the community of Brackla. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on pages 13 and 14.

11. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Brackla and Town of Bridgend. The street Haywain Court currently sits off Coychurch Road in Brackla but falls within Bridgend Town. To avoid elector confusion, it is proposed to transfer Haywain Court from Bridgend Town to Brackla community. This would affect 37 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on page 15.

12. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coychurch Lower Ward within Brackla Communtiy and the proposed Oldcastle Ward of Bridgend town. This involves transferring to Bridgend Town the whole of Bridgend and Waterton Industrial Estate, as well as the surrounding residential properties that fall within this area, which include the following streets: Brocastle, Clos Waterton, Lon Tre Dwr and Heol Tre Dwr. The Council considers these areas to be more urban and therefore more aligned with Bridgend Town. This affects 250 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on page 16.

13. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coychurch Lower Ward within Brackla Communtiy and the Hendre ward of Pencoed Town. The Coychurch Lower boundary will be extended so that it adjoins the motorway between Pencoed Town and the proposed Coychurch Lower Ward. This only affects a few isolated properties, namely Coedymwstr Uchaf and Coed y Mwstr Fawr Farm. The proposal can be found on the map on page 8 and in greater detail on the map on page 17.

14. As a result of these proposals, the electorate of the proposed community of Brackla would decrease to 9,779.

Proposed Names

15. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Brackla and the Welsh community name of Bracla. The Council is of the view that Brackla, being the larger and more recognisable name included in the proposals, that this name be assigned to the new combined community area.

16. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Brackla East and the Welsh community council ward name of Dwyrain Bracla.

17. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Brackla West and the Welsh community council ward name of Gorllewin Bracla.

18. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Brackla Central and the Welsh community council ward name of Canol Bracla.

19. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Brackla Tremains and the Welsh community council ward name of Tremaen Bracla.

20. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Coychurch Lower and the Welsh community council ward name of Llangrallo Isaf.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

21. The proposed community council arrangements in Brackla will consist of a total electorate of 9,779 and be represented by 14 community councillors.

22. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

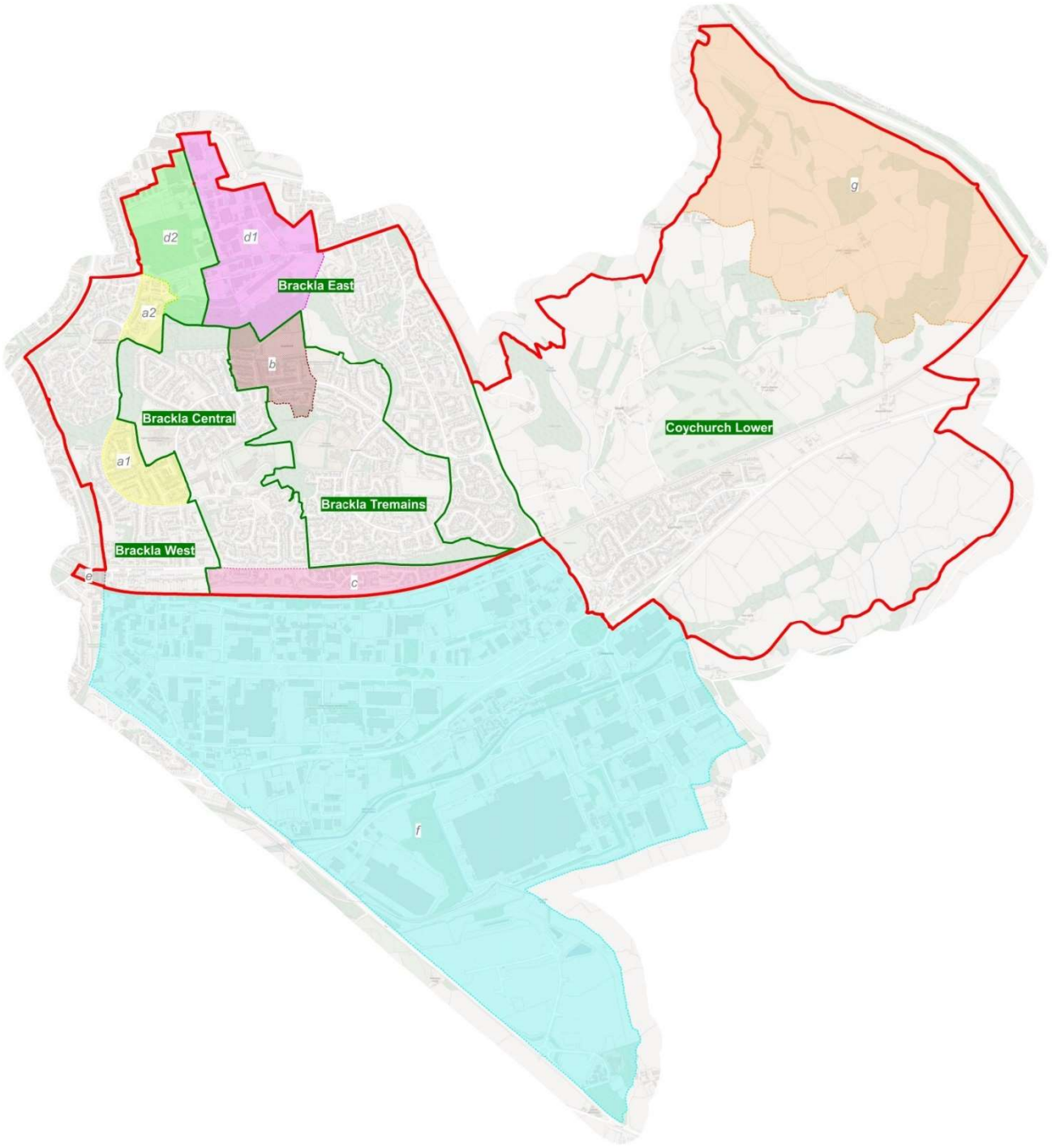
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Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Brackla East	2,245	3	748	42%	2,245	3	748	7%
Brackla East Central	1,860	3	620	18%				
Brackla Tremains					2,228	3	743	6%
Brackla West Central	2,686	3	895	70%				
Brackla Central					2,347	3	782	12%
Brackla West	2,044	3	681	29%	2,052	3	684	-2%
Coychurch Lower	1,152	7	165	-69%	907	2	454	-35%
Total	**9,987**	**19**	**526**		**9,779**	**14**	**699**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 14, which is a decrease of 5 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

23. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Brackla Community



a1; Area to be transferred from Brackla Central ward to Brackla West ward

a2; Area to be transferred from Brackla Central ward to Brackla West ward

b; Area to be transferred from Brackla Central ward to Brackla Tremains ward

c; Area to be transferred from Brackla West to Brackla Central ward

d1; Area to be transferred from Coity Higher to Brackla

d2; Area to be transferred from Coity Higher to Brackla

e; Area to be transferred from Bridgend Town to Brackla

f; Area to be transferred from Brackla to Bridgend Town

g; Area to be transferred from Pencoed Town to Brackla

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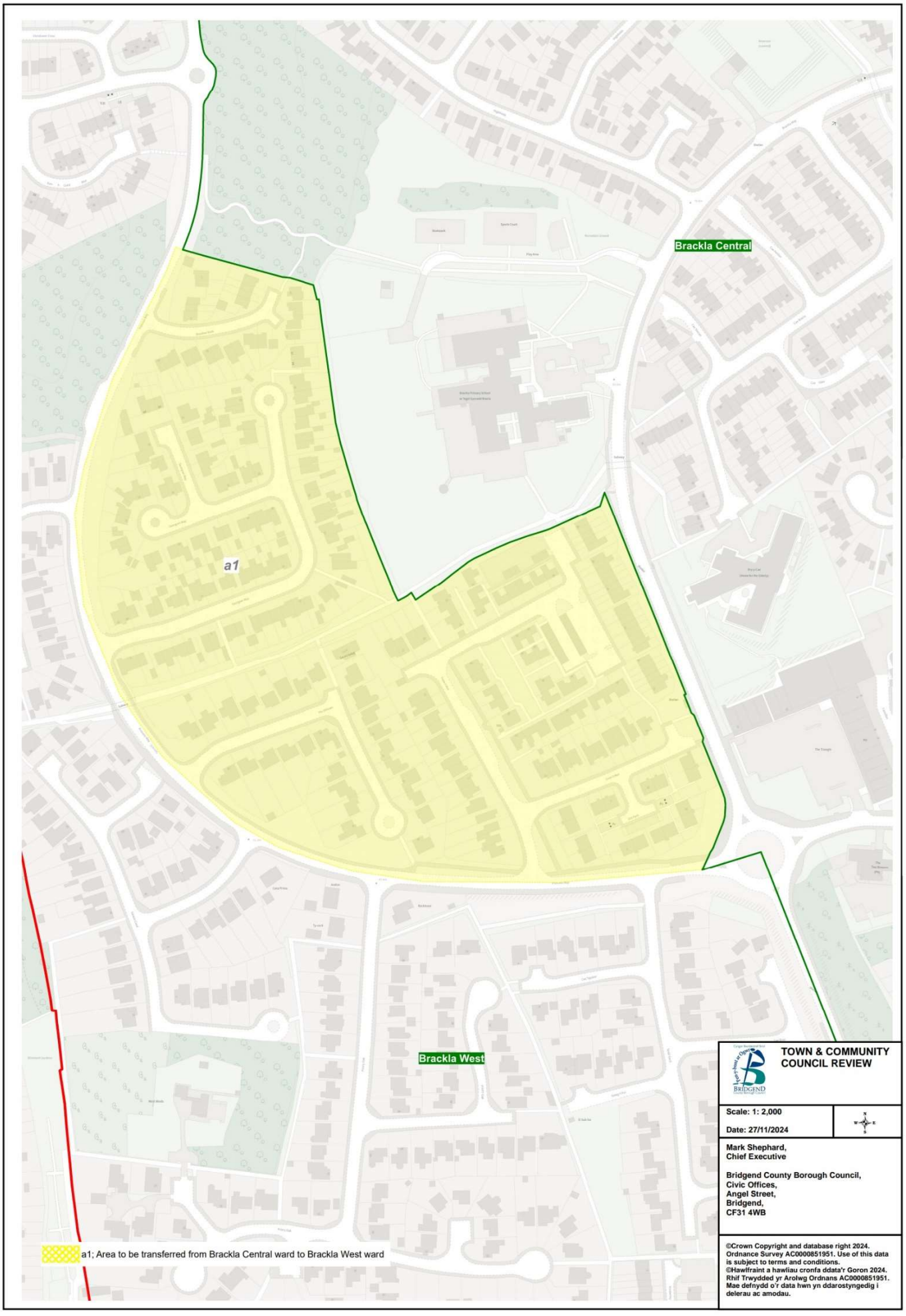
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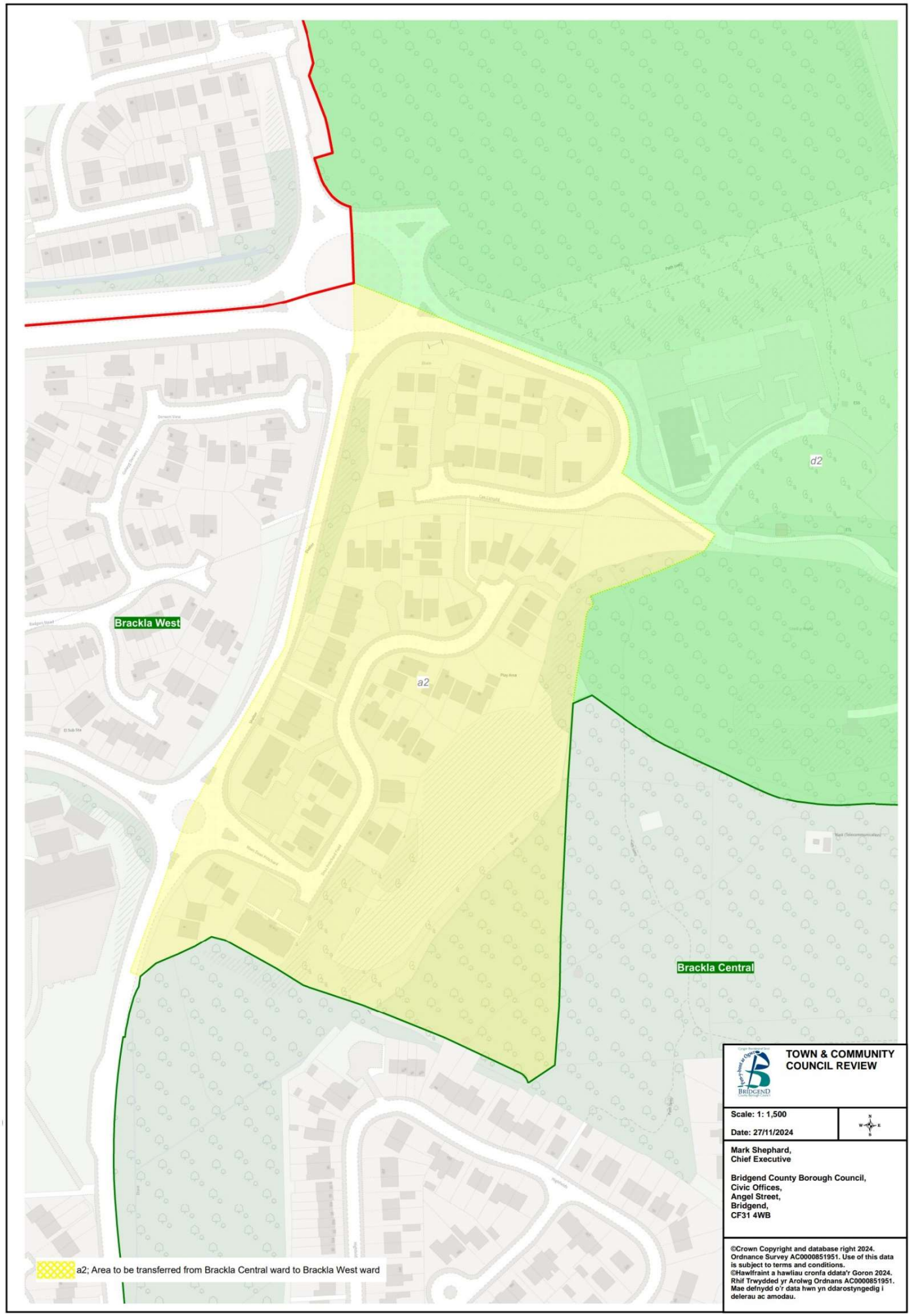
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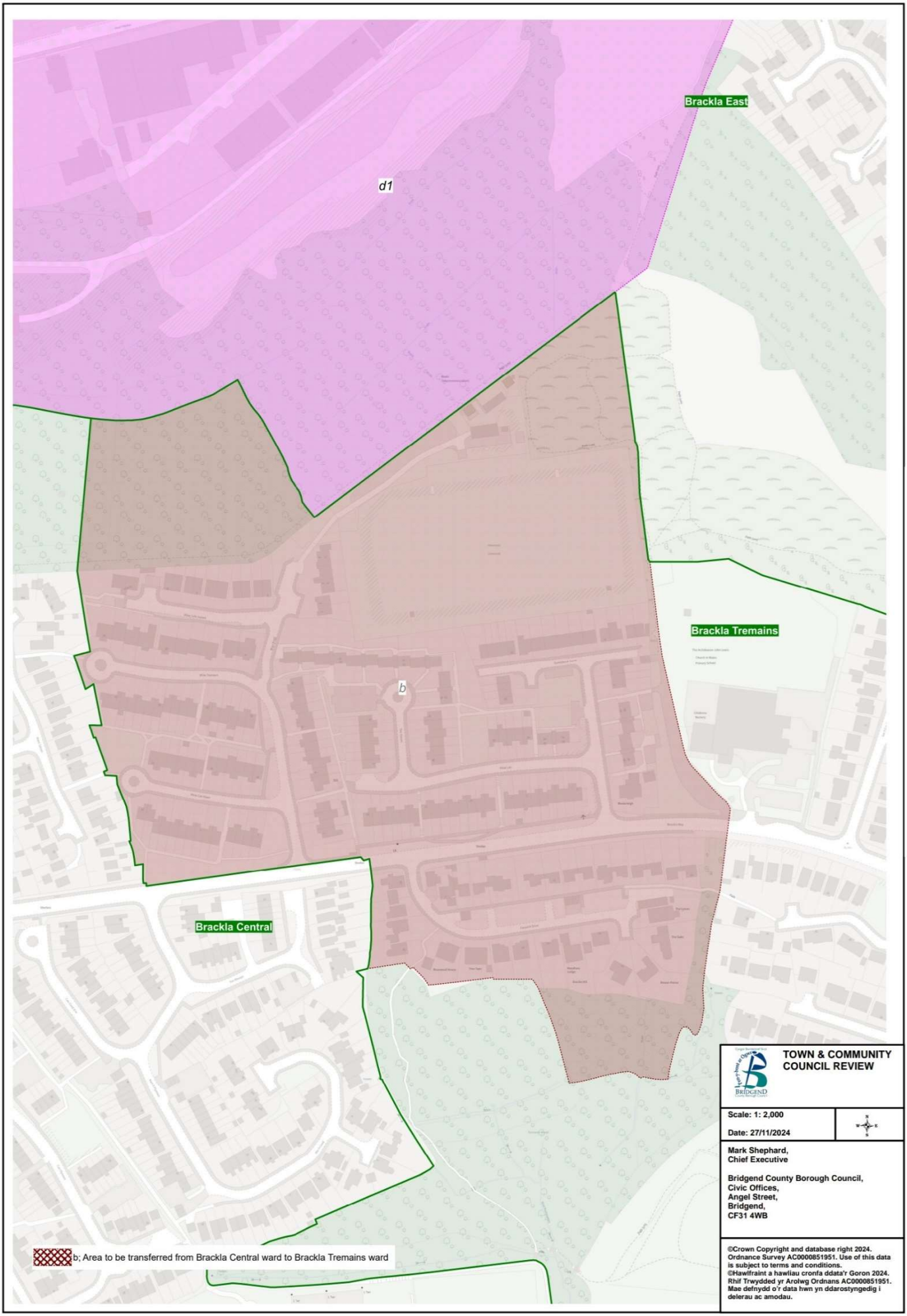
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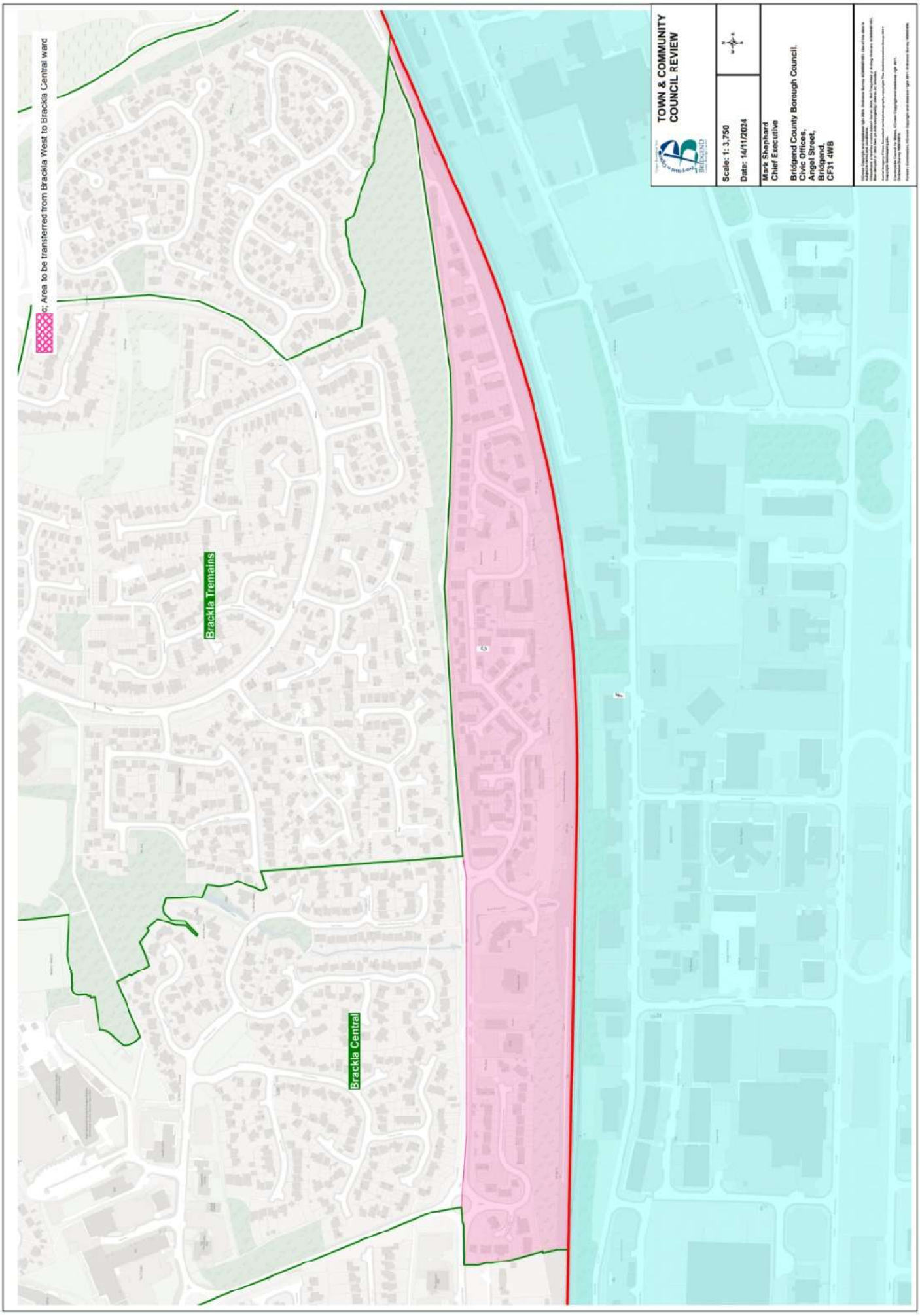
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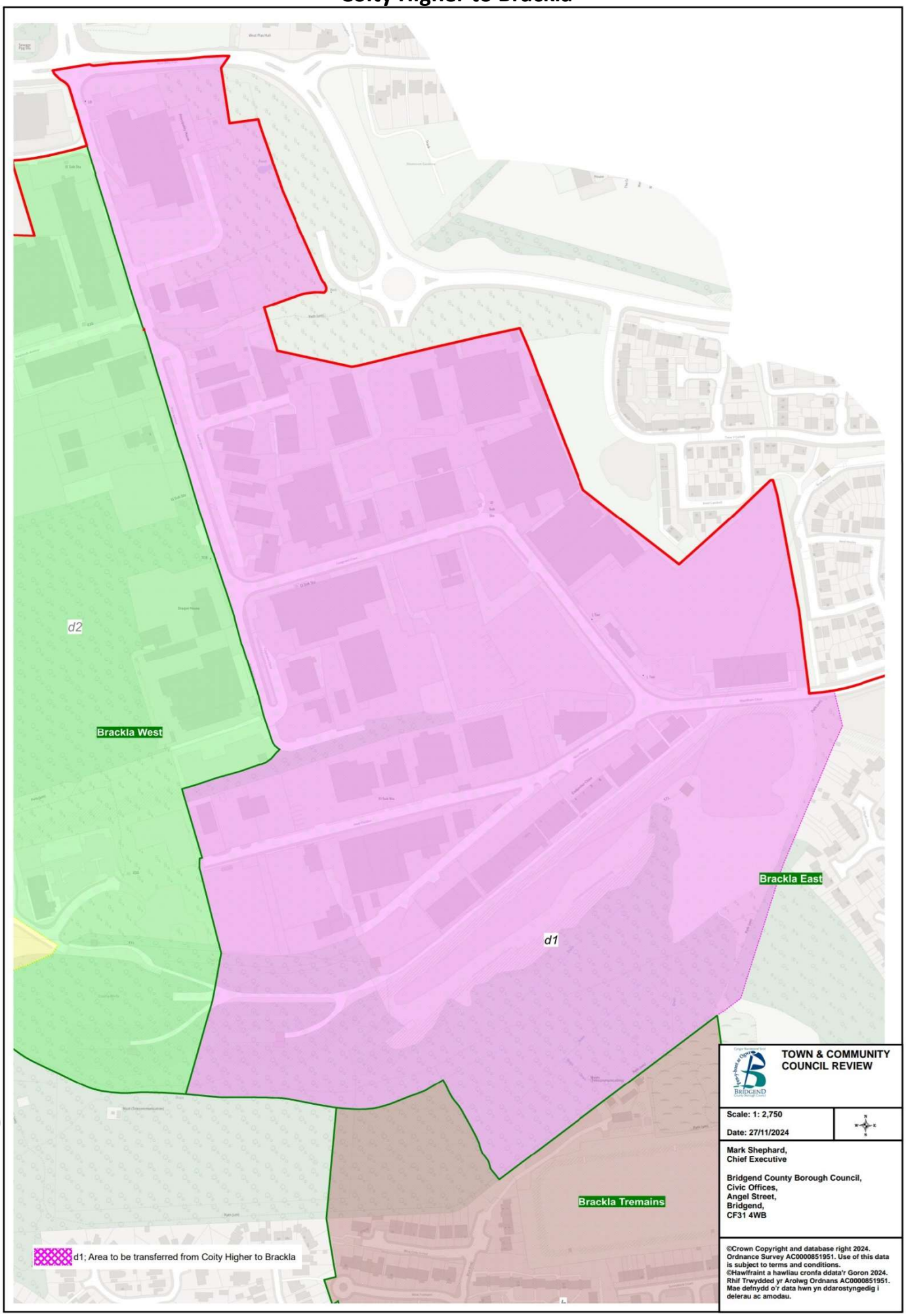
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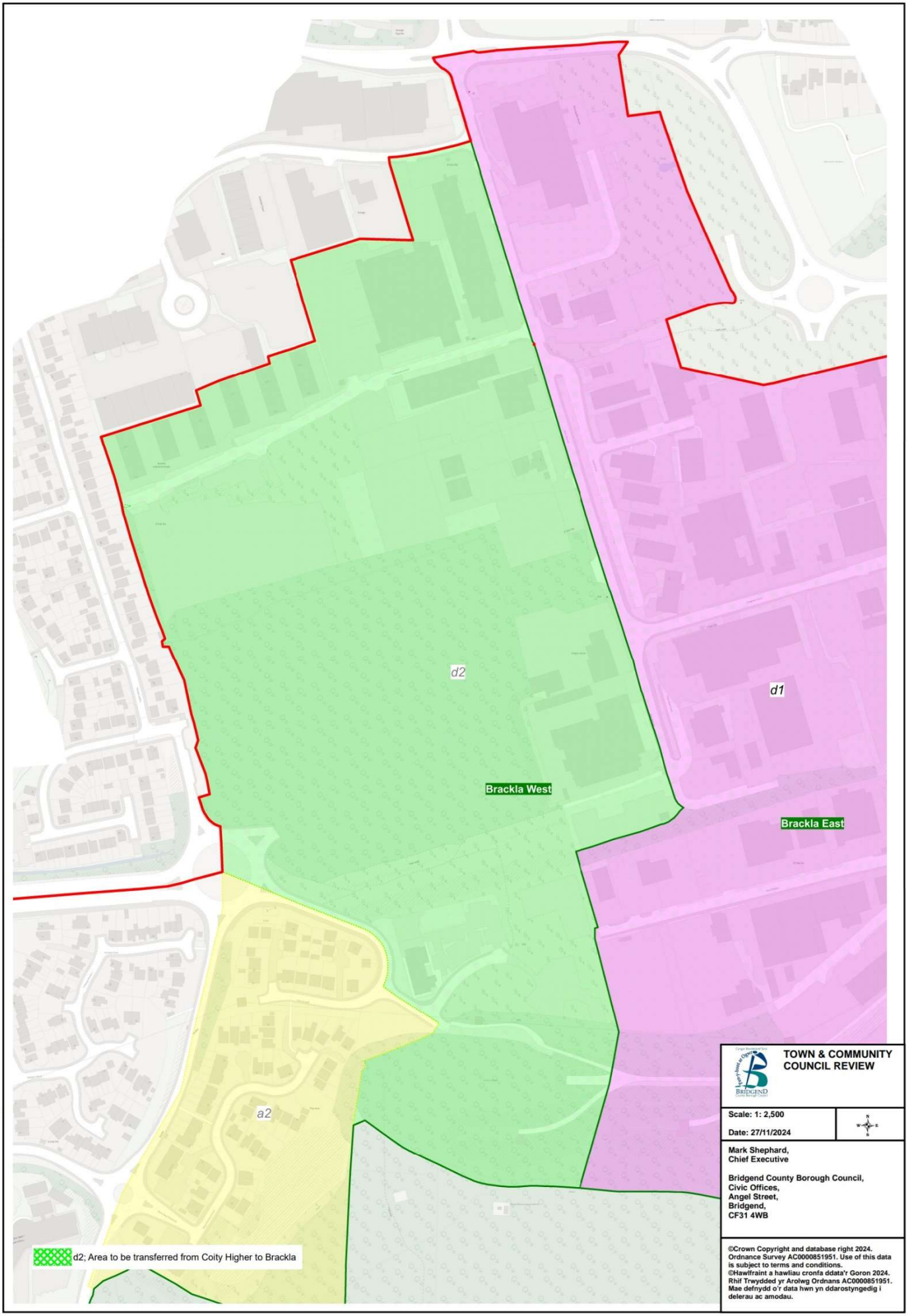
Brackla West ward to Brackla Central ward



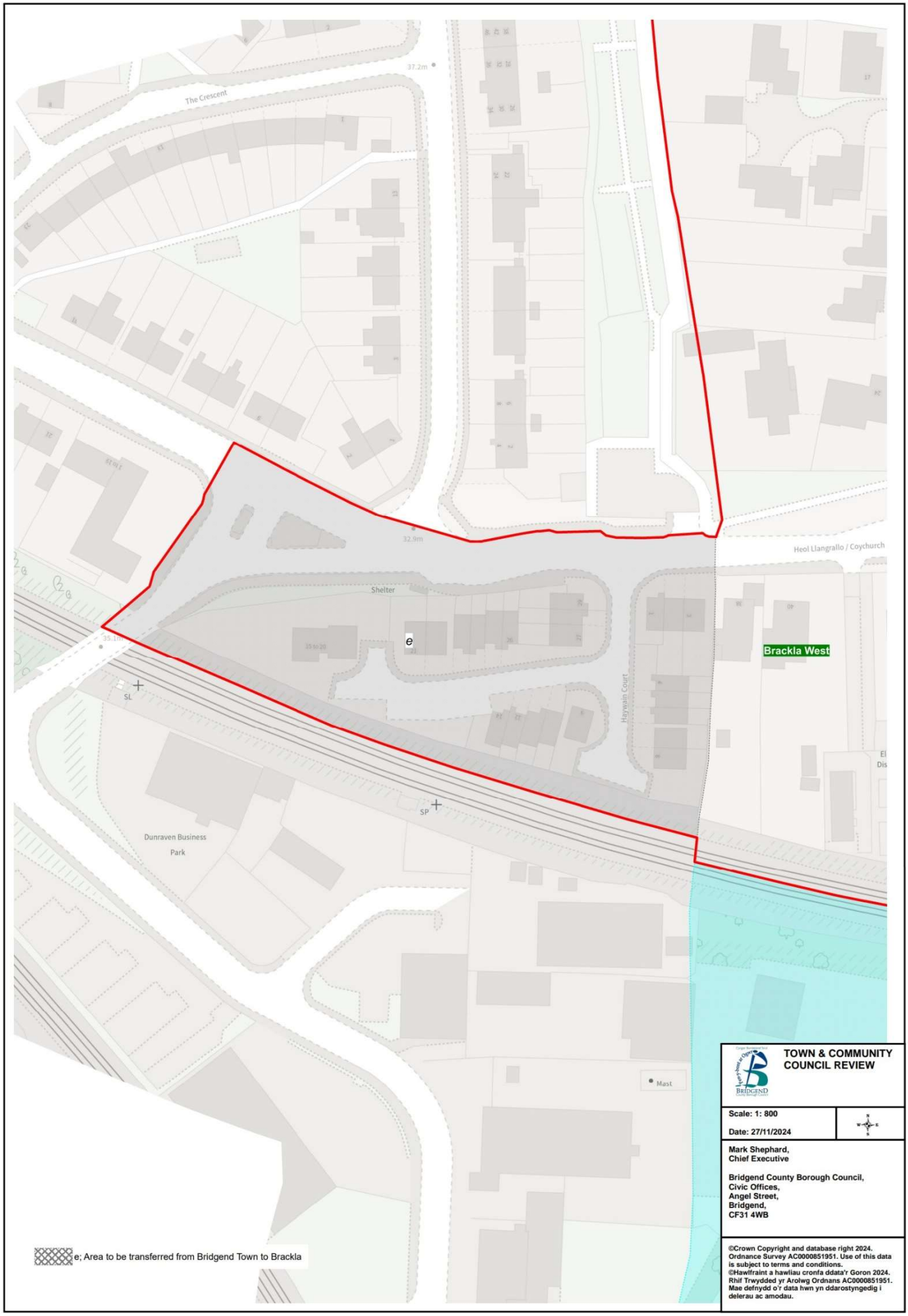
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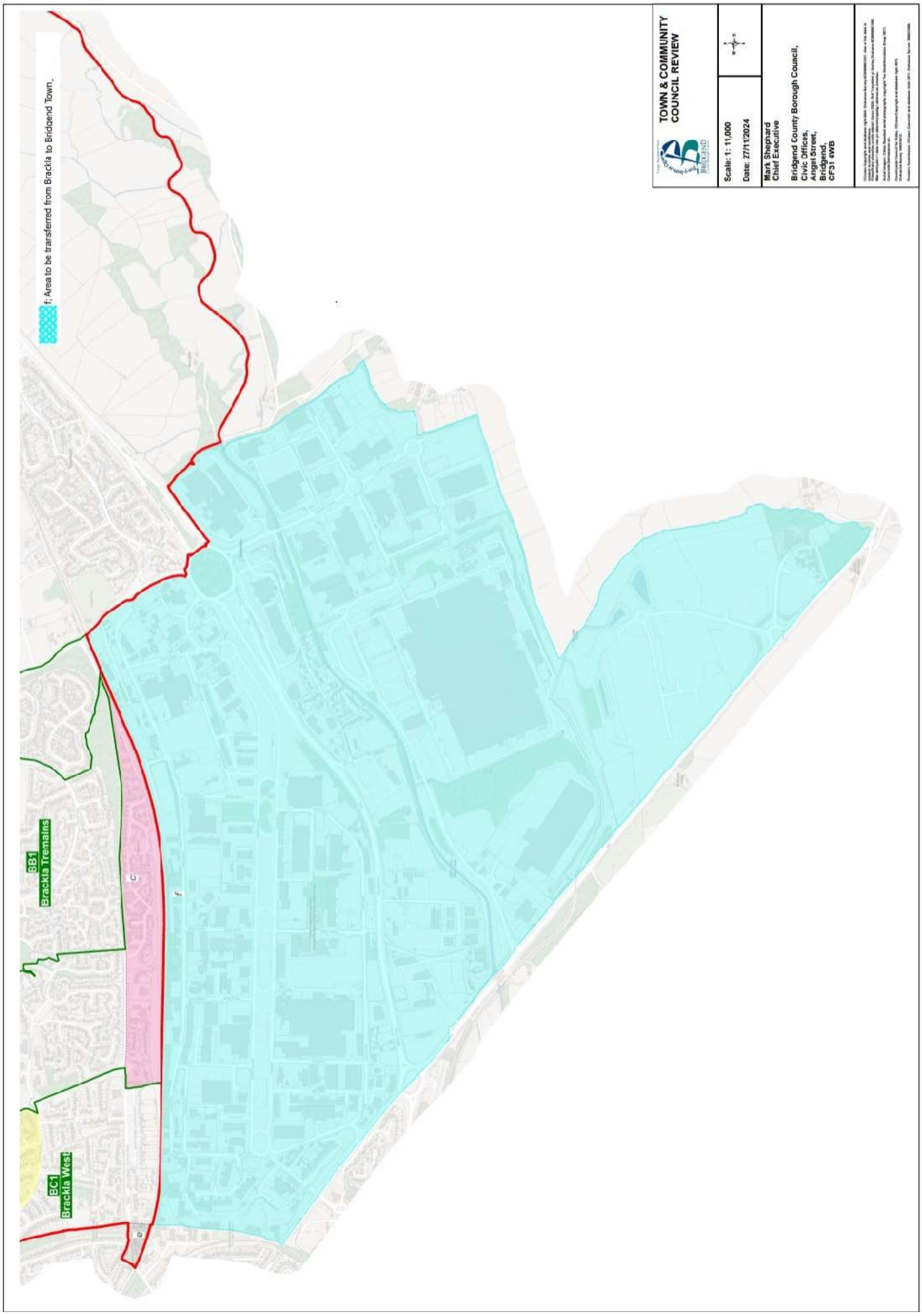


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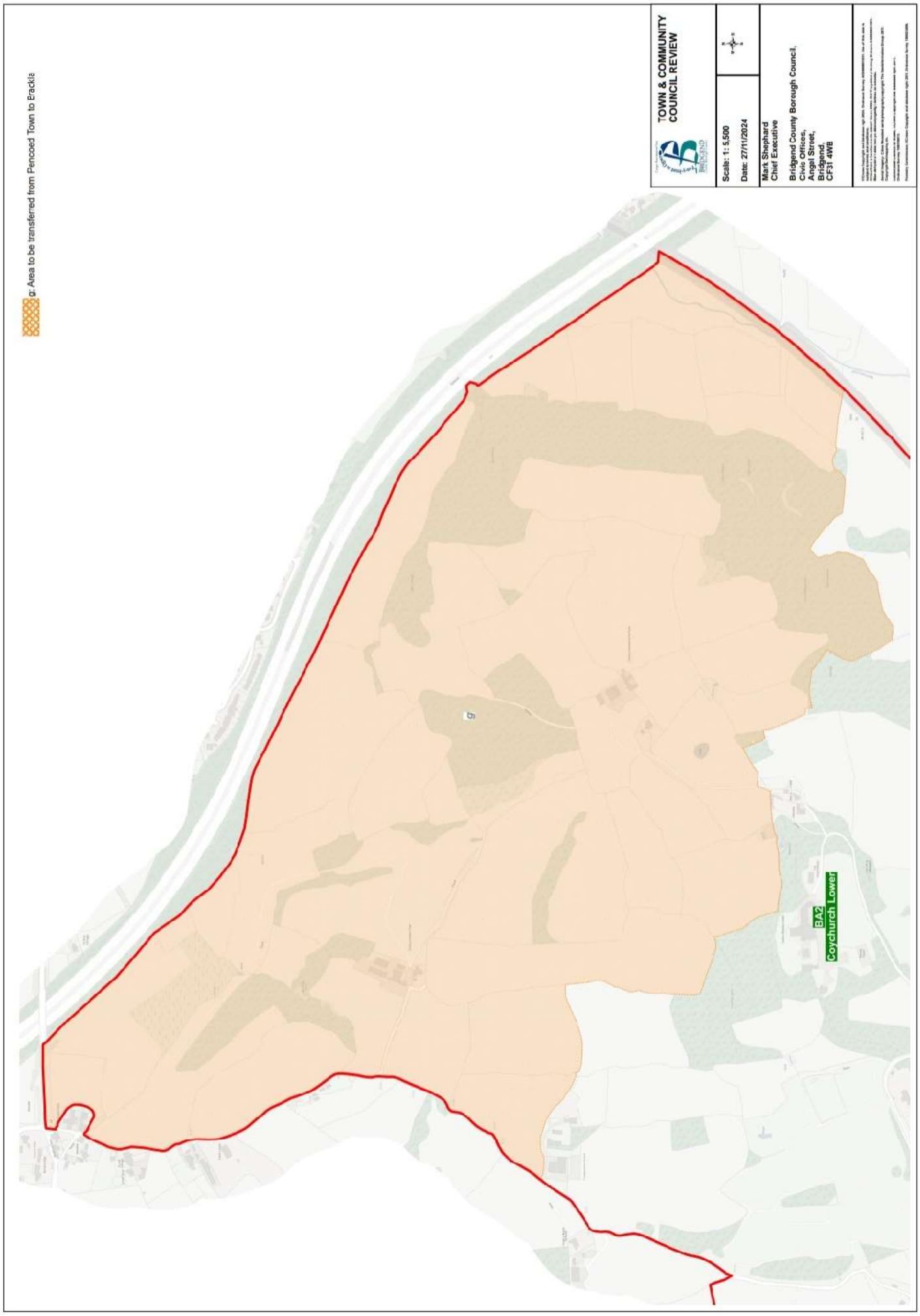


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Brackla to Bridgend Town



Pencoed Town to Brackla



BRIDGEND

24. The current town council arrangements in Bridgend consist of a total electorate of 12,286 and is represented by 19 town councillors.

Town ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Morfa	3,548	6
Newcastle	4,684	7
Oldcastle	4,038	6
Total	**12,286**	**19**

Representations

25. The Council received 3 representations concerning the Town of Bridgend.

Town ward boundary proposals

26. The Council proposes to apply 11 changes to the existing ward boundaries. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Laleston to Bridgend Town / Bridgend Town to Laleston
- Oldcastle ward to Morfa ward
- Brackla to Bridgend Town
- Bridgend Town to Brackla
- Bridgend Town to Laleston
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (1)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (2)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (3)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (4)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (5)
- Coity Higher to Bridgend Town

27. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community that includes both the proposed development of Island Farm and the existing streets of Island Farm Road and Island Farm Close to the Oldcastle ward within Bridgend Town. This would also include the transfer of 2 properties situated on Merthyr Mawr Road. 93 electors would be affected. This change would follow New Inn Road as the new boundary between these areas. This would then also see a small transfer of farmland from Bridgend Town to the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward, affecting 0 electors. The change would then also see the Prisoner of War camp come under the responsibility of Bridgend Town Council but will not affect the boundary of the Nature Reserve, which will remain with Merthyr Mawr community. These proposals can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the maps on pages 22 and 23.

28. The Council proposes to transfer all properties along Tremains Road, The Crescent, Waunscil Avenue, Ffordd Ganol and Heol Dwyrain of Oldcastle to Morfa as the council considers these properties have closer links to Morfa than Oldcastle. The change allows for clear boundary definitions between wards and affects 354 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 24.

29. The Council proposes to transfer the Waterton Industrial Estate, and all residential properties that fall within this area, including Brocastle, Clos Waterton, Lon Tre Dwr and Heol Tre Dwr from the proposed Coychurch Lower ward within Brackla Communtiy community to Bridgend Town, this affects 250 electors. The Council considers this to be more urban and therefore more aligned with Bridgend Town. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 25.

30. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Brackla and Town of Bridgend. The street Haywain Court currently sits off Coychurch Road in Brackla but falls within Bridgend Town. To avoid elector confusion, it is proposed to transfer Haywain Court from Bridgend Town to Brackla community. This would affect 37 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 26.

31. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Swn Cloch yr Eglwys, Woodridge and Cefn Glas Road (64 – 86, evens only) from the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town to the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community, this affects 186 electors. The Council considers these streets to be more locally connected with Cefn Glas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 27.

32. In line with the representations received by the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to transfer two houses; one on Oaklands Avenue, and another on Heol-y-Bardd; from Laleston community to the Newcastle ward within Bridgend Town. This will affect 3 electors and correct an anomaly, which saw these two properties fall within a different Town / community council than the rest of the street. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 28.

33. The Council proposes to transfer the street of St Winifreds Road from the Cefn Glas ward of Laleston community to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town. Cefn Glas Infants School will remain within the Cefn Glas ward. This change would affect 143 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 29.

34. The Council proposes to transfer the even numbered properties (68 – 86) of Heol y Frenhines from the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community council, to the Newcastle ward within Bridgend Town, this would affect 15 electors. This would then ensure that the entire street of Heol y Frenhines would then sit within one community. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 30.

35. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Maesglas, Heol yr Ysgol and Ty Nant from the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community council to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town, this would affect 66 electors. Llangewydd Junior School will remain in the ward of Cefn Glas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on pages 31 and 32.

36. The Council proposes to transfer the streets: Ael y Bryn, Beechwood Avenue and the remaining section of Heol y Frenhines (up to the street, Bryngolau) from the Laleston/Bryntirion ward to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town, affecting 143 electors. This would then ensure that the entire street of Heol y Frenhines would then sit within one community. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 33.

37. The Council proposes to transfer the street Ger y Bont from Pendre Ward of Coity Higher to the Morfa Ward of Bridgend Town, this would affect 7 electors. The access for these properties currently falls within Bridgend Town, and the Council considers this area to be more aligned with Bridgend Town. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 34.

38. As a result of these proposals, the electorate of the proposed Town of Bridgend would increase to 12,781.

Proposed Names

39. The Council proposes to retain the existing English town name of Bridgend and the Welsh town name of Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr.

40. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Morfa.

41. The Council proposes to retain the Town council ward name of Newcastle and the Welsh Town council ward name of Castell Newydd.

42. The Council proposes to retain the Town council ward name of Oldcastle and the Welsh Town council ward name of Yr Hen Gastell.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

43. The proposed community council arrangements in Bridgend will consist of a total electorate of 12,781 and be represented by 19 town councillors.

44. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the town council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the town council can be seen below:

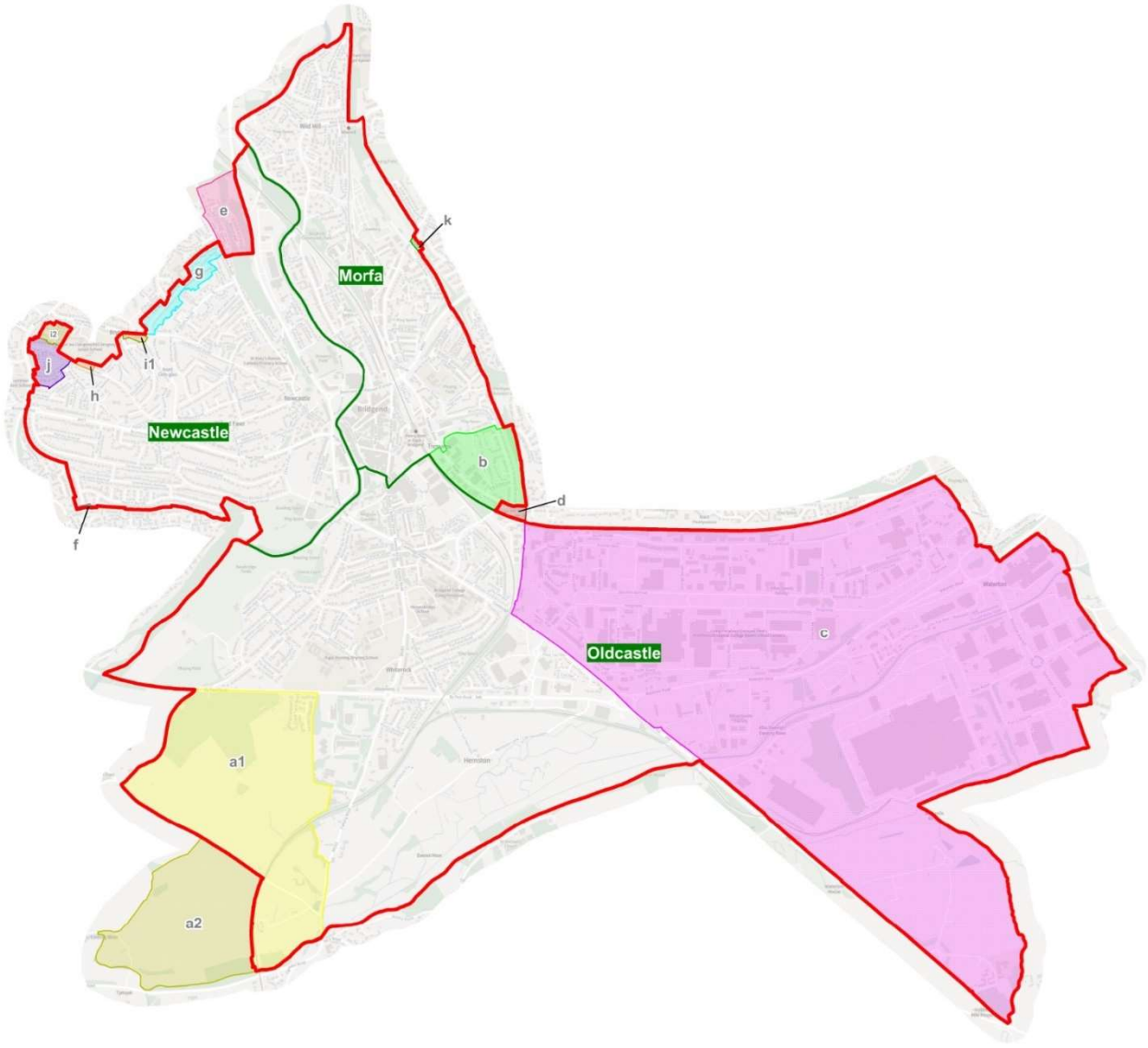
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Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Morfa	3,564	6	594	-8%	3,925	6	654	-3%
Newcastle	4,684	7	669	3%	4,866	7	695	3%
Oldcastle	4,038	6	673	4%	3,990	6	665	-1%
Total	**12,286**	**19**	**647**		**12,781**	**19**	**673**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 19, which is in line with the Council Size Policy.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

45. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales.

Bridgend Town



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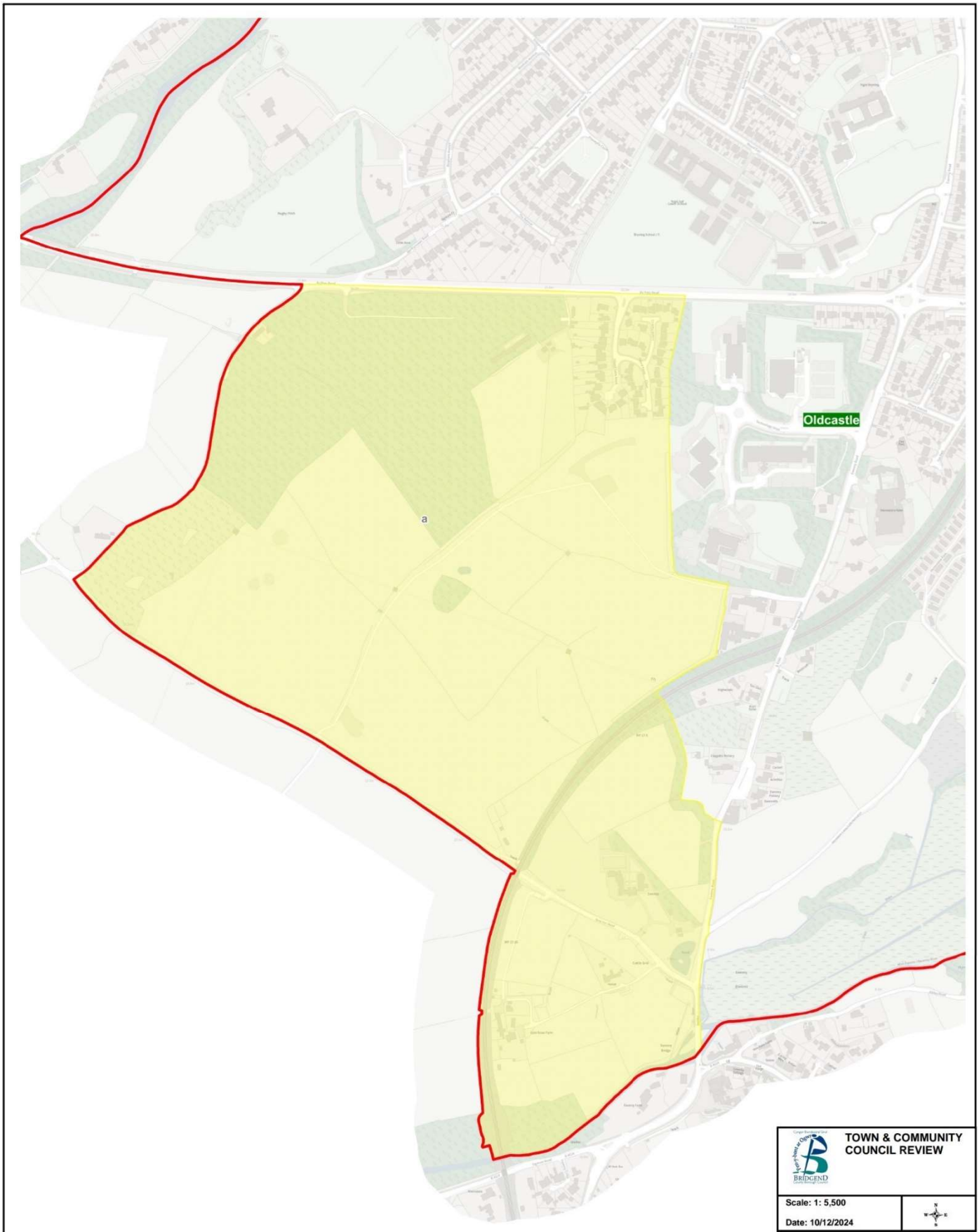
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Laleston to Bridgend Town



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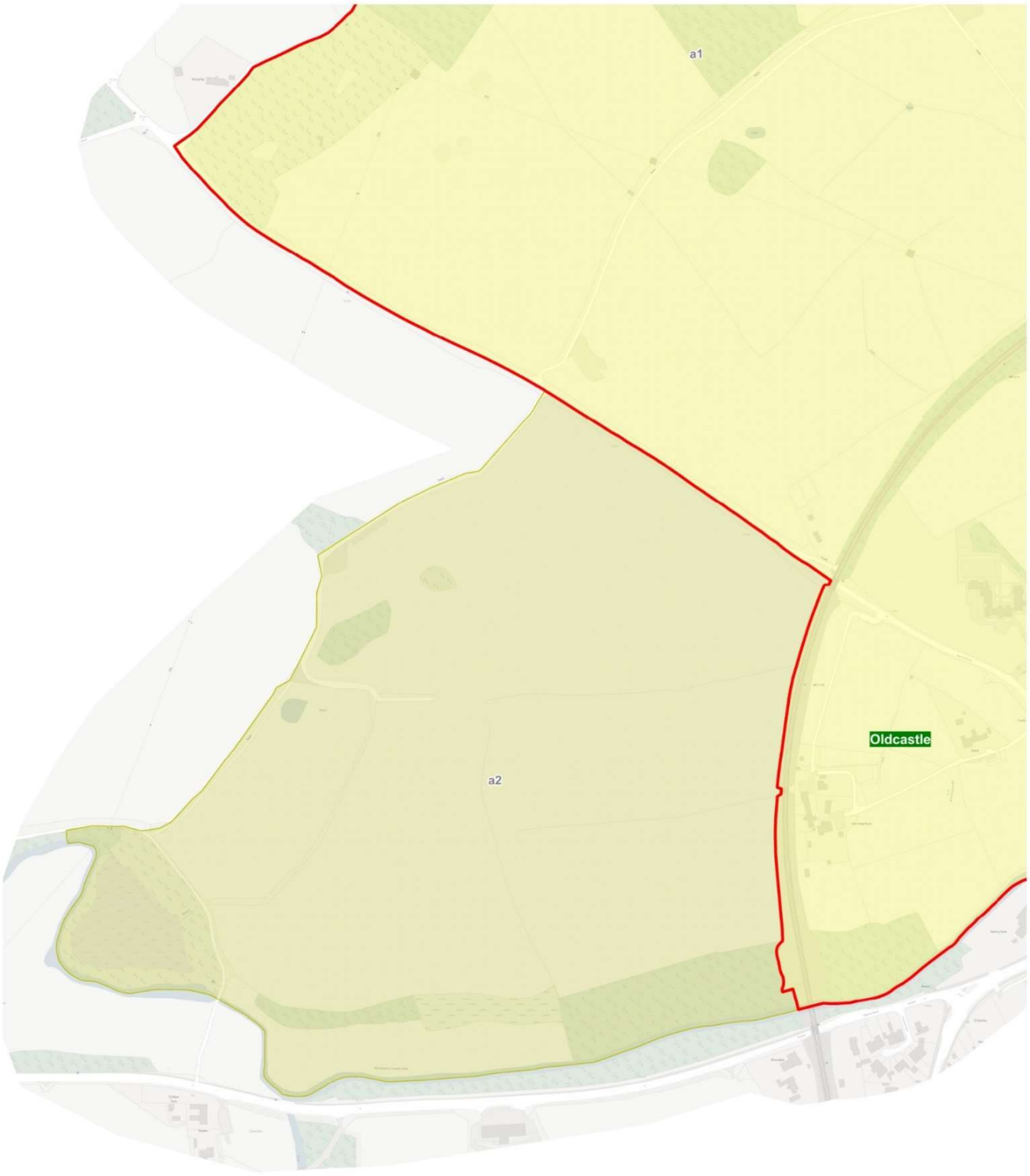
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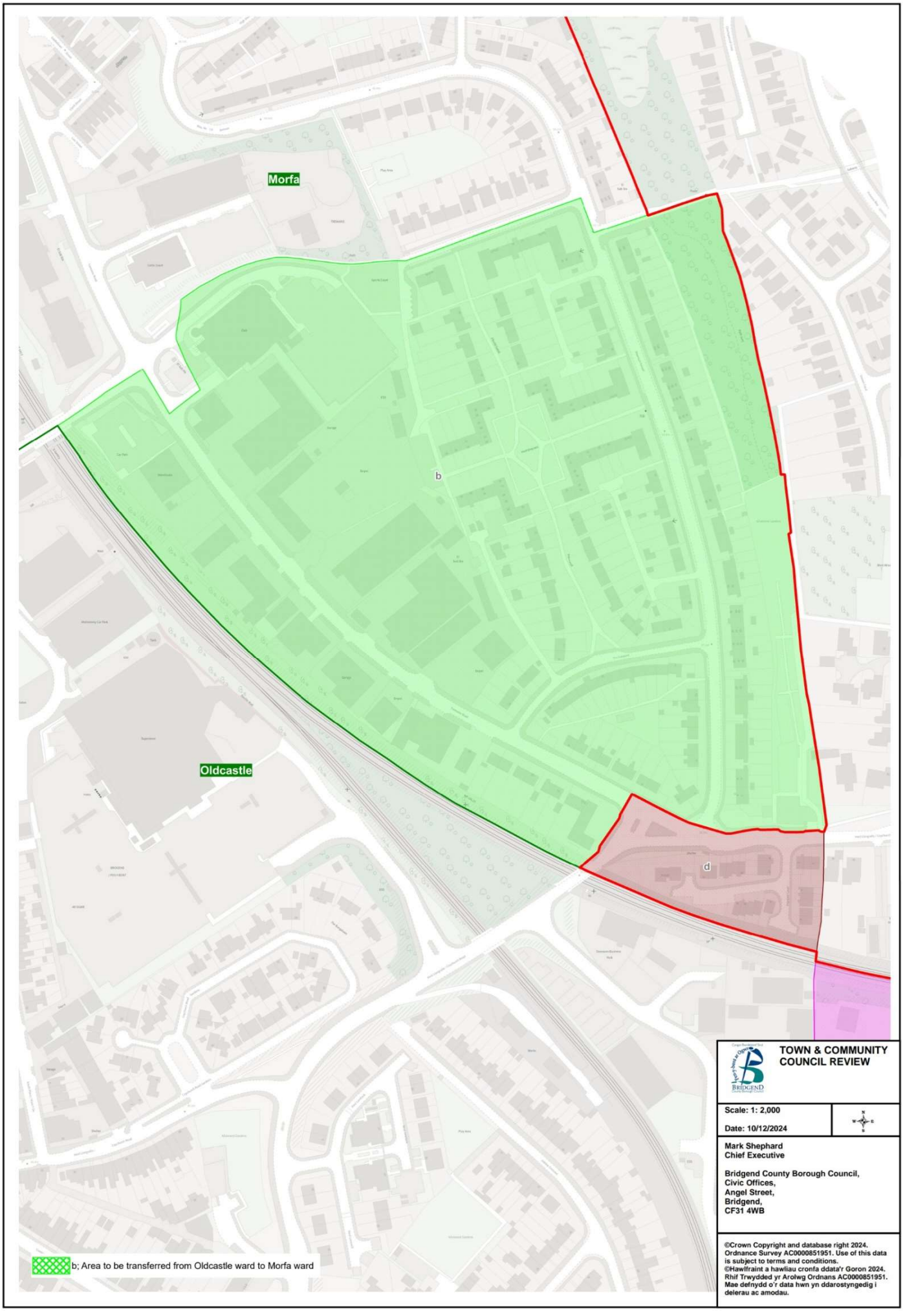
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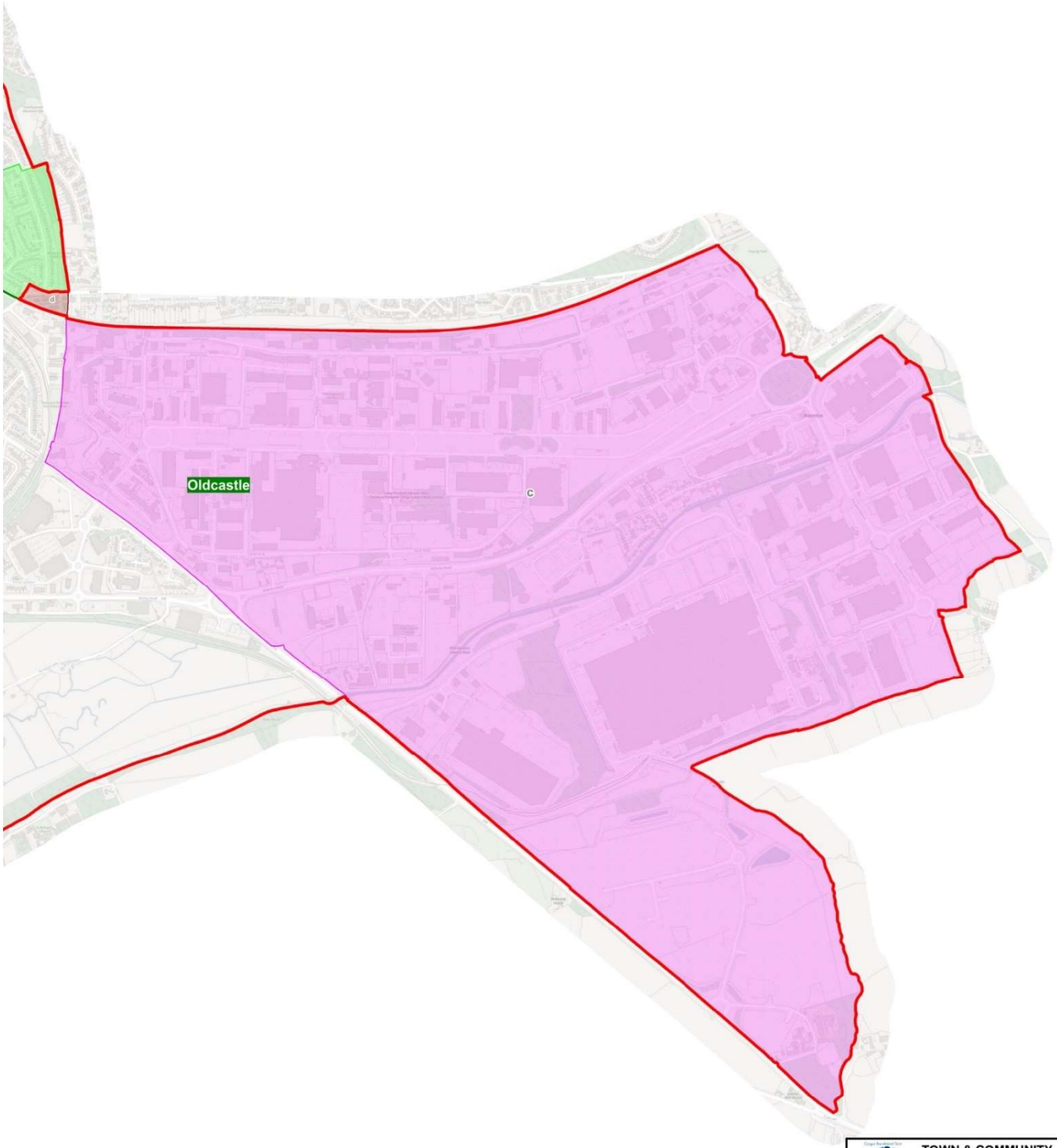
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Oldcastle ward to Morfa ward



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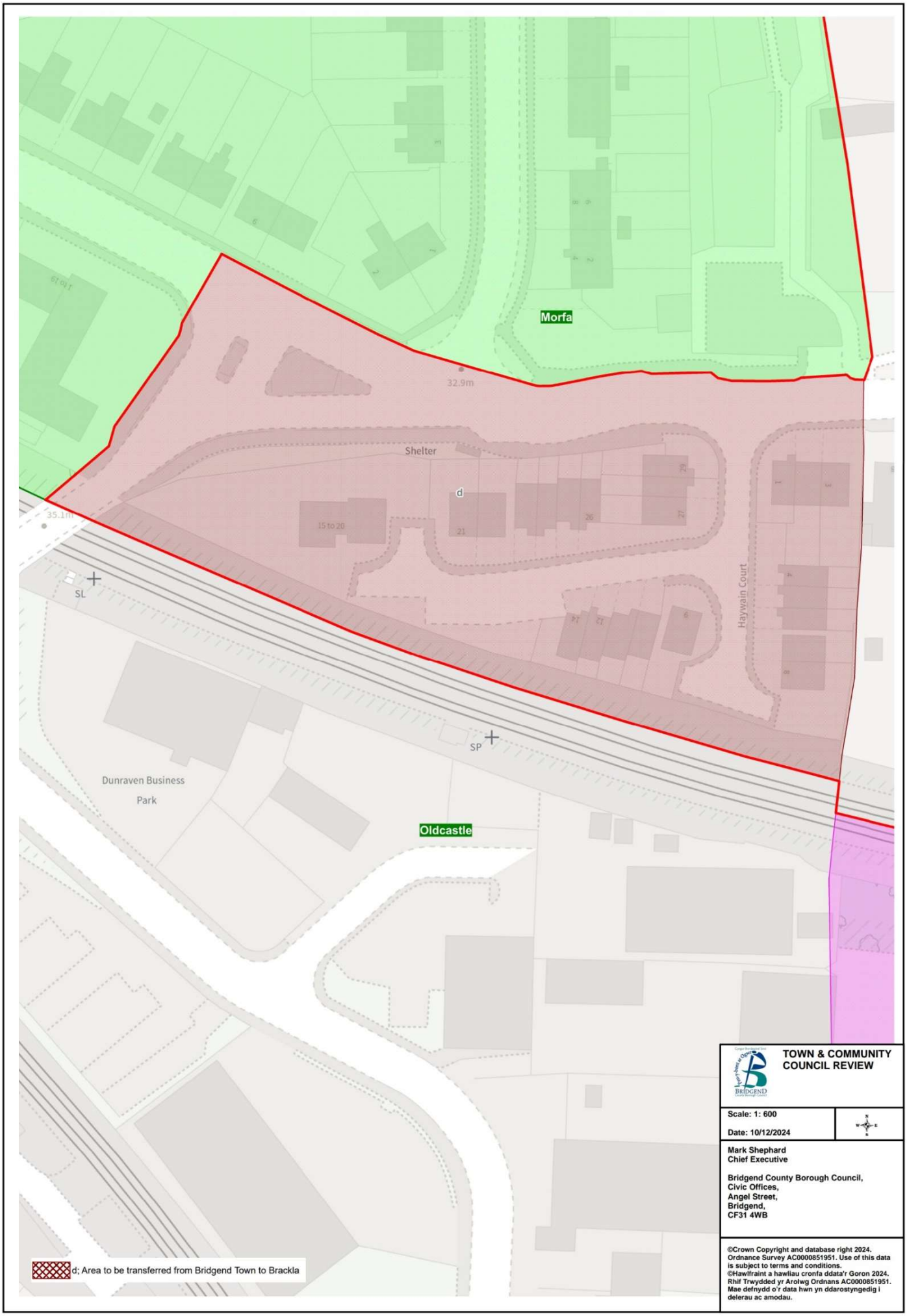
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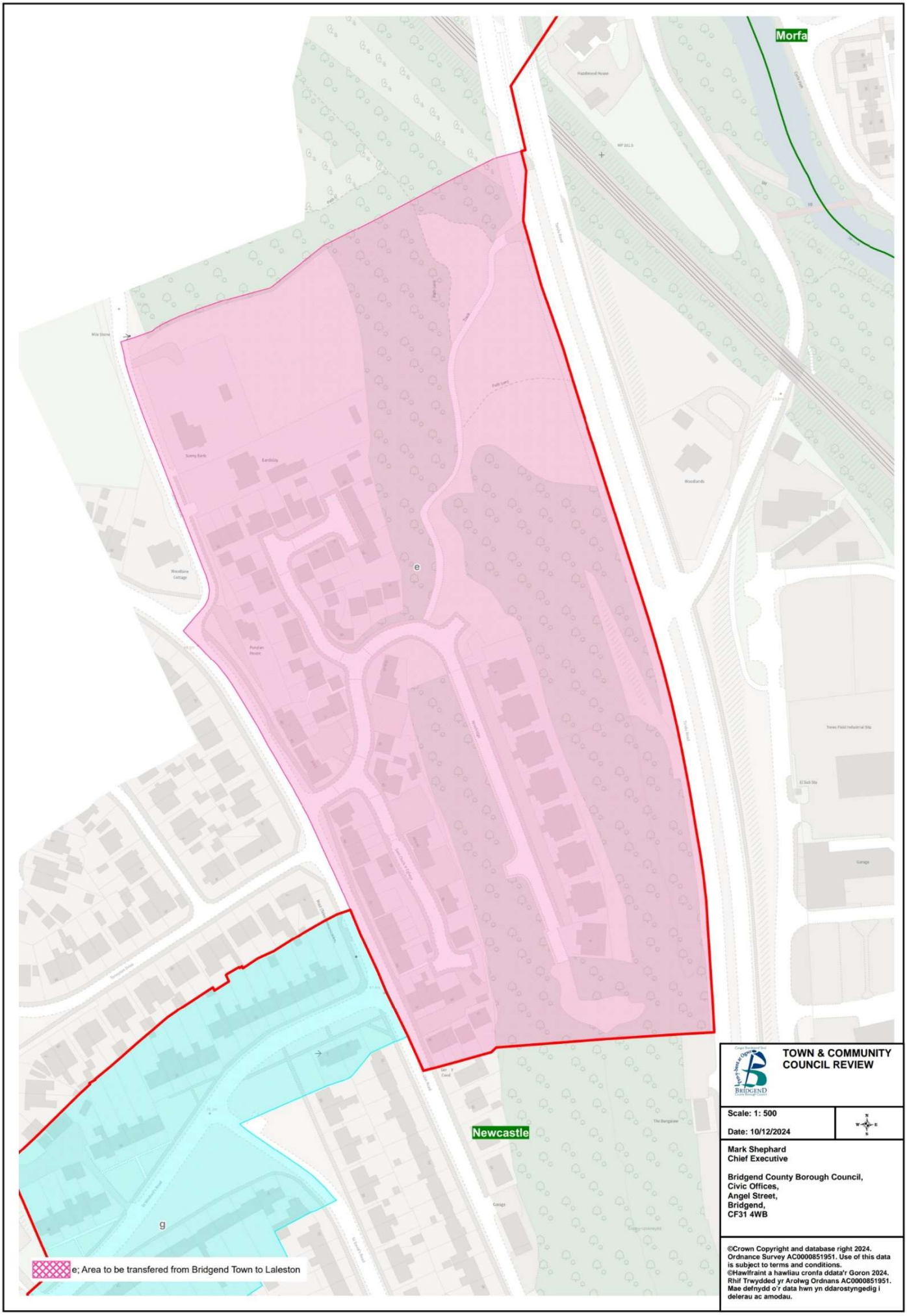
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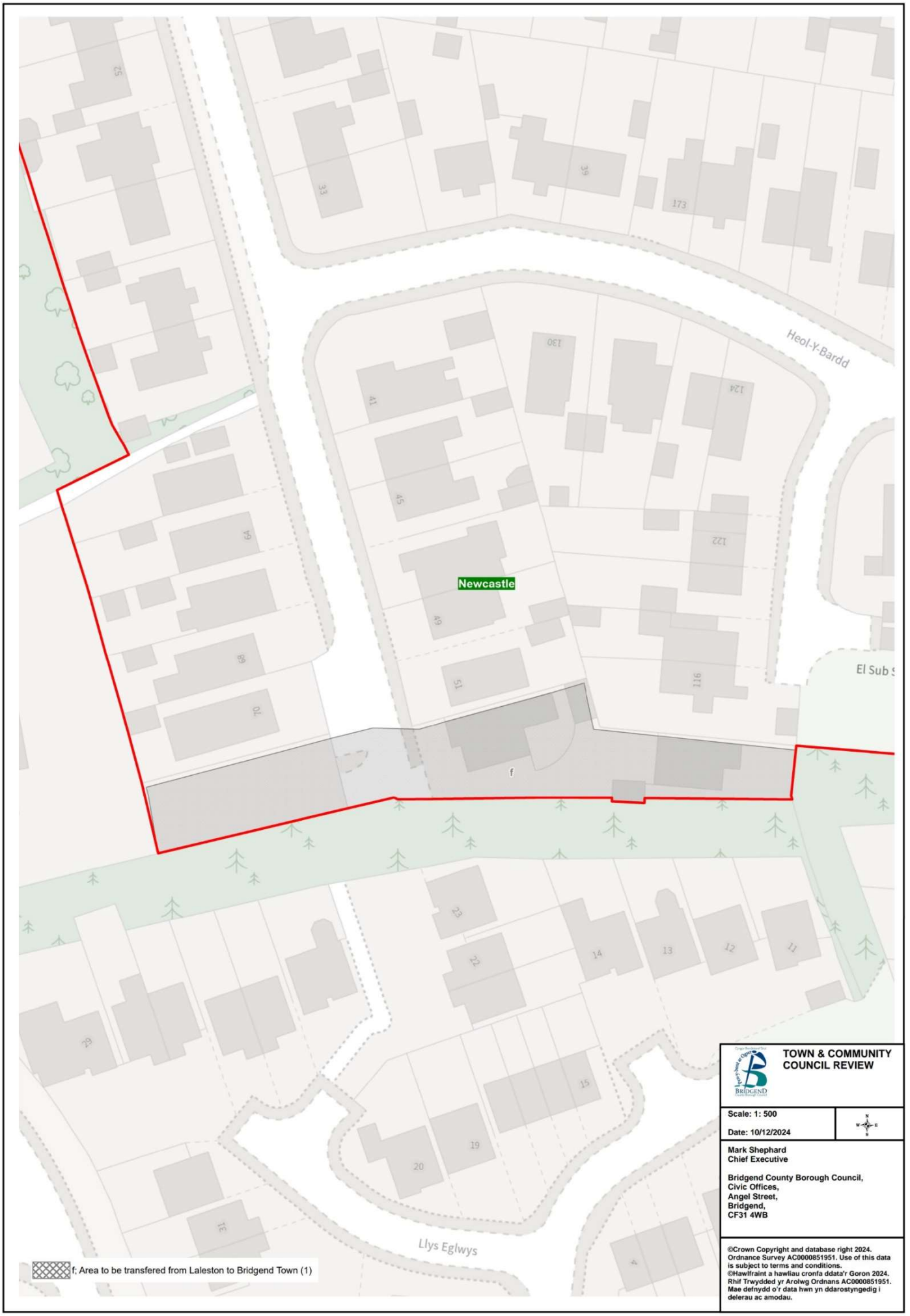
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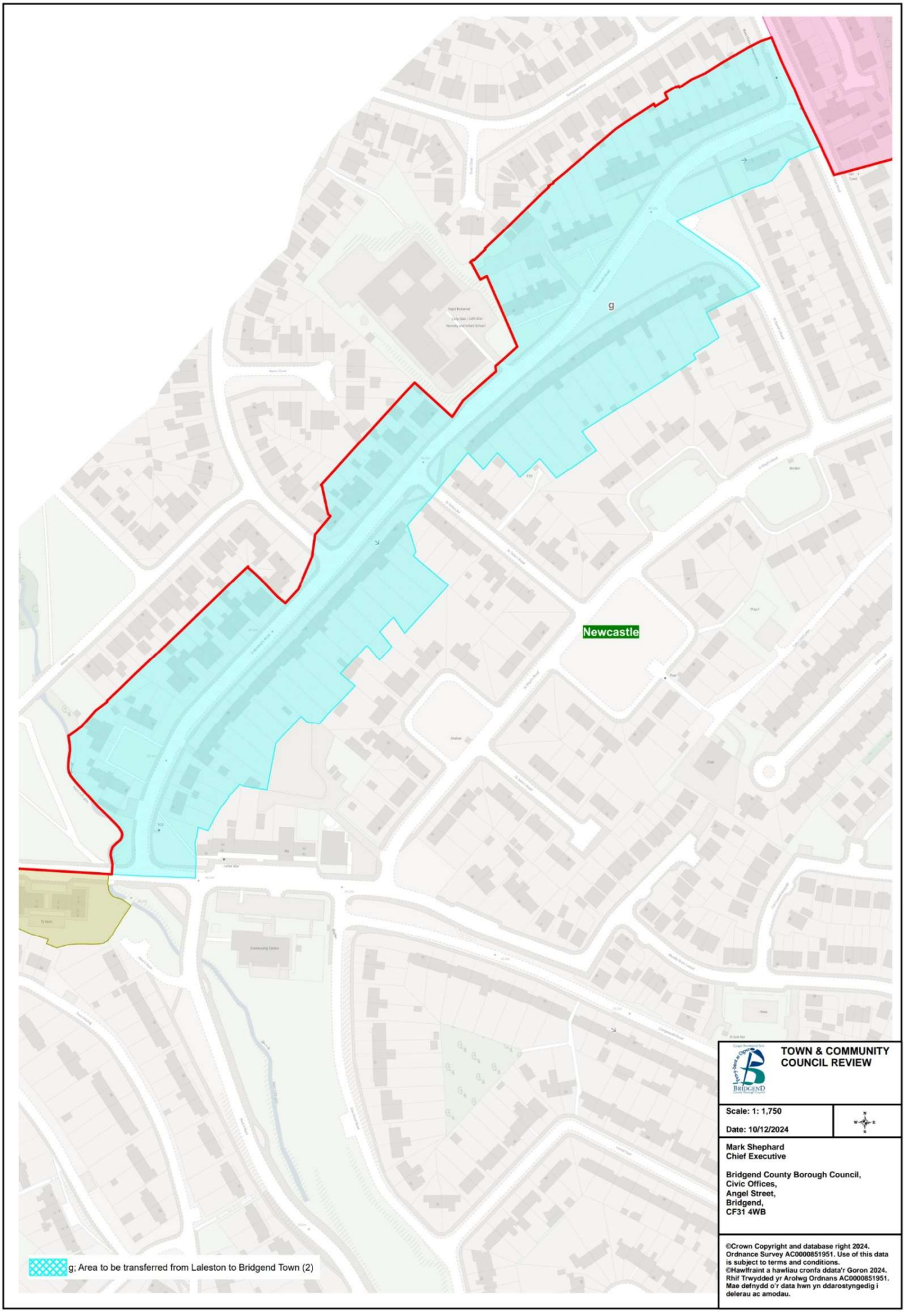
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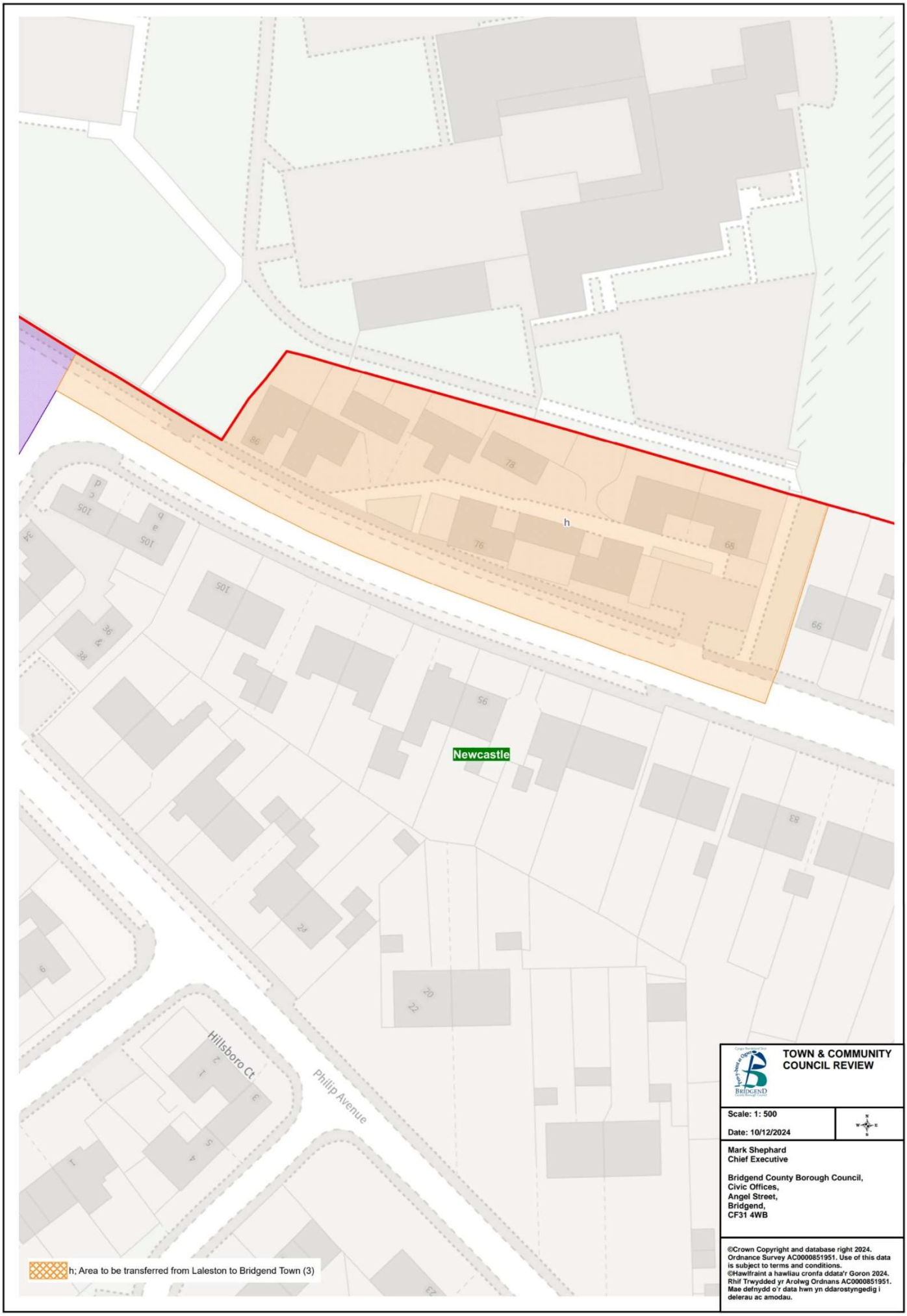
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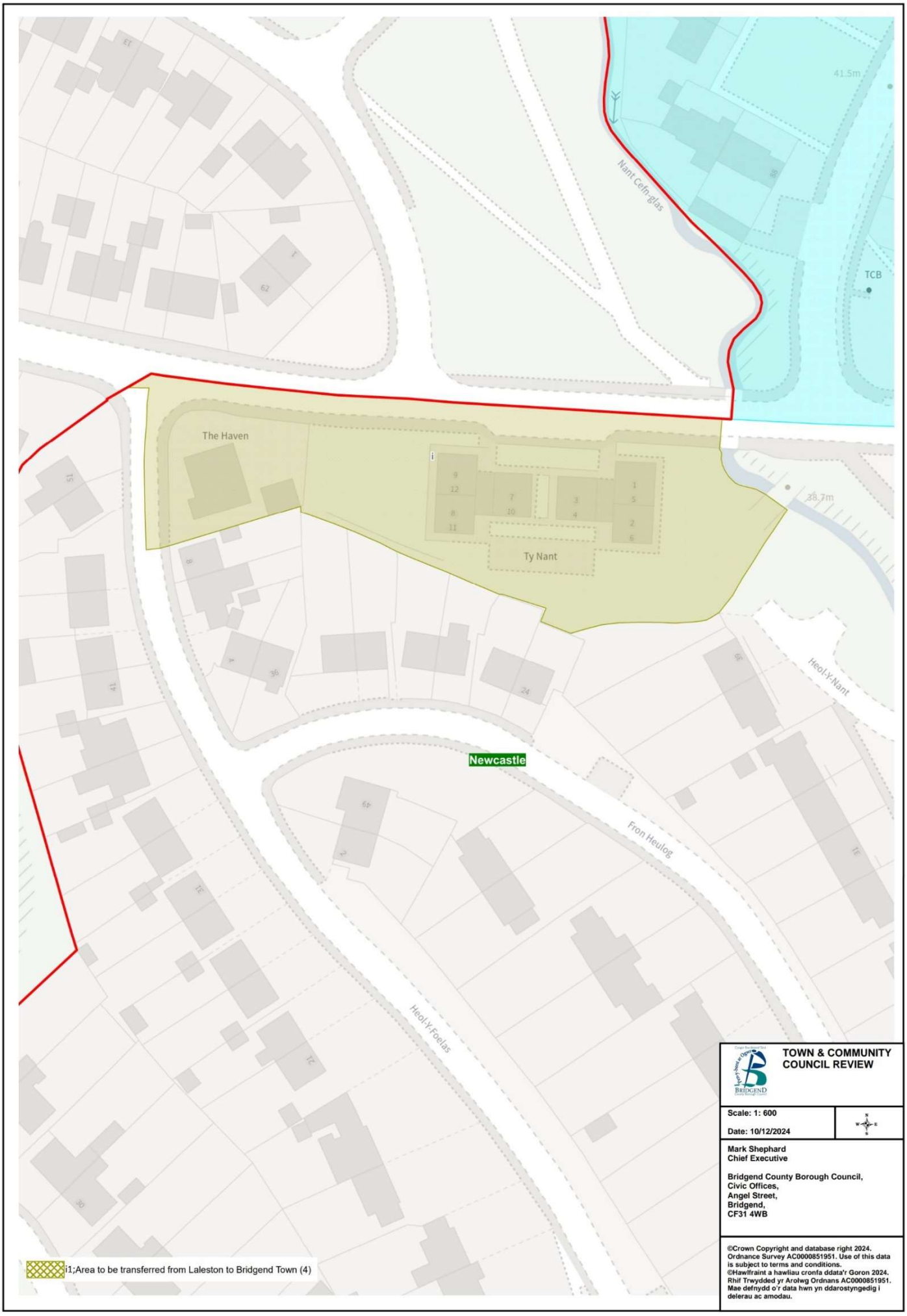
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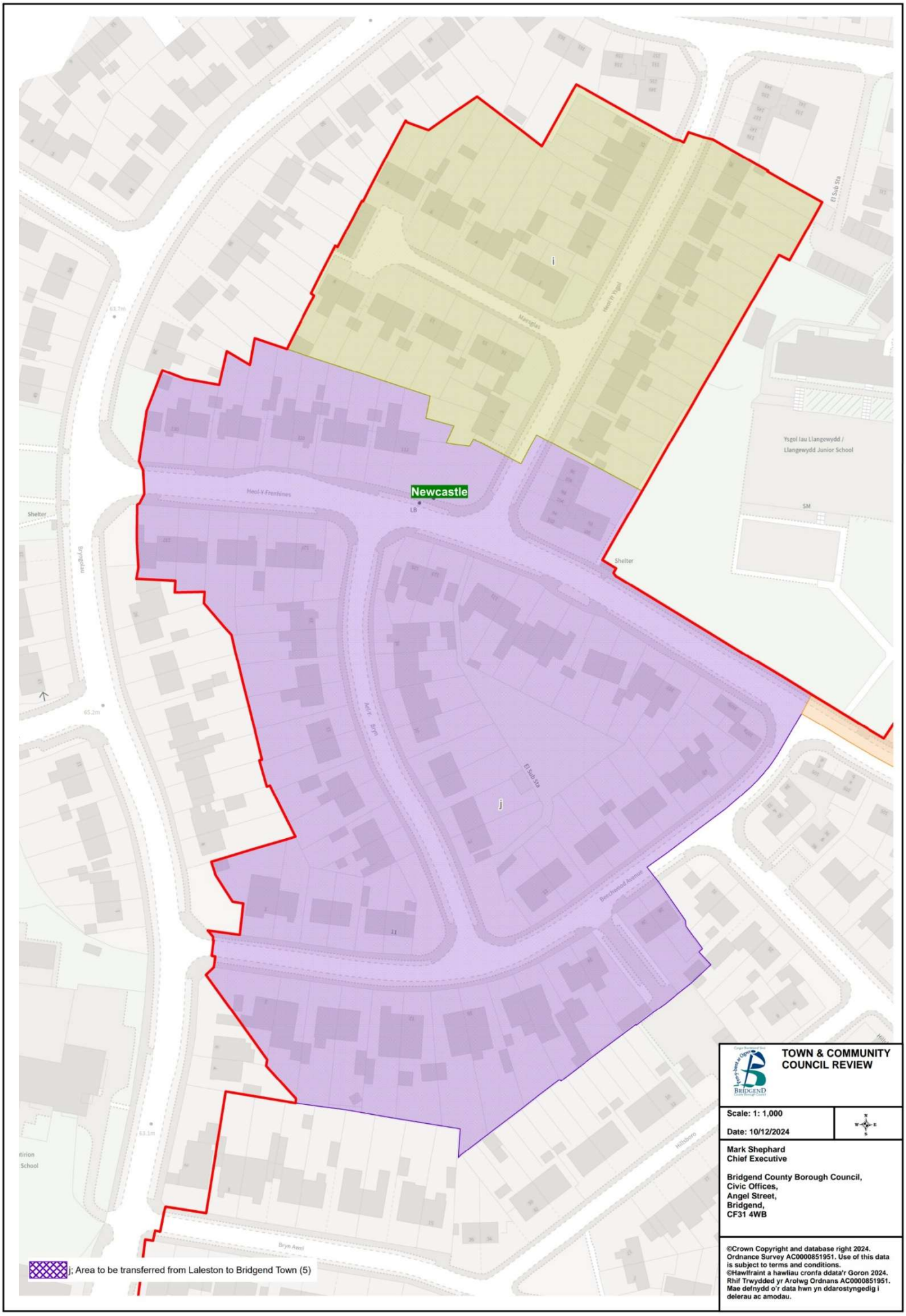
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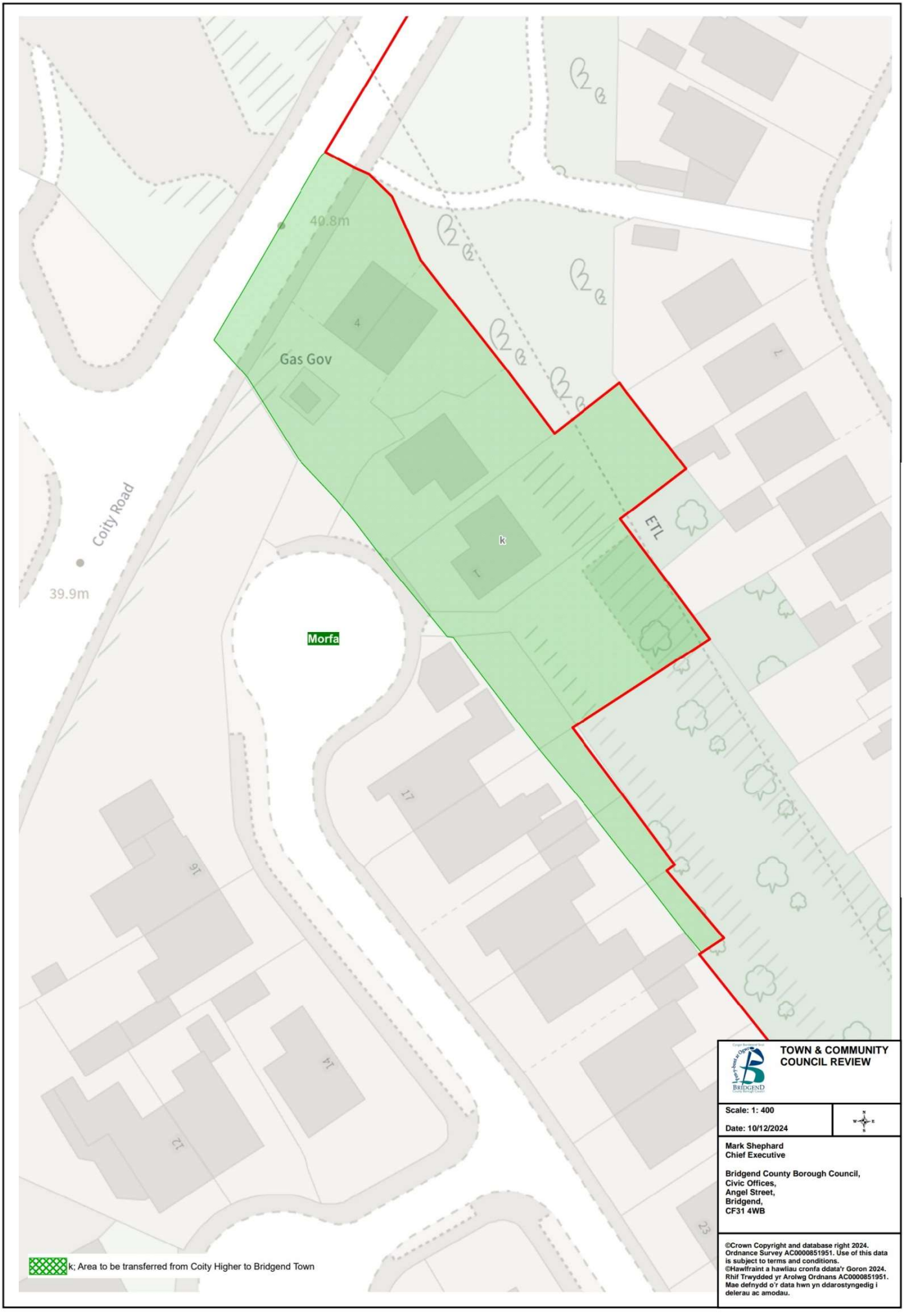
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Coity Higher to Bridgend Town



LALESTON AND MERTHYR MAWR

46. The current community council arrangements in Laleston consist of a total electorate of 10,346 and is represented by 13 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Laleston/Bryntirion	7,036	5
Cefn Glas 1	1,890	4
Cefn Glas 2	1,420	4
Total	**10,346**	**13**

47. The current community council arrangements in Merthyr Mawr consist of a total electorate of 235 and is represented by 7 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Merthyr Mawr	235	7
Total	**235**	**7**

Representations

48. The Council received 6 representations concerning the community of Merthyr Mawr and 5 representations concerning the community of Laleston.

Community ward boundary proposals

49. The Council proposes to abolish the community of Laleston and the community of Merthyr Mawr utilising the 2 areas to form the new community of Laleston. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Merthyr Mawr is an electorate of approx 1,461 and therefore does not meet the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

50. The Council proposes to apply 15 changes to the existing boundaries. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Bridgend Town to Laleston
- Laleston to Bridgend Town / Bridgend Town to Laleston
- Laleston to Porthcawl Town
- Porthcawl Town to Laleston
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (1)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (2)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (3)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (4)
- Laleston to Bridgend Town (5)
- Laleston to Newcastle Higher
- Bryntirion ward to Cefn Glas ward
- Cefn Glas ward to Bryntirion ward
- Merthyr Mawr ward to Laleston ward
- Cefn Glas 1 & 2 to Cefn Glas
- Laleston/Bryntirion to Laleston, Bryntirion and Broadlands

51. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Swn Cloch yr Eglwys, Woodridge and Cefn Glas Road (64 –86, evens only) from the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town to the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community, this affects 186 electors. The Council considers these streets to be more locally connected with Cefn Glas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 40.

52. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community that includes both the proposed development of Island Farm and the existing streets of Island Farm Road and Island Farm Close to the Oldcastle ward within Bridgend Town. This would also include the transfer of 2 properties situated on Merthyr Mawr Road. 93 electors would be affected. This change would follow New Inn Road as the new boundary between these areas. This would then also see a small transfer of farmland from Bridgend Town to the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward, affecting 0 electors. The change would then also see the Prisoner of War camp come under the responsibility of Bridgend Town Council but will not affect the boundary of the Nature Reserve, which will remain with Merthyr Mawr community. These proposals can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the maps on page 41.

53. The Council proposes to transfer the Tythegston and Stormy Down areas from the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community to Newton, using the nature reserve boundary to ensure the reserve stays within the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward. This would affect 72 electors. The Council considers the areas of Tythegeston and Stormy Down to have more local ties with Porthcawl Town. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 42.

54. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Newton to the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community, using the nature reserve boundary to ensure the entire reserve stays within the Merthyr Mawr ward. This would affect 0 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 43.

55. In line with the representations received by the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to transfer two houses; one on Oaklands Avenue, and another on Heol-y-Bardd; from Laleston community to the Newcastle ward within Bridgend Town. This will affect 3 electors and correct an anomaly, which saw these two properties fall within a different Town / community council than the rest of the street. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 44.

56. The Council proposes to transfer the street of St Winifreds Road from the Cefn Glas ward of Laleston community to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town, Cefn Glas Infants School will remain within the Cefn Glas ward. This change would affect 143 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 45.

57. The Council proposes to transfer the even numbered properties (68 – 86) of Heol y Frenhines from the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community council, to the Newcastle ward within Bridgend Town, this would affect 15 electors. This would then ensure that the entire street of Heol y Frenhines would then sit within one community. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 46.

58. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Maesglas, Heol yr Ysgol and Ty Nant from the Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community council to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town, this would affect 66 electors. Llangewydd Junior School will remain in the ward of Cefn Glas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on pages 47 and 48.

59. The Council proposes to transfer the streets: Ael y Bryn, Beechwood Avenue and the remaining section of Heol y Frenhines (up to the street, Bryngolau) from the Laleston/Bryntirion ward to the Newcastle ward of Bridgend Town, affecting 143 electors. This would then ensure that the entire street of Heol y Frenhines would then sit within one community. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 49.

60. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Laleston situated near Court Coleman to the Pen-y-fai ward of Newcastle Higher. The Council considers this area to have stronger links with Pen-y-fai and would be better aligned to sit within Newcastle Higher. This would affect 10 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 50.

61. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Maes y Rhedyn, Tal Garreg, Cwrt Carreg and Trem y Berllan from the Bryntirion ward to the proposed Cefn Glas ward within Laleston community council. The access for these streets is situated within the Cefn Glas ward, and therefore has closer ties with this specific ward. This would affect 335 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 51.

62. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Westward Place, Westward Close and Llangewydd Road (201 – 251, odds only) from the Cefn Glas ward to the proposed Bryntirion ward within Laleston community council. This would affect 243 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 52.

63. The Council proposes to transfer a number of properties (Rosedale, Danygarn, Argraig and Tycoed) situated near High Street in Laleston from Merthyr Mawr to the proposed Laleston ward within Laleston community council. The access for these properties falls within Laleston, and they would therefore be more appropriately aligned with the Laleston ward. This would affect 13 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39 and in greater detail on the map on page 53.

64. The Council proposes to abolish the current wards of Cefn Glas 1 and Cefn Glas 2, utilising the areas to create the new ward of Cefn Glas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39.

65. The Council proposes to abolish the current ward of Laleston/Bryntirion, utilising the area to create the 3 new wards of Laleston, Bryntirion and Broadlands. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39.

66. As a result of these proposals, the electorate of the proposed community of Laleston would decrease to 10,224.

Proposed Names

67. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Laleston and the Welsh community name of Trelales. The Council is of the view that Laleston, being the larger and more recognisable name included in the proposals, this name be assigned to the new combined community area.

68. The Council proposes single community council ward name of Broadlands.

69. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Bryntirion.

70. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Cefn Glas.

71. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Laleston and the Welsh community council ward name of Trelales.

72. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Merthyr Mawr.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

73. The proposed community council arrangements in Laleston will consist of a total electorate of 10,224 and be represented by 15 community councillors.

74. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

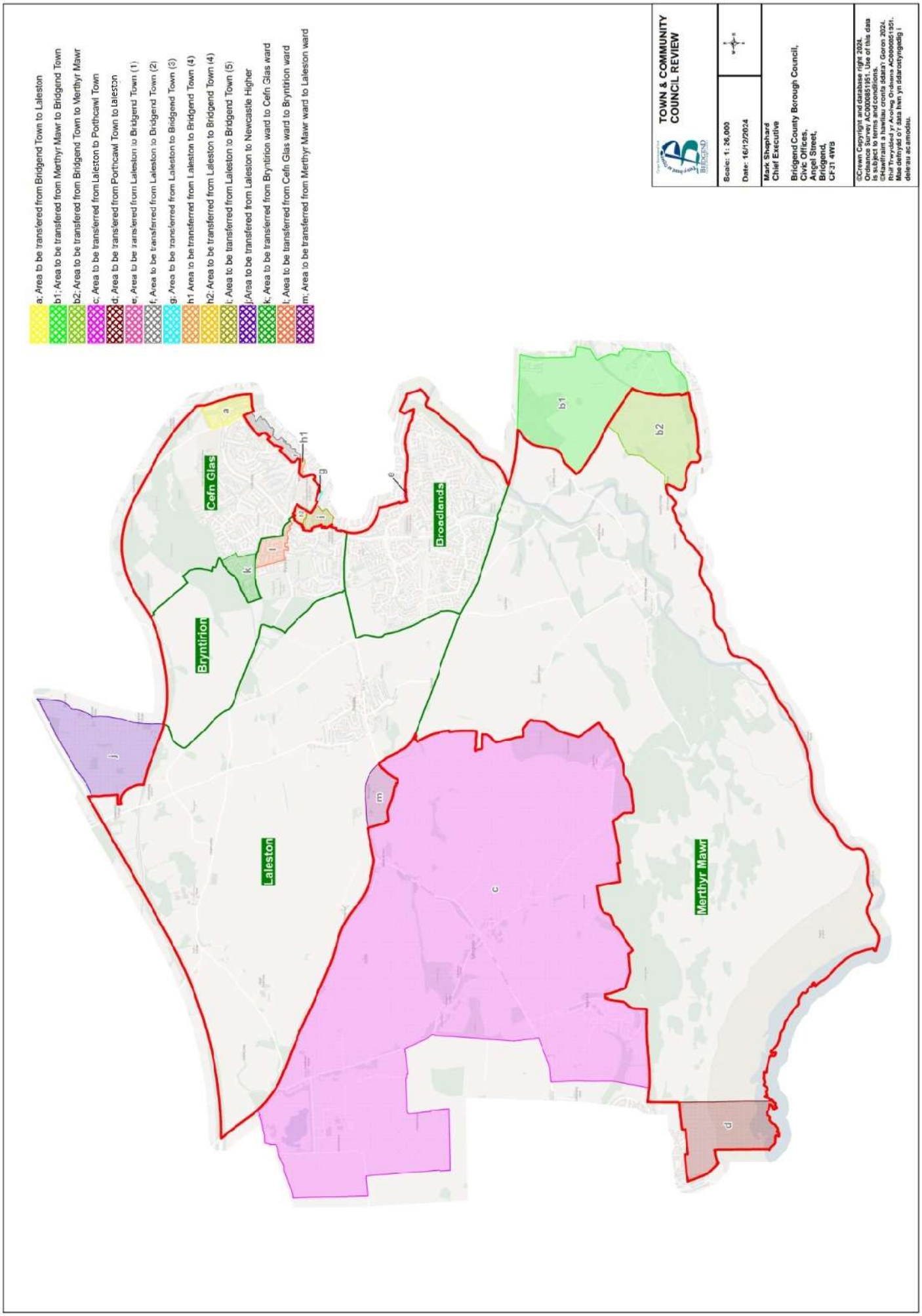
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	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Broadlands					4,764	6	794	16%
Bryntirion					1,354	2	677	-1%
Cefn Glas					3,358	5	672	-1%
Cefn Glas 1	1,890	4	473	-11%				
Cefn Glas 2	1,420	4	355	-33%				
Laleston					691	1	691	1%
Laleston/Bryntirion	7,036	5	1,407	166%				
Merthyr Mawr	235	7	34	-94%	57	1	57	-92%
Total	**10,581**	**20**	**529**		**10,224**	**15**	**682**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 15, which is a decrease of 5 from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

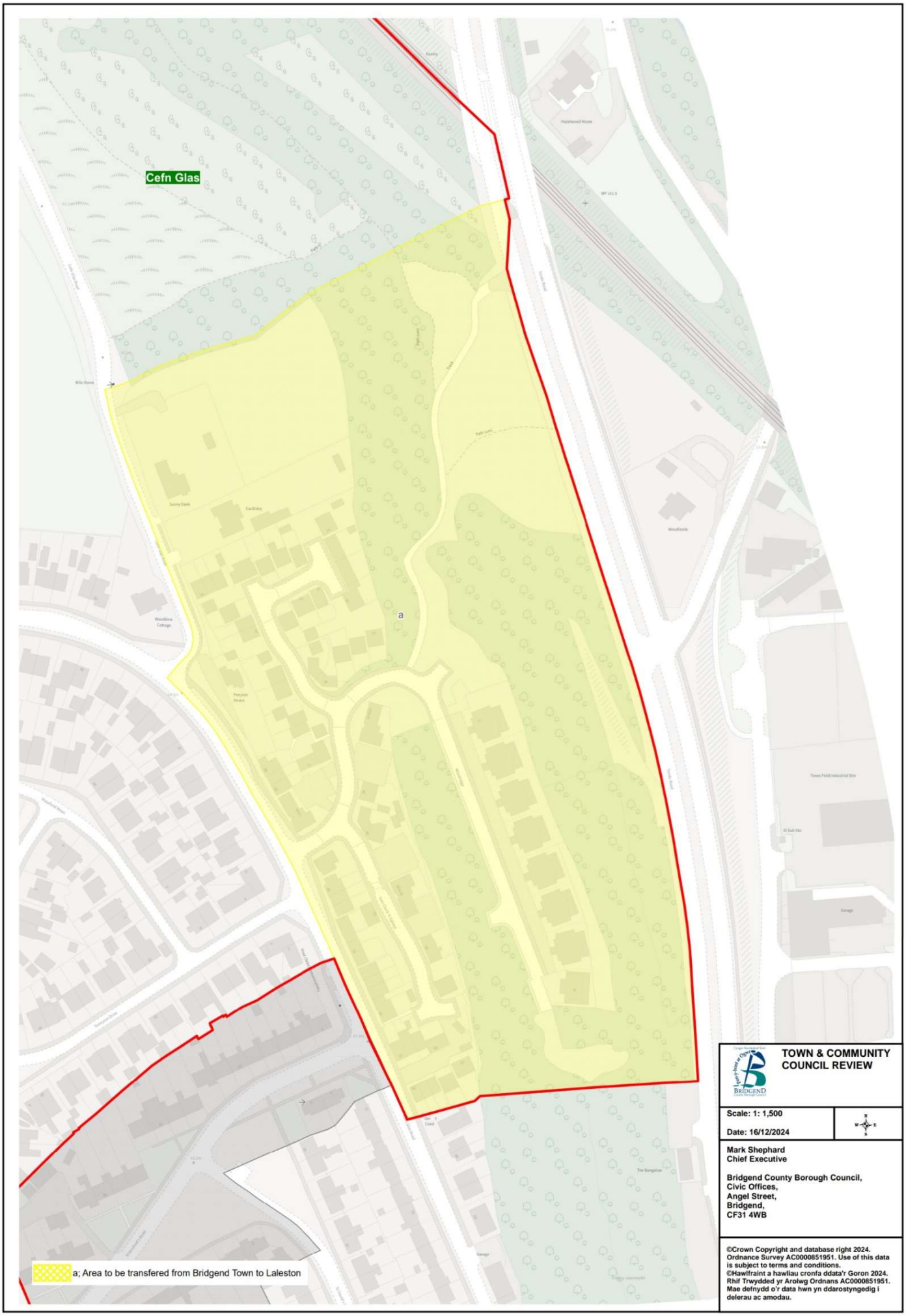
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

75. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales.

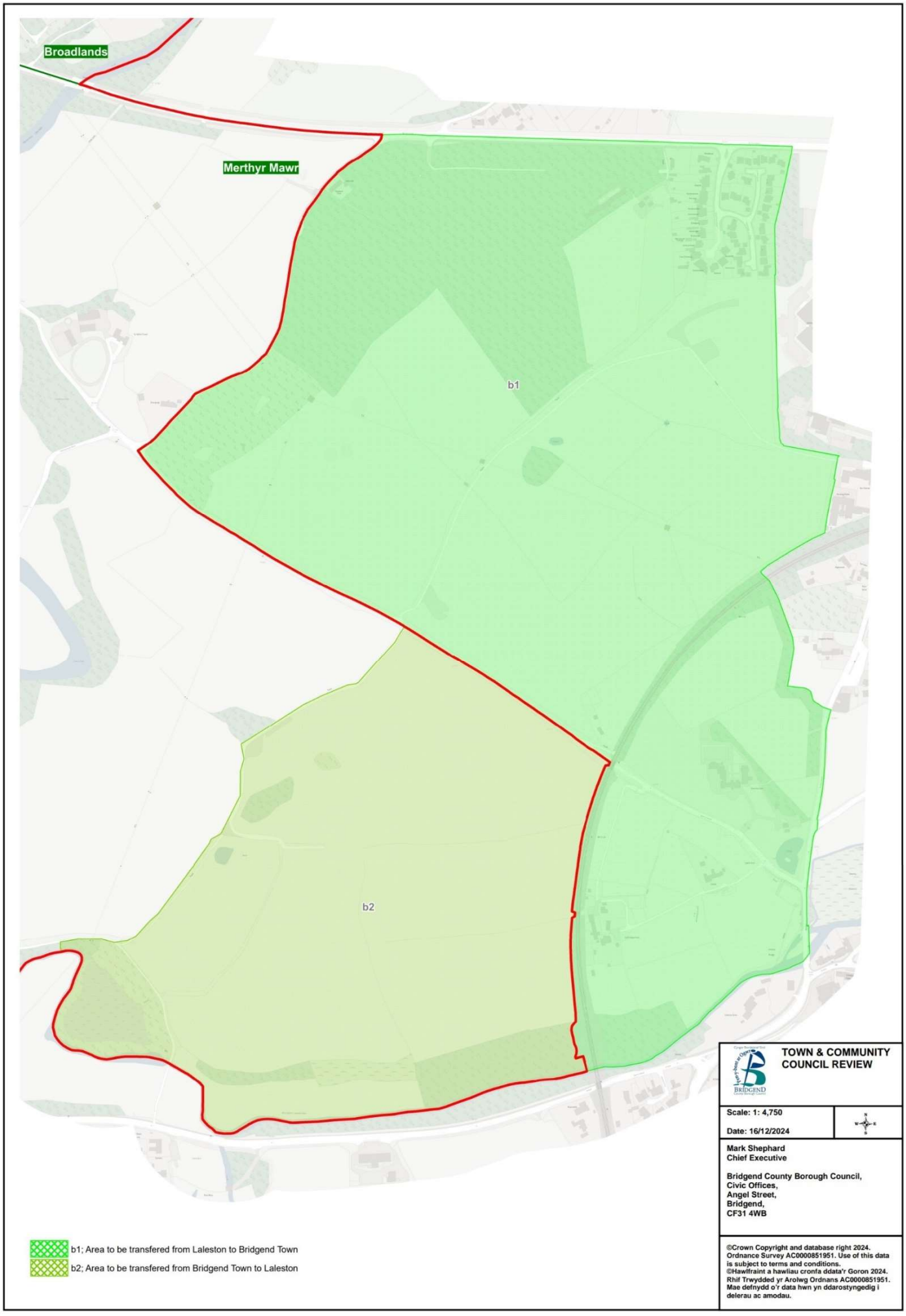
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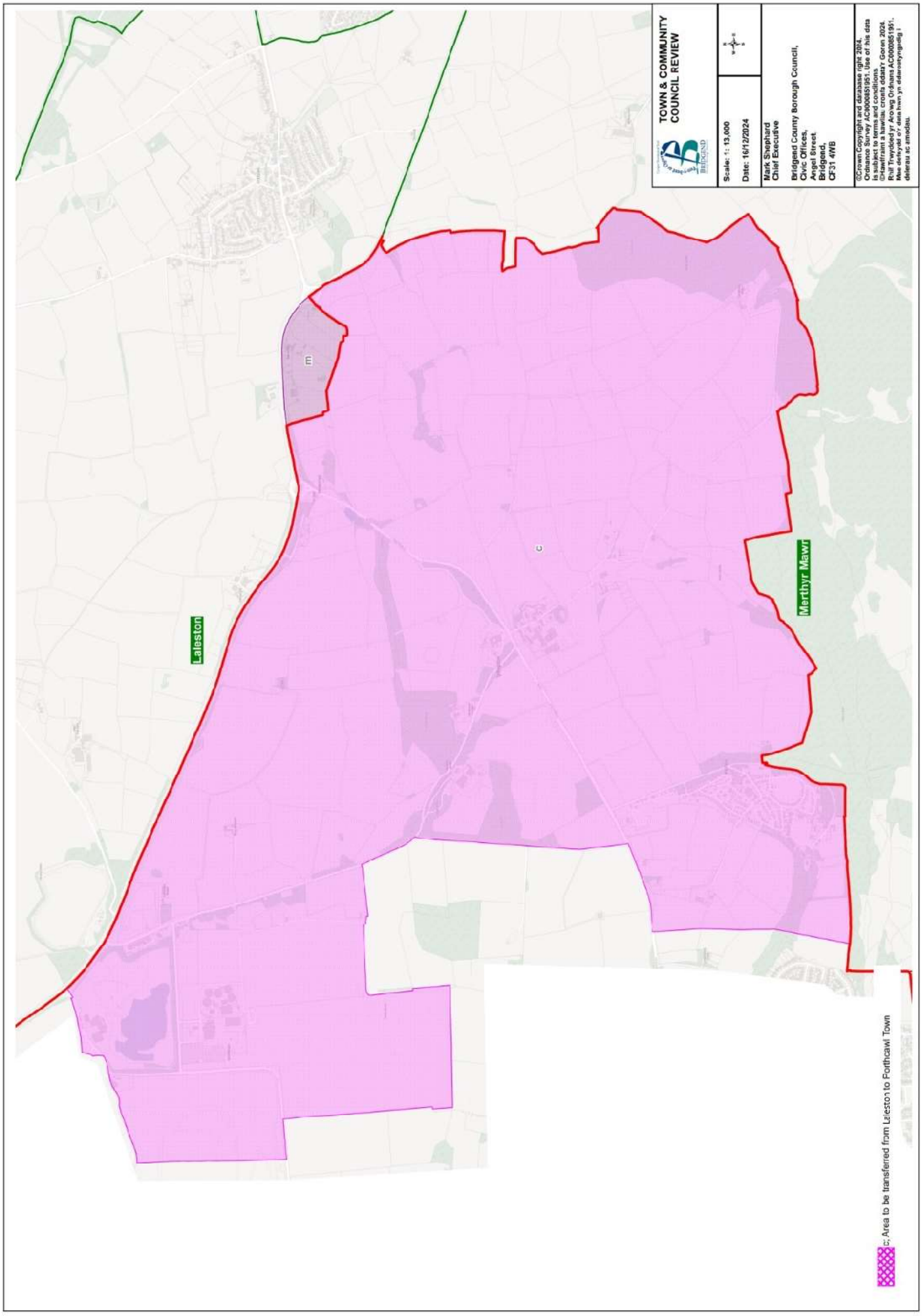
Bridgend Town to Laleston



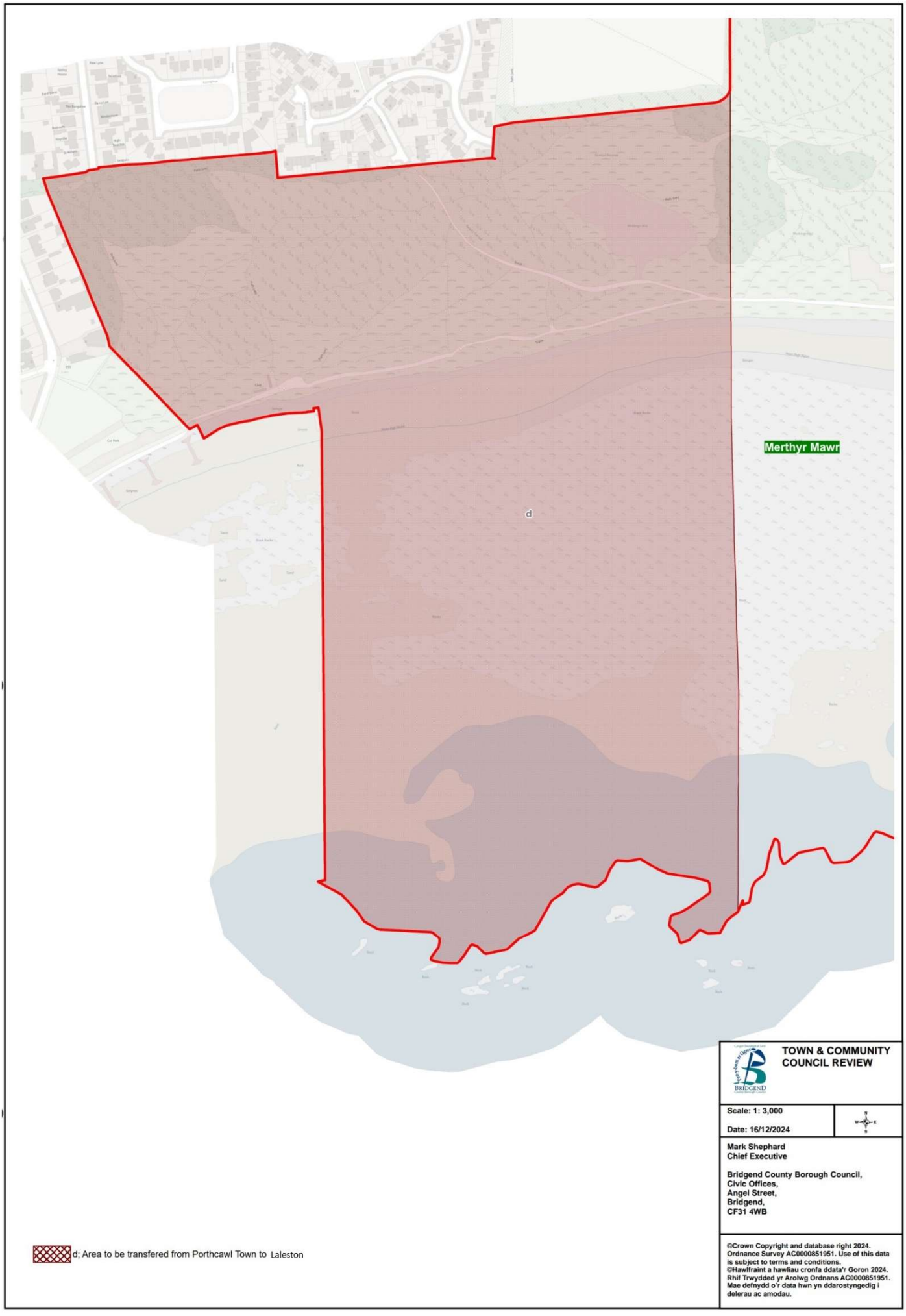
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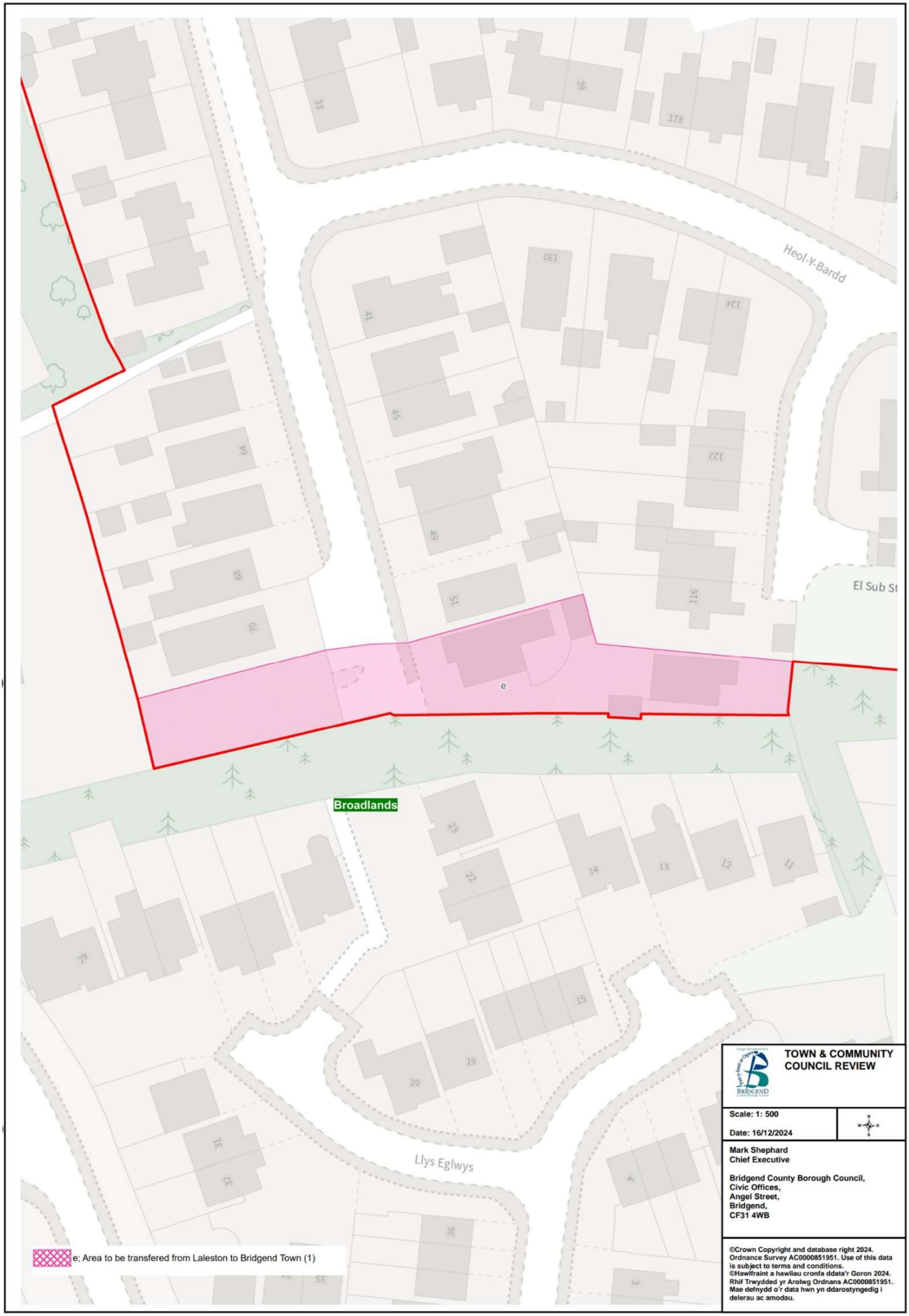
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Porthcawl Town to Laleston



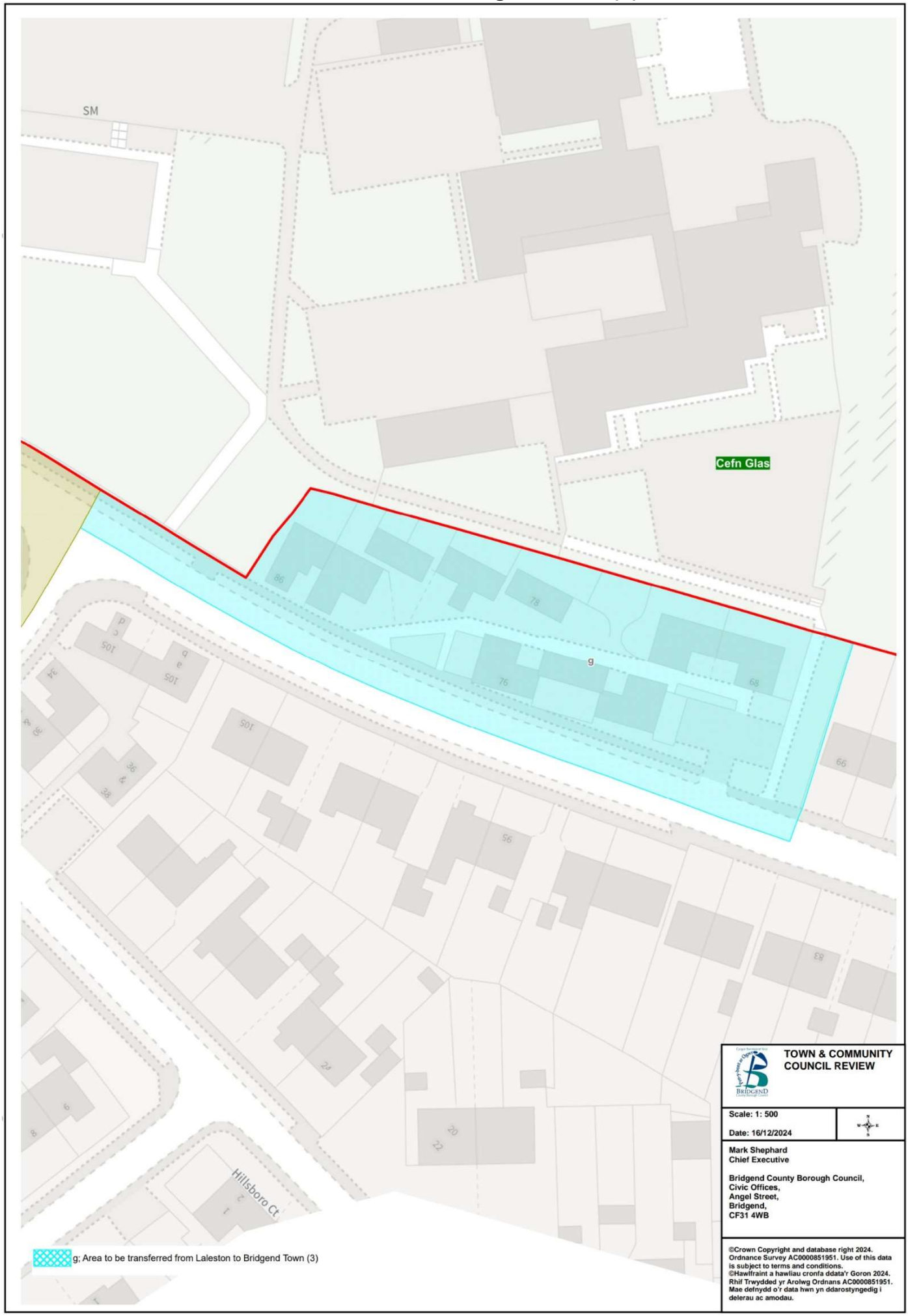
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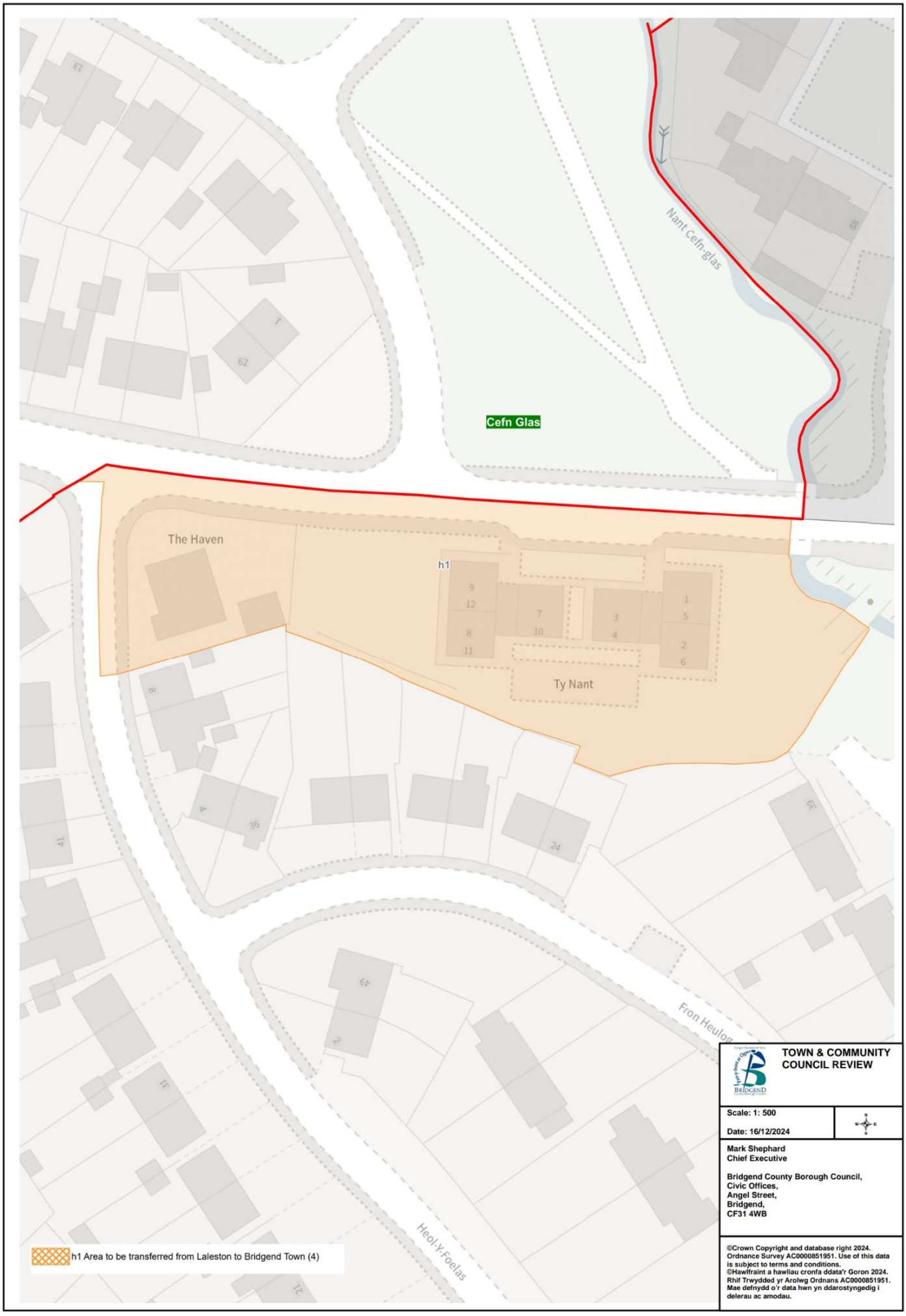
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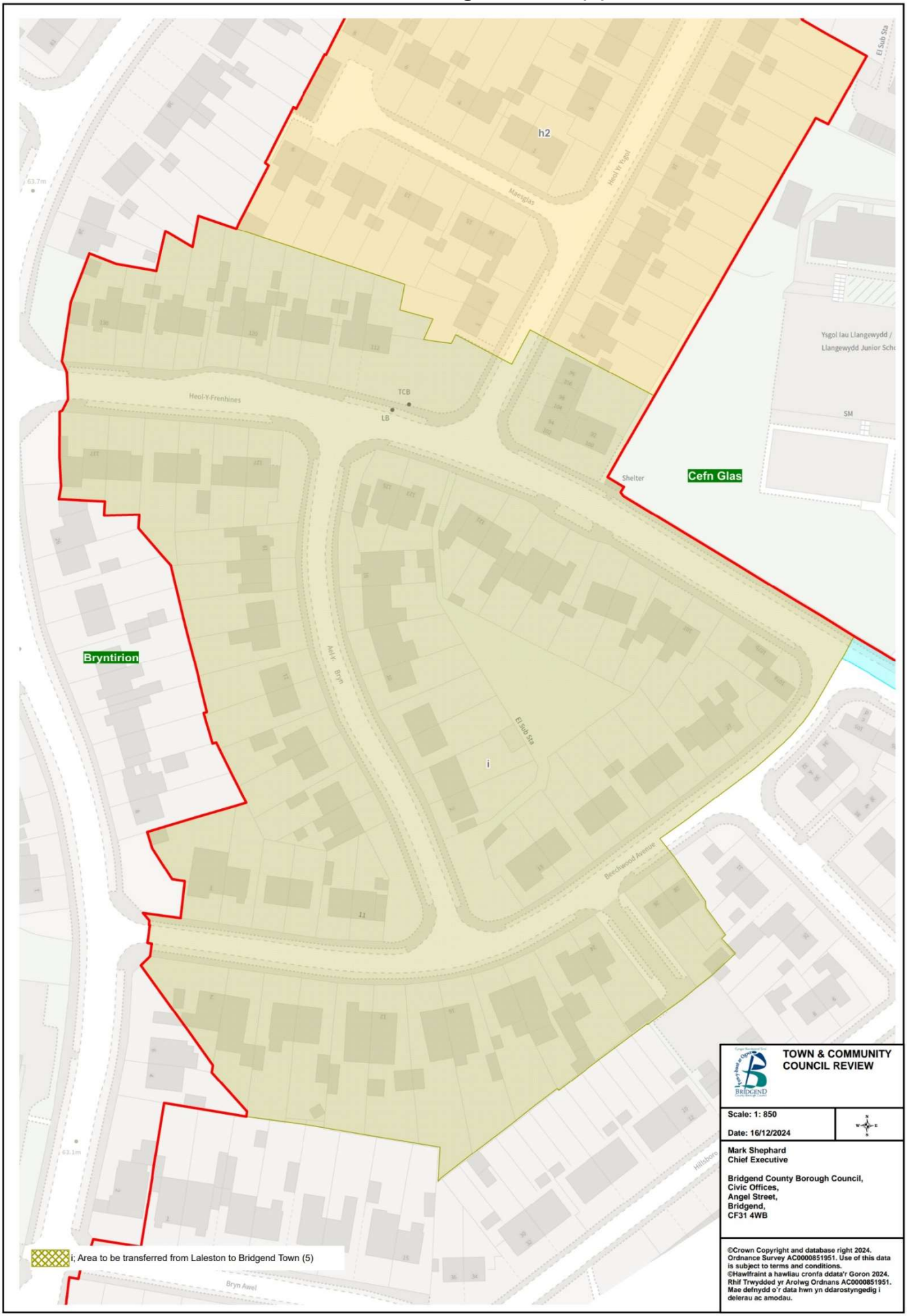
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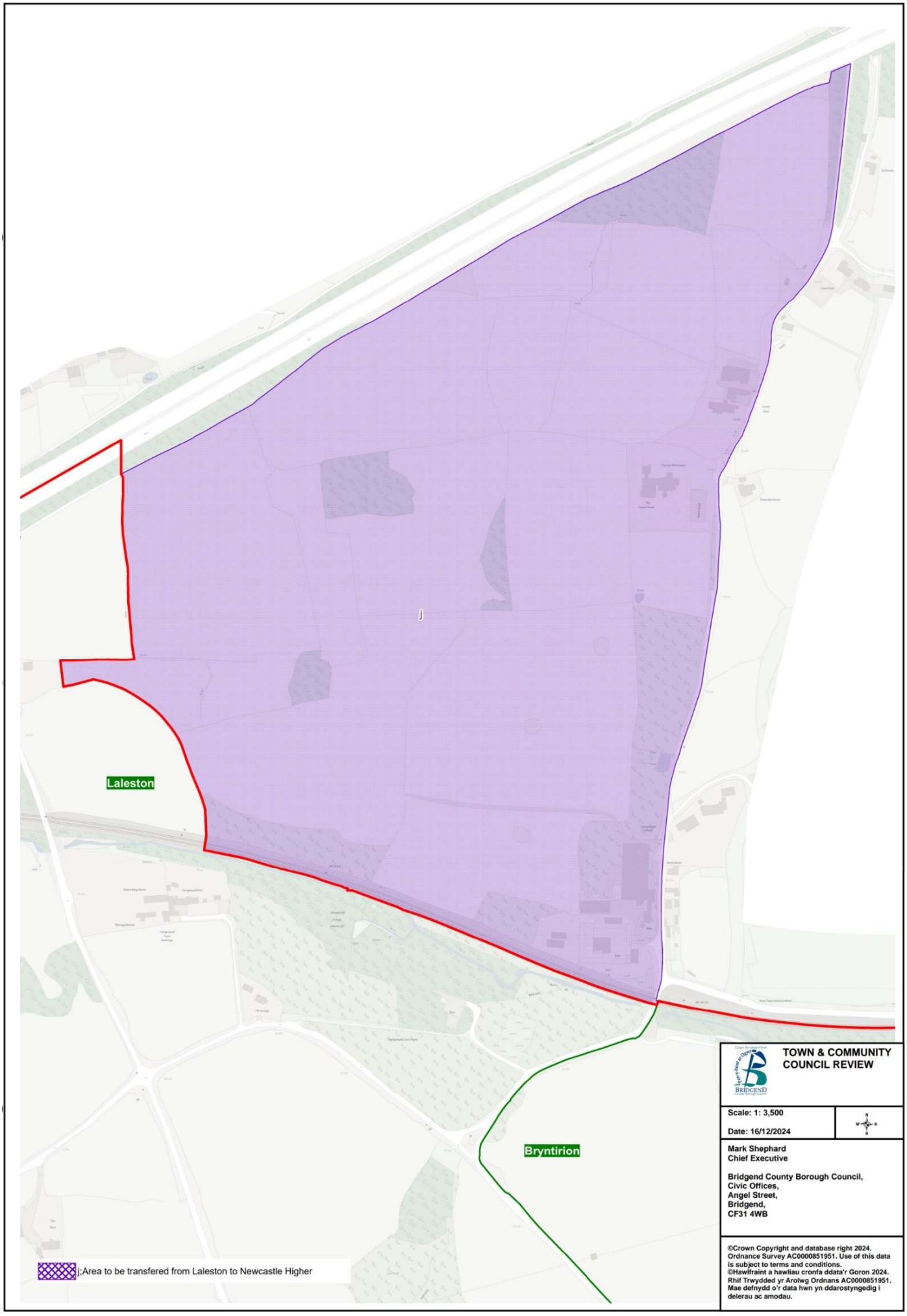
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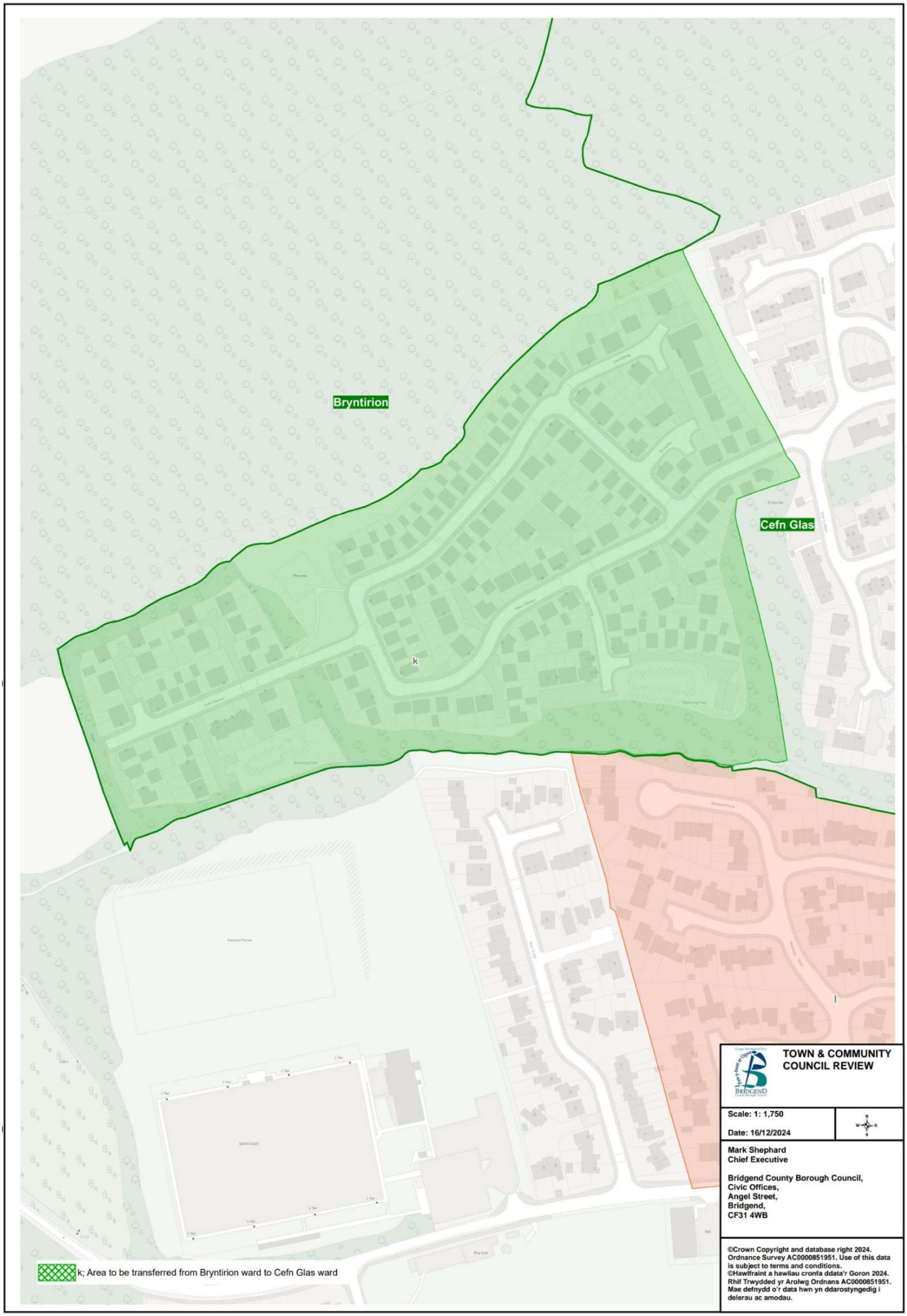
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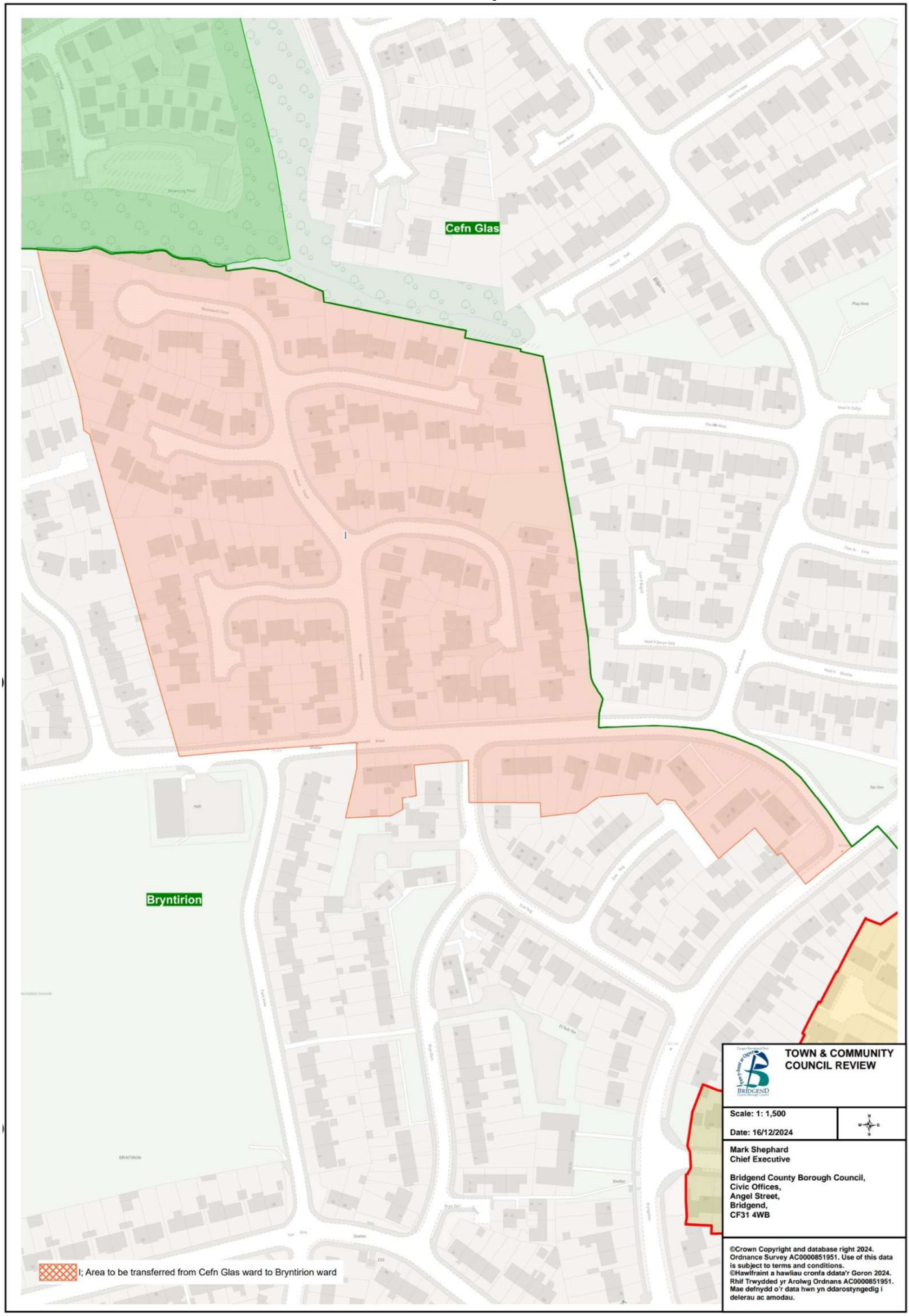
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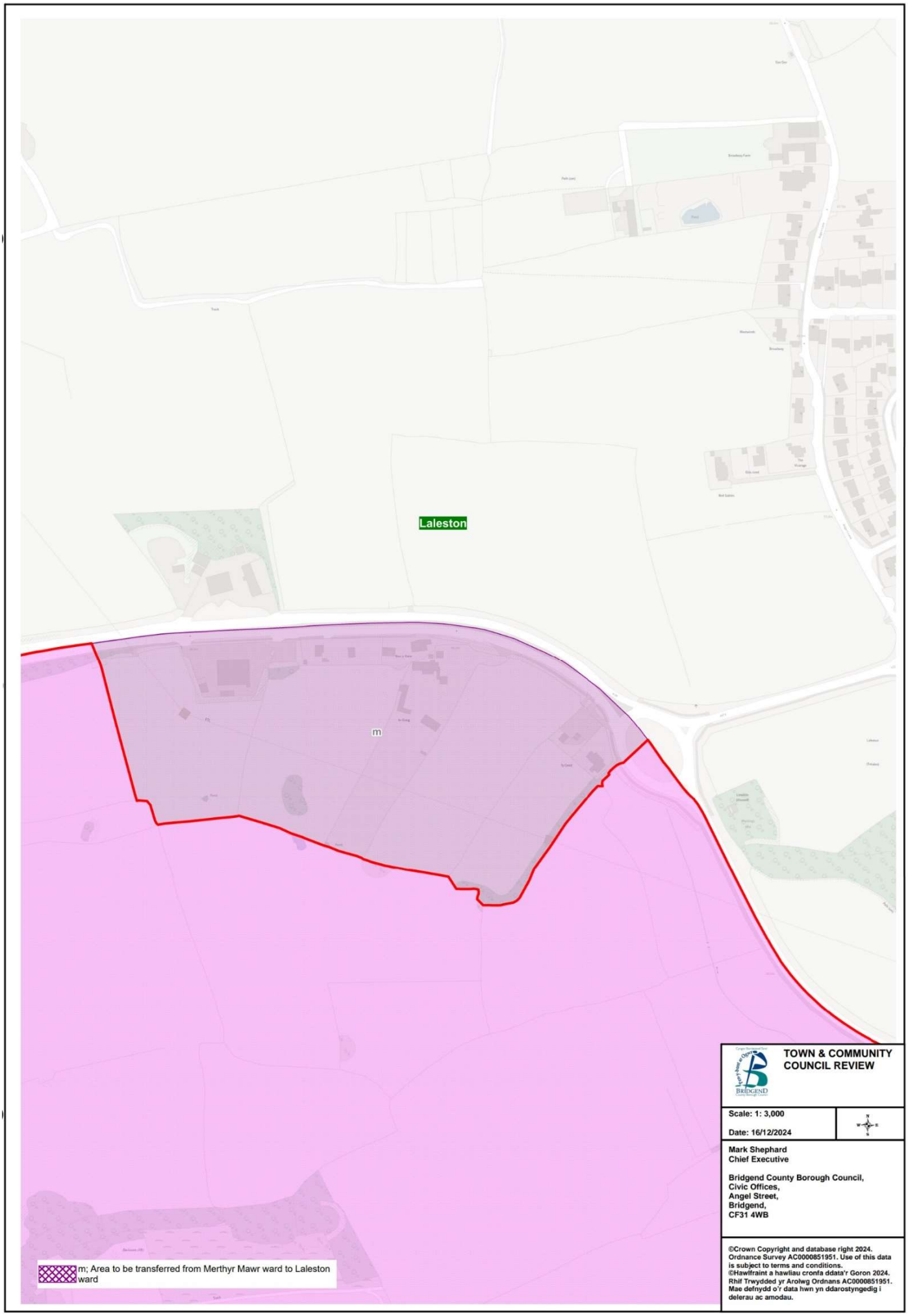
Bryntirion ward to Cefn Glas ward



Cefn Glas ward to Bryntirion ward



Merthyr Mawr ward to Laleston ward



COITY HIGHER

76. The current community council arrangements in Coity Higher consist of a total electorate of 7,886 and is represented by 13 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Coity	3,794	6
Litchard	2,210	4
Pendre	1,882	3
Total	**7,886**	**13**

Representations

77. The Council received 4 representations concerning the community of Coity.

Community ward boundary proposals

78. The Council proposes to apply 8 changes to the existing ward boundaries: -

- Litchard ward to Coity ward
- Llansantffraid to Coity Higher (1)
- Llansantffraid to Coity Higher (2)
- Coity Higher to Bridgend Town
- Coity Higher to Brackla
- Pencoed Town to Coity Higher
- Coity Higher to Llansantffraid
- Coity Higher to Pencoed Town

79. The Council proposes to transfer the streets Llys y Ddraenen Wen, Clos Coed y Castan, Bryn Eirlys, Heol Stradling and Clos yr Eryr that are currently either partly or wholly in Litchard to fall under in Coity, using the main road as the boundary. This would affect 491 electors. Due to the development between these wards, many of these streets currently fall across two wards – Litchard and Coity. These changes will correct such anomalies and ensure no elector confusion. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 58.

80. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Llansantffraid and the community of Coity Higher. The Council proposes to transfer the area south of the M4 from the ward of Sarn to the ward of Litchard. This proposal affects 32 electors in the Pen-y-cae area. The Council considers this area to have closer links with Coity Higher than Llansantffraid due to the divide the M4 currently creates and is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 59.

81. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Llansantffraid and the community of Coity Higher. The Council proposes to transfer the area south of the M4 from the ward of Bryncoch to the ward of Coity. This affects 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on pages 60 and 61.

82. The Council proposes to transfer the street Ger y Bont from Pendre Ward of Coity Higher to the Morfa Ward of Bridgend Town, this would affect 7 electors. The access for these properties currently falls within Bridgend Town, and the Council considers this area to be more aligned with Bridgend Town. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 62.

83. The council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Brackla community and proposed Coity Higher community. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of Brackla Industrial Estate within the Brackla community and the whole of the Litchard Industrial Estate within the Coity Higher community, affecting 0 electors. The council

proposes to split the Brackla Industrial between the proposed wards of Brackla West and Brackla East, to provide a clear boundary by utilising the Main Avenue and Heol Ffladau Streets and taking into consideration the future proposed development which appear within the Local Development Plan (LDP). As highlighted in the representations received, Brackla Bunkers, due to historical connections, would then also be transferred from the community of Coity Higher to the community of Brackla. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on pages 63 and 64.

84. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the Town of Pencoed. The existing boundary bisects a commercial farm between the 2 community areas. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of the commercial farm within the Coity Higher community. This proposal affects 0 electors. The Commission is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 65.

85. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the community of Llansantffraid. The existing boundary bisects a farm known as 'Parc Ddu Farm' between the 2 community areas. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of Parc Ddu Farm within the Llansantffraid community. This proposal affects 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 66.

86. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the Town of Pencoed by transferring several isolated properties from the community of Coity Higher to the Town of Pencoed. As the primary access for these properties is situated within the proposed Hendre ward. This affects 11 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 57 and in greater detail on the map on page 67.

87. As a result of these proposals, the electorate of the proposed community of Coity Higher would increase to 7,898.

Proposed Names

88. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Coity Higher and the Welsh community name of Coety Uchaf.

89. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community ward of Coity and the Welsh community council ward name of Coety.

90. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community ward of Litchard and the Welsh community council ward name of Llidiard

91. The Council proposes to retain the single community council ward name of Pendre.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

92. The proposed community council arrangements in Coity Higher will consist of a total electorate of 7,898 and be represented by 12 community councillors.

93. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

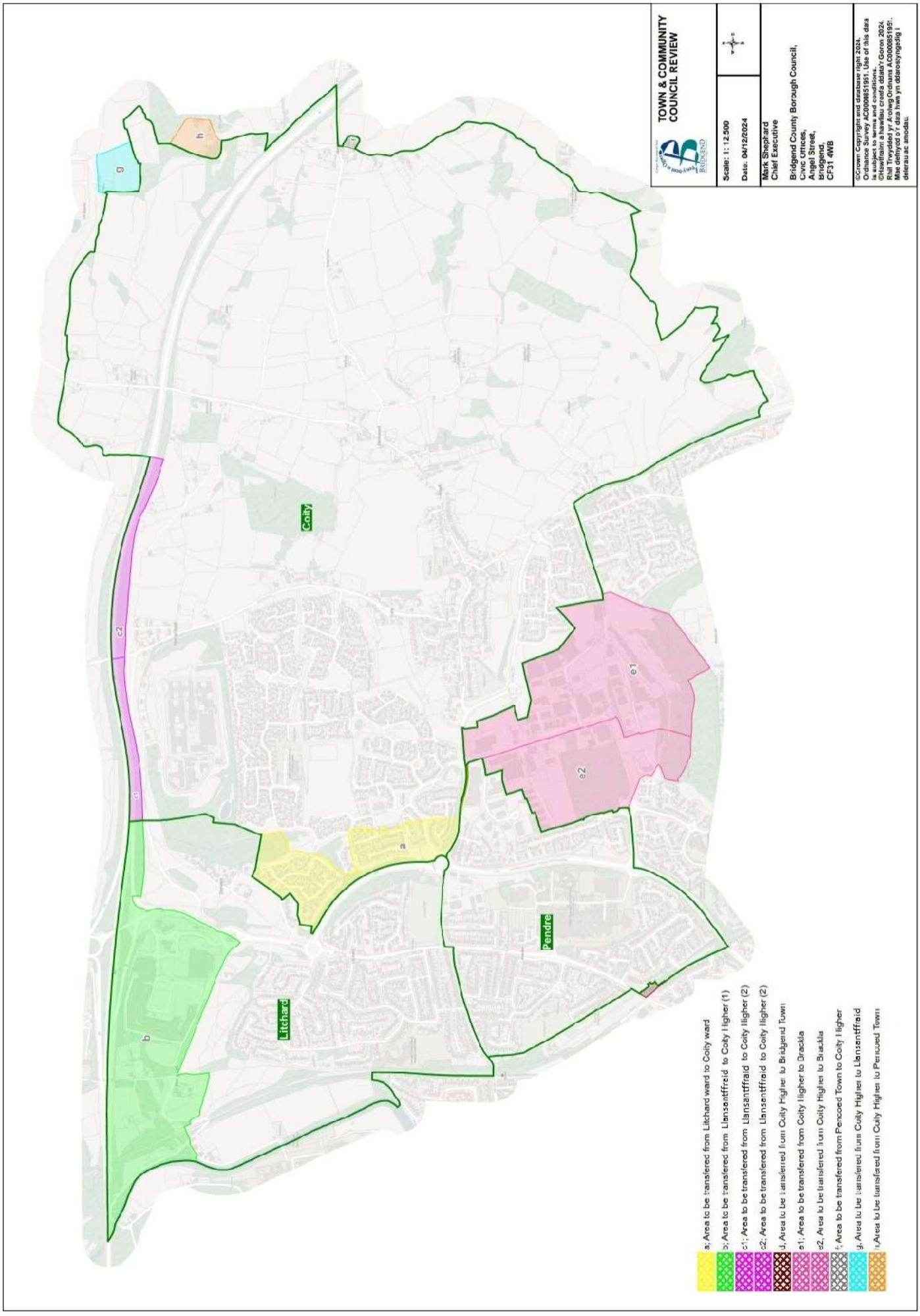
	Coity Higher Community Council							
	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Coity	3,794	6	632	4%	4,273	6	712	8%
Litchard	2,210	4	553	-9%	1,750	3	583	-11%
Pendre	1,882	3	627	3%	1,875	3	625	-5%
Total	**7,886**	**13**	**607**		**7,898**	**12**	**658**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 12, which is a decrease of 1 from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

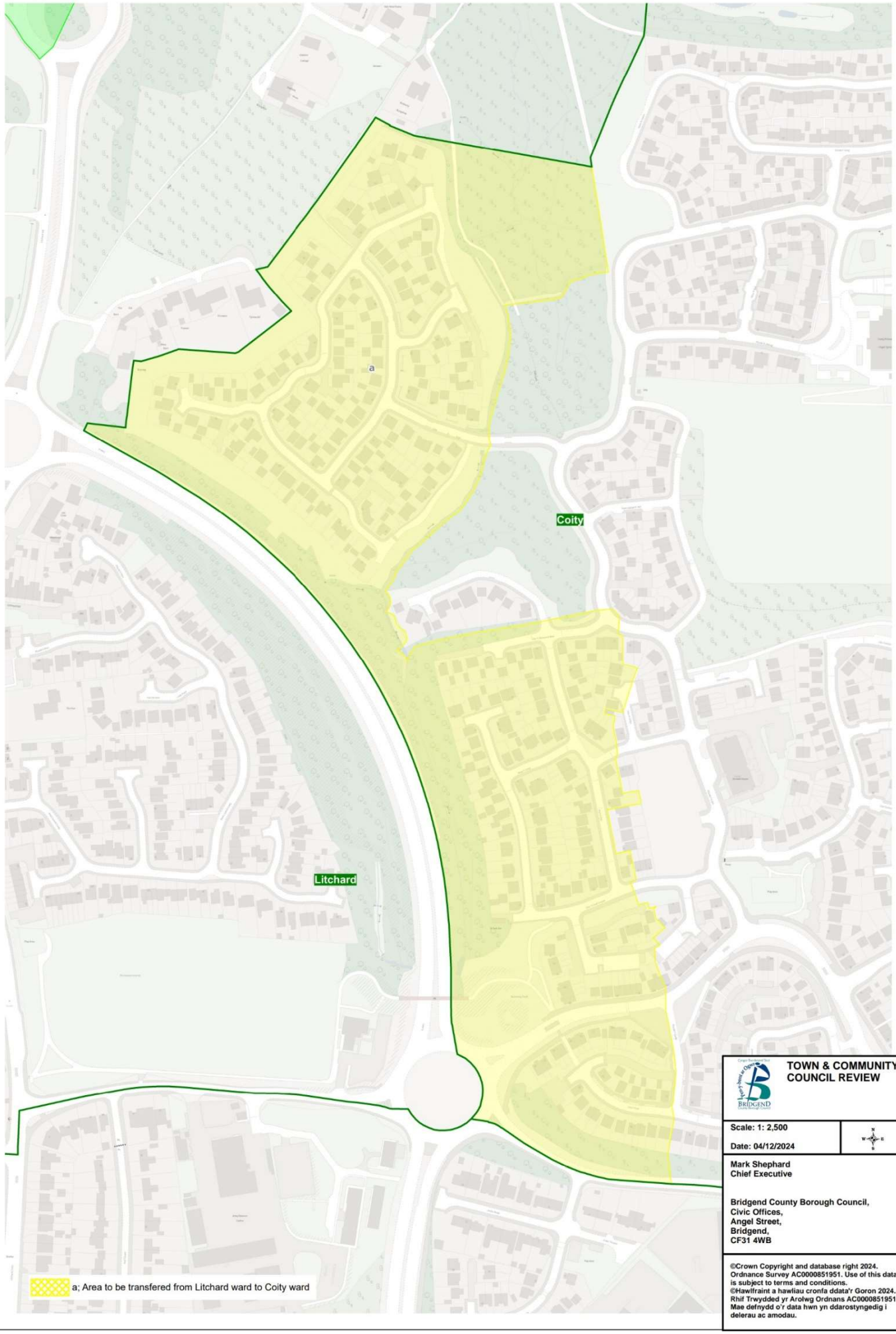
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

94. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Coity Higher Community



Litchard ward to Coity ward



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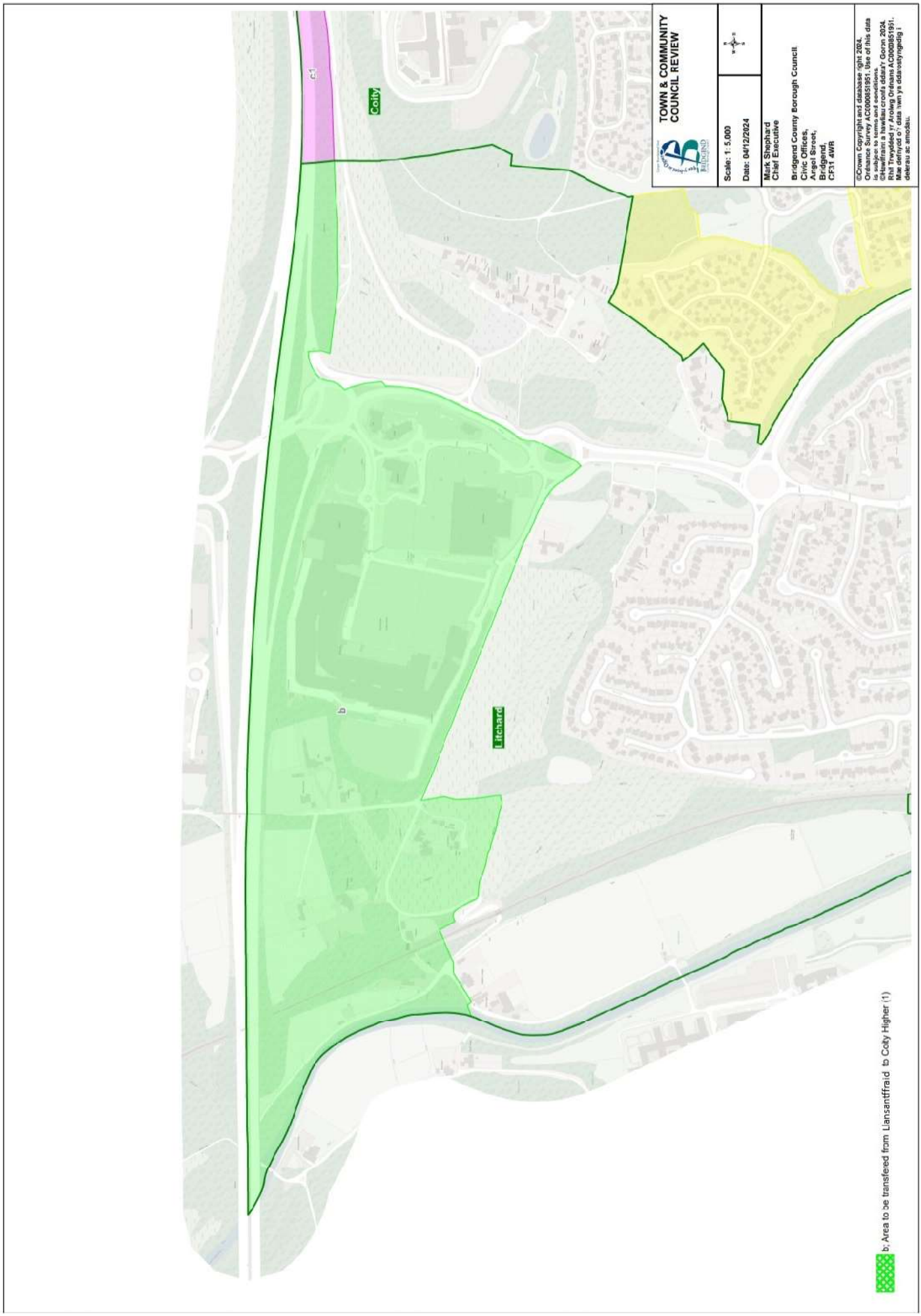
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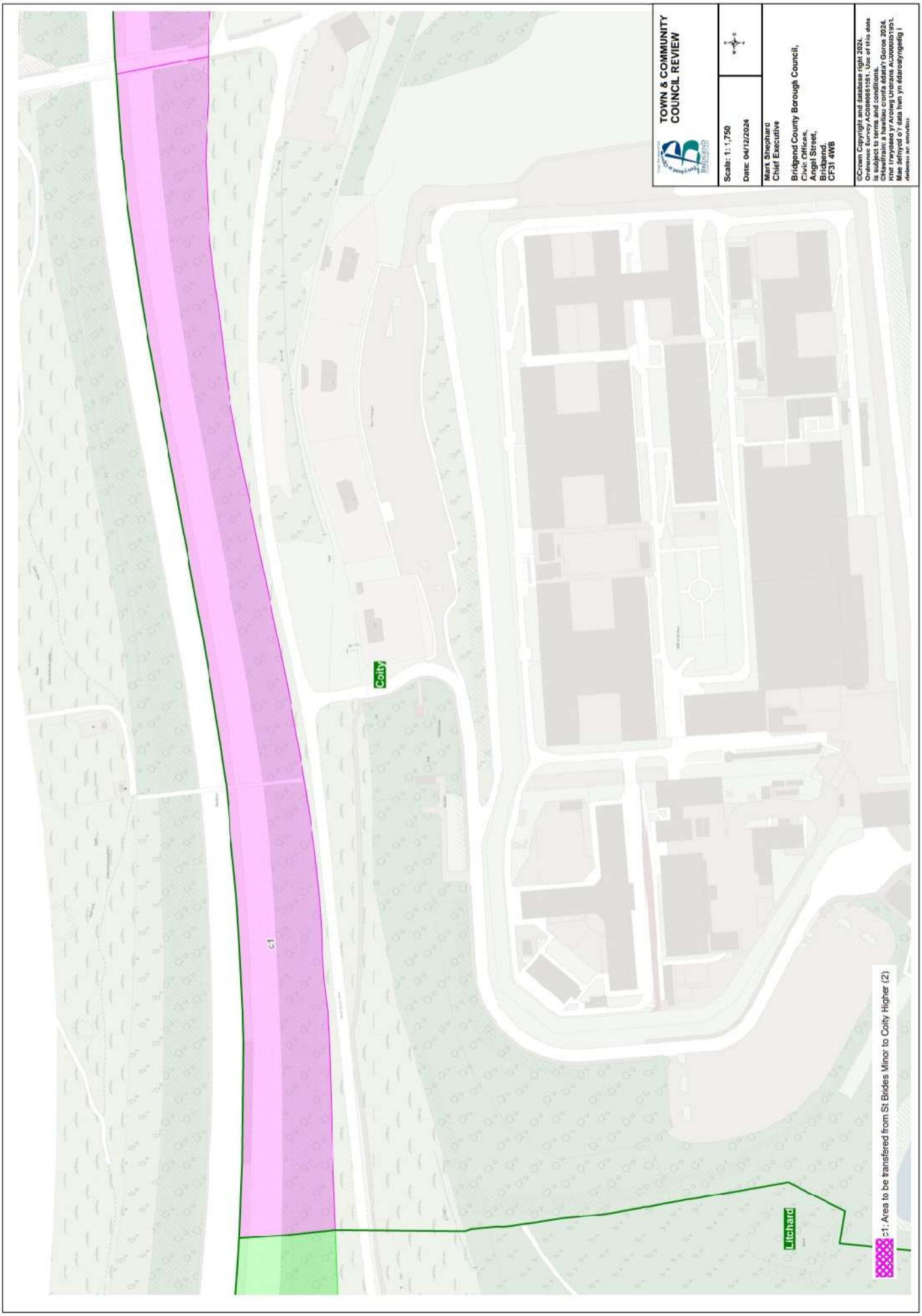
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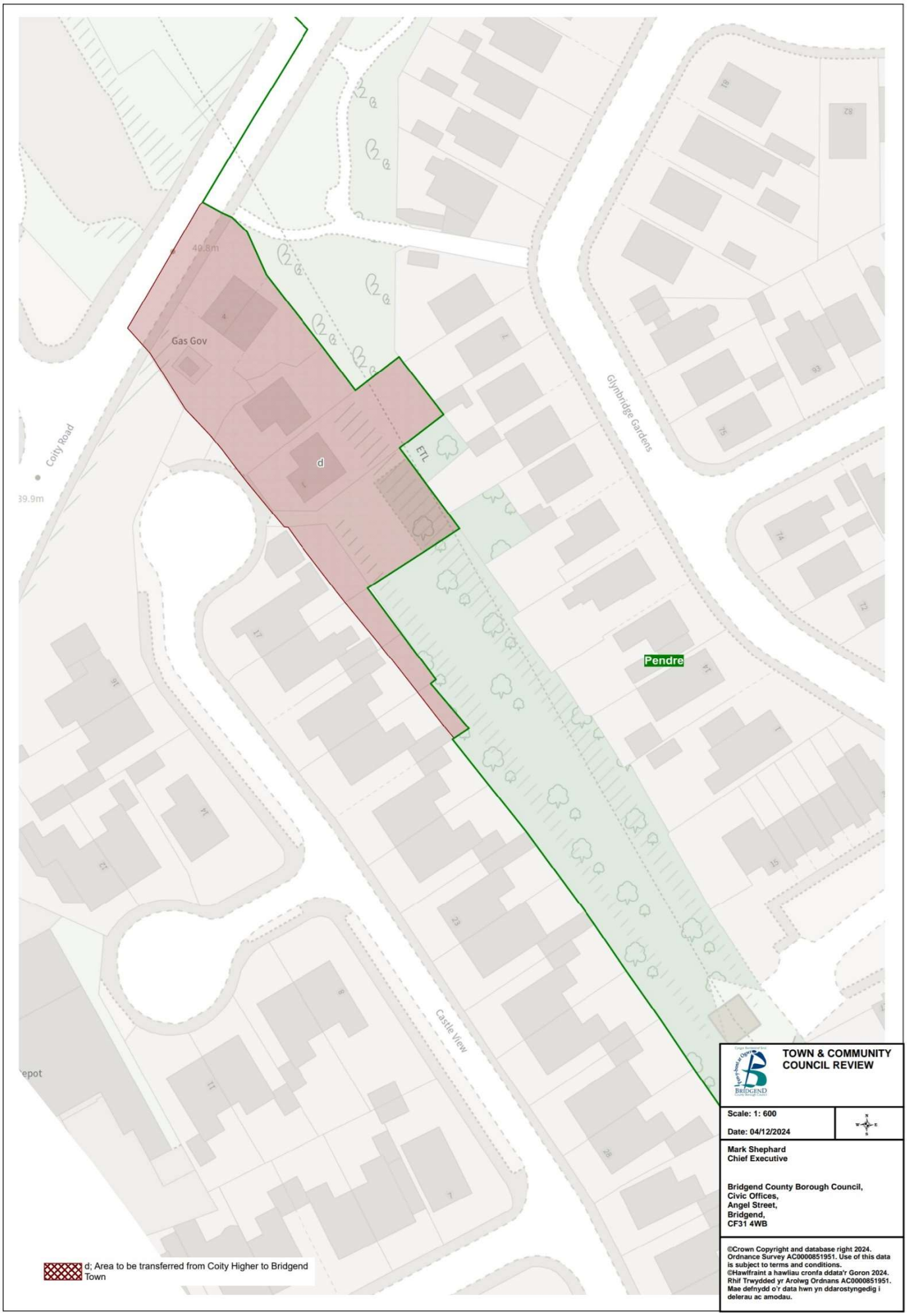
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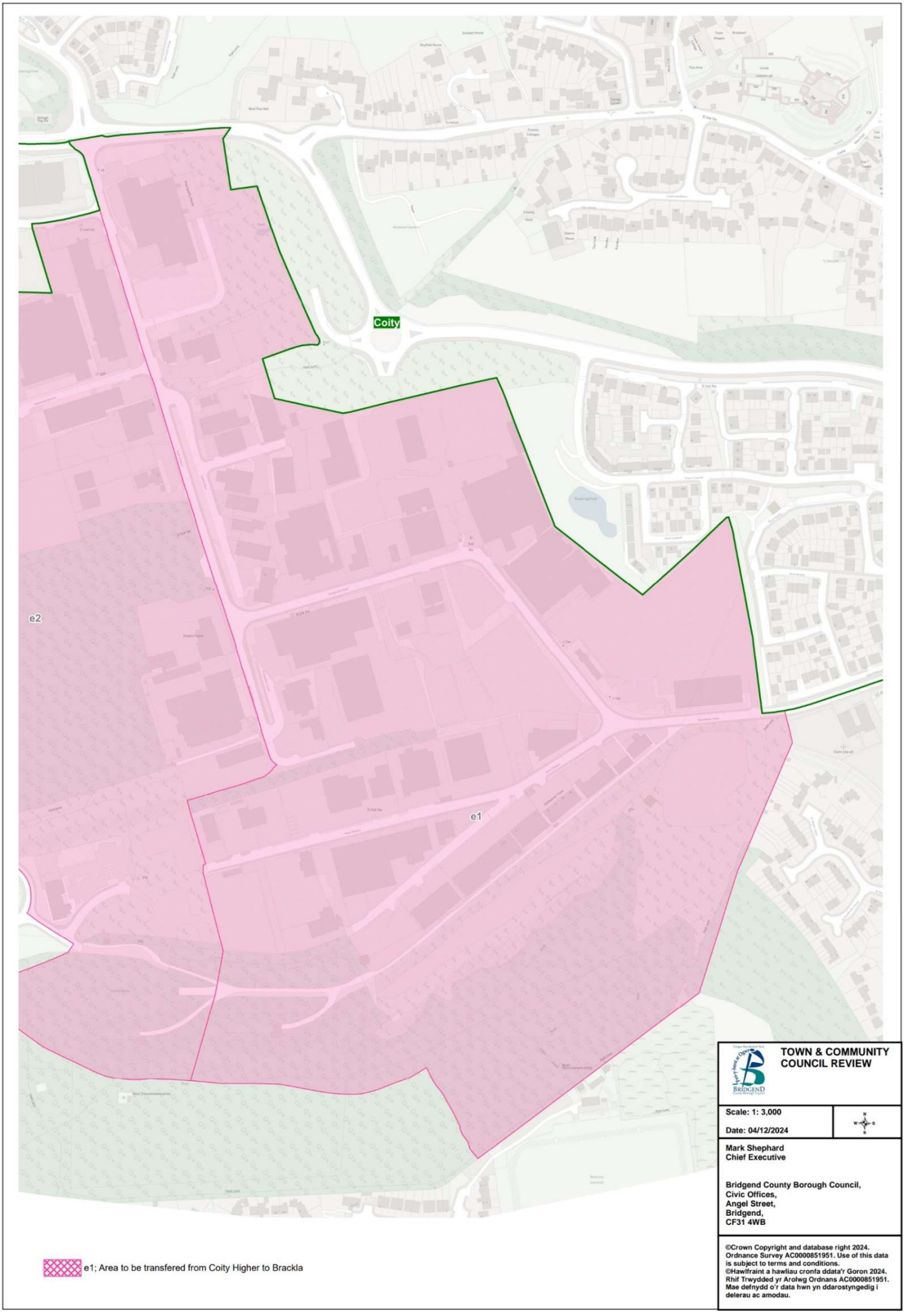
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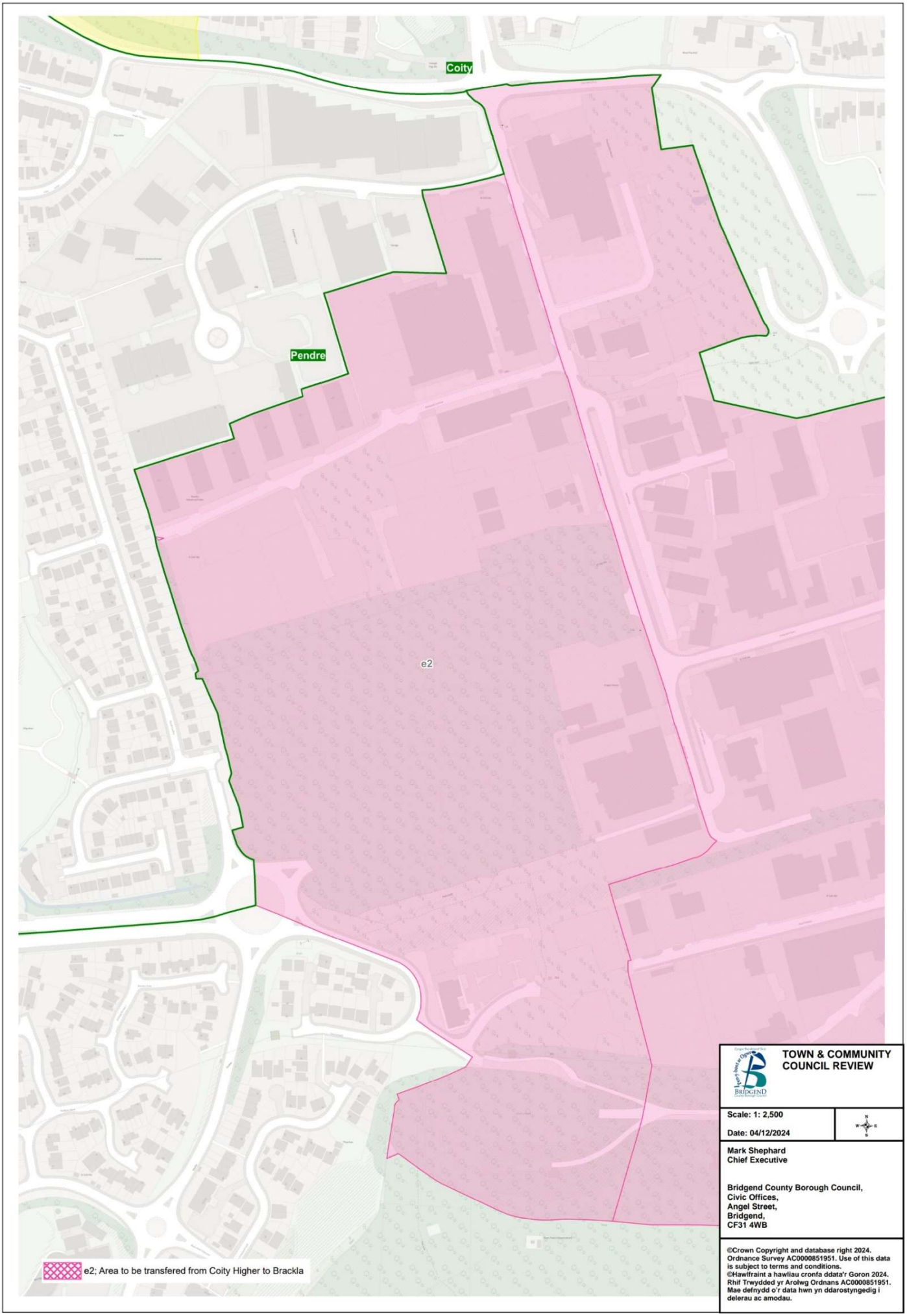
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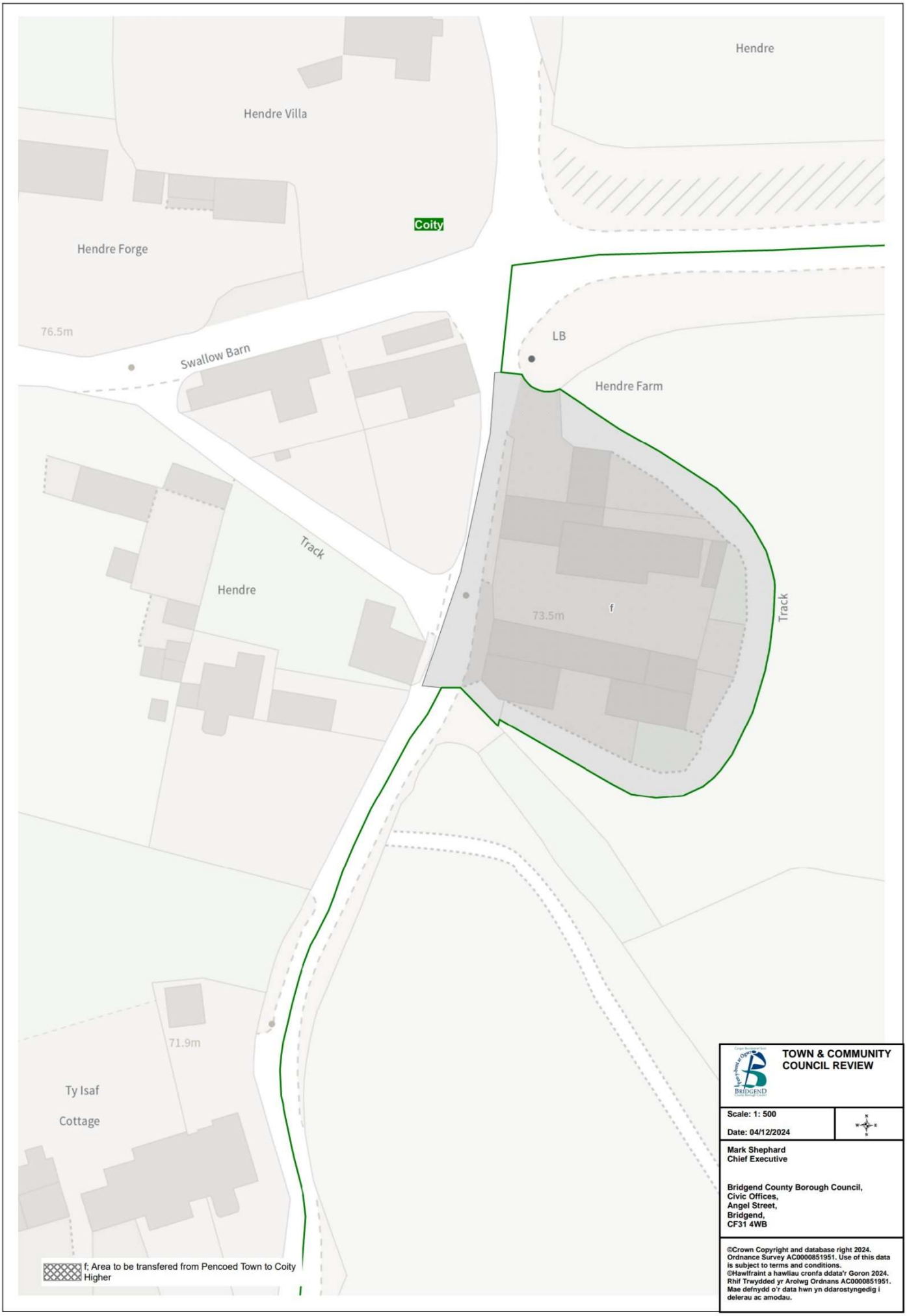
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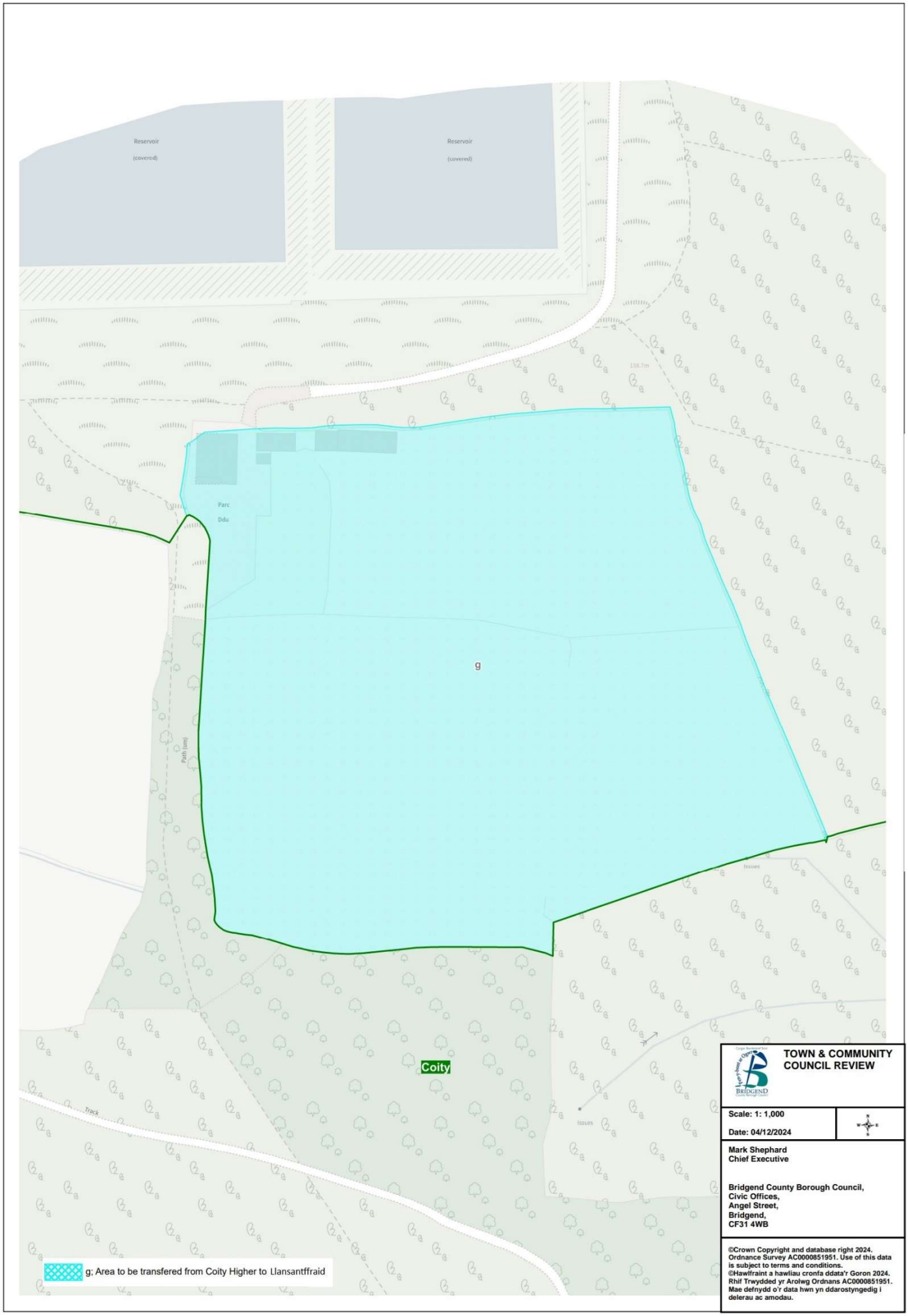
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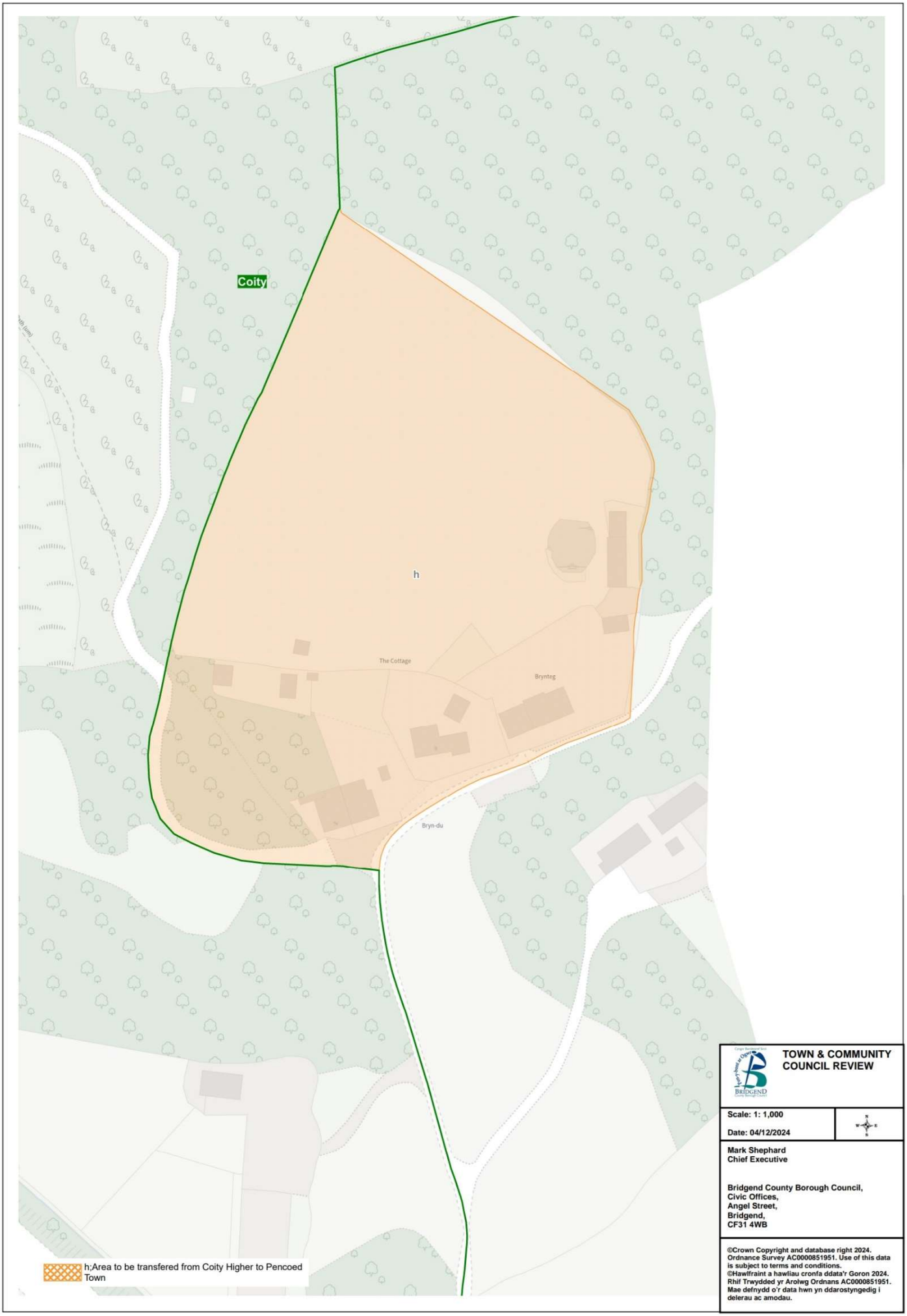
Pencoed Town to Coity Higher



Coity Higher to Llansantffraid



Coity Higher to Pencoed Town



PYLE AND CEFN CRIBBWR

95. The current community council arrangements in Pyle consist of a total electorate of 5,761 and is represented by 9 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pyle	5,761	9
Total	**5,761**	**9**

96. The current community council arrangements in Cefn Cribbwr consist of a total electorate of 1,232 and is represented by 7 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cefn Cribbwr	1,232	10
Total	**1,232**	**10**

Representations

97. The Council received 3 representations concerning the community of Pyle and 2 representations concerning the community of Cefn Cribbwr.

Community ward boundary proposals

98. The Council proposes to abolish the community of Pyle and the community of Cefn Cribbwr utilising the 2 areas to form the new community of Cynffig. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Cefn Cribbwr is an electorate of 1,232 and therefore does not meet the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

99. The Council proposes to apply 6 changes to the existing ward boundaries: -

- Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (1)
- Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (2)
- Cornelly to Cynffig
- Pyle ward to Kenfig Hill ward
- Cefn Cribbwr ward to Kenfig Hill ward (1)
- Cefn Cribbwr ward to Kenfig Hill ward (2)

100. The Council proposes to transfer part of the area that lies to the West of the proposed Coytrahen ward from the community of Newcastle Higher so that all properties that fall on the road ‘Ffordd y Graith’ are united under one community in the proposed ward of Cefn Cribbwr. This would affect 26 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70 and in greater detail on the map on page 71.

101. The Council proposes to transfer one property, ‘Stoney Walls’ that currently sits within the proposed Aberkenfig ward in the community of Newcastle Higher, to the proposed ward of Cefn Cribbwr. As the access for this property is currently situated within the ward of Cefn Cribbwr. This would affect 1 elector. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70 and in greater detail on the map on page 72.

102. The Council proposes to utilise the A48 as the new boundary between the proposed community of Cornelly and the proposed community of Cynffig. This will see the transfer of one property, ‘Stormy Farm’ which lies to the East of the A48, from the community of Cornelly to Cynffig. This will affect 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70 and in greater detail on the map on page 73.

103. The Council proposes to utilise the existing community of Pyle to create the two new wards of Pyle and Kenfig Hill. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70.

104. In line with representations received from the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribbwr wards. This currently cuts through a property, so this amendment would correct this anomaly and place the property in its entirety within the Kenfig Hill ward. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70 and in greater detail on the map on page 74.

105. The Council also proposes to adjust the internal community boundary between the proposed ward of Cefn Cribbwr and the proposed ward of Kenfig Hill, by transferring a property known as 'East-West Cottage' from Cefn Cribbwr to Kenfig Hill, as its primary access currently falls within the proposed ward of Kenfig Hill. This would affect 2 electors. The Council then also proposes to use the existing railway line as the new clear boundary between the wards. The proposal can be found on the map on page 70 and in greater detail on the map on page 75.

106. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the community of Cynffig would increase to 7,022.

Proposed Names

107. The Council proposes the single community name of Cynffig.

108. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Kenfig Hill and the Welsh community council ward name of Mynydd Cynffig.

109. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Pyle and the Welsh community council ward name of y Pîl.

110. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Cefn Cribbwr and the Welsh community council ward name of Cefn Cribwr.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

111. The proposed community council arrangements in Kenfig will consist of a total electorate of 7,062 and be represented by 10 community councillors.

112. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

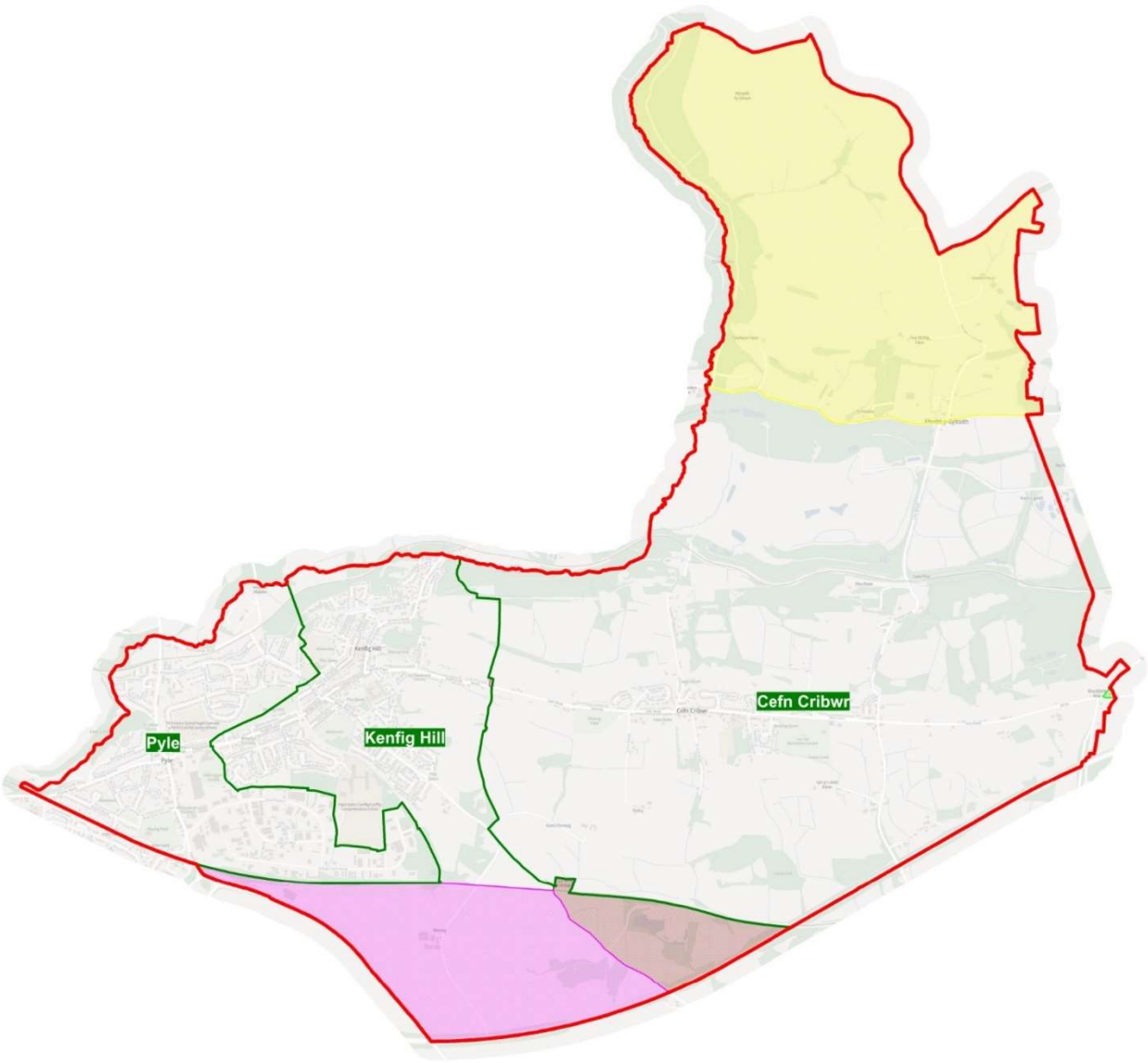
	Cynffig Community Council							
	Existing				**Proposed**			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Kenfig Hill					3,441	5	688	-2%
Pyle	5,761	9	640	74%	2,324	3	775	10%
Cefn Cribbwr	1,232	10	123	-67%	1,257	2	629	-10%
Total	**6,993**	**19**	**368**		**7,022**	**10**	**702**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 10 which is a decrease of 9 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

113. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Cynffig Community



a; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (1)
b; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (2)
c; Area to be transfered from Cornelly to Cynffig
d; Area to be transfered from Cefn Cribbwr ward to Kenfig Hill ward
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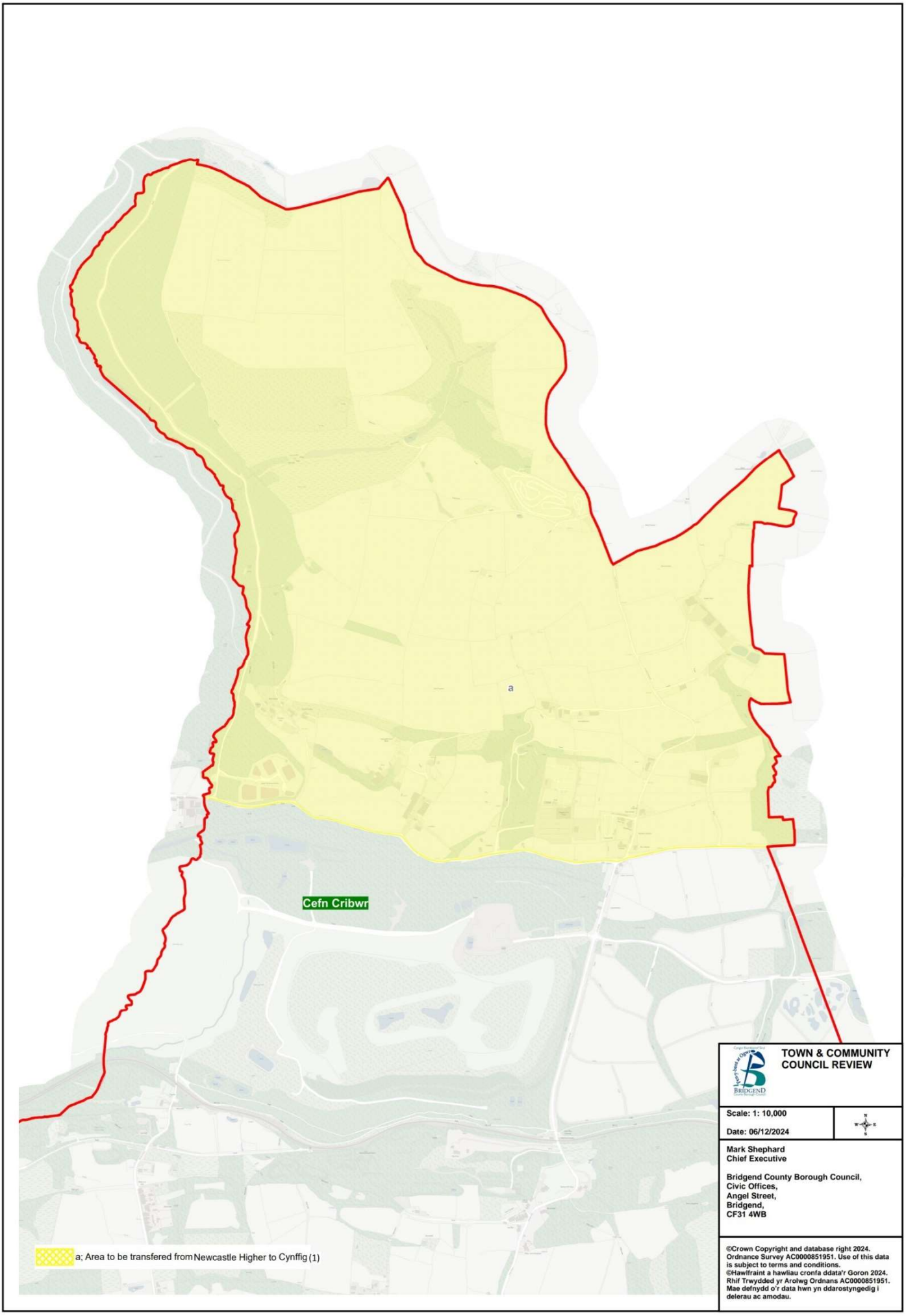
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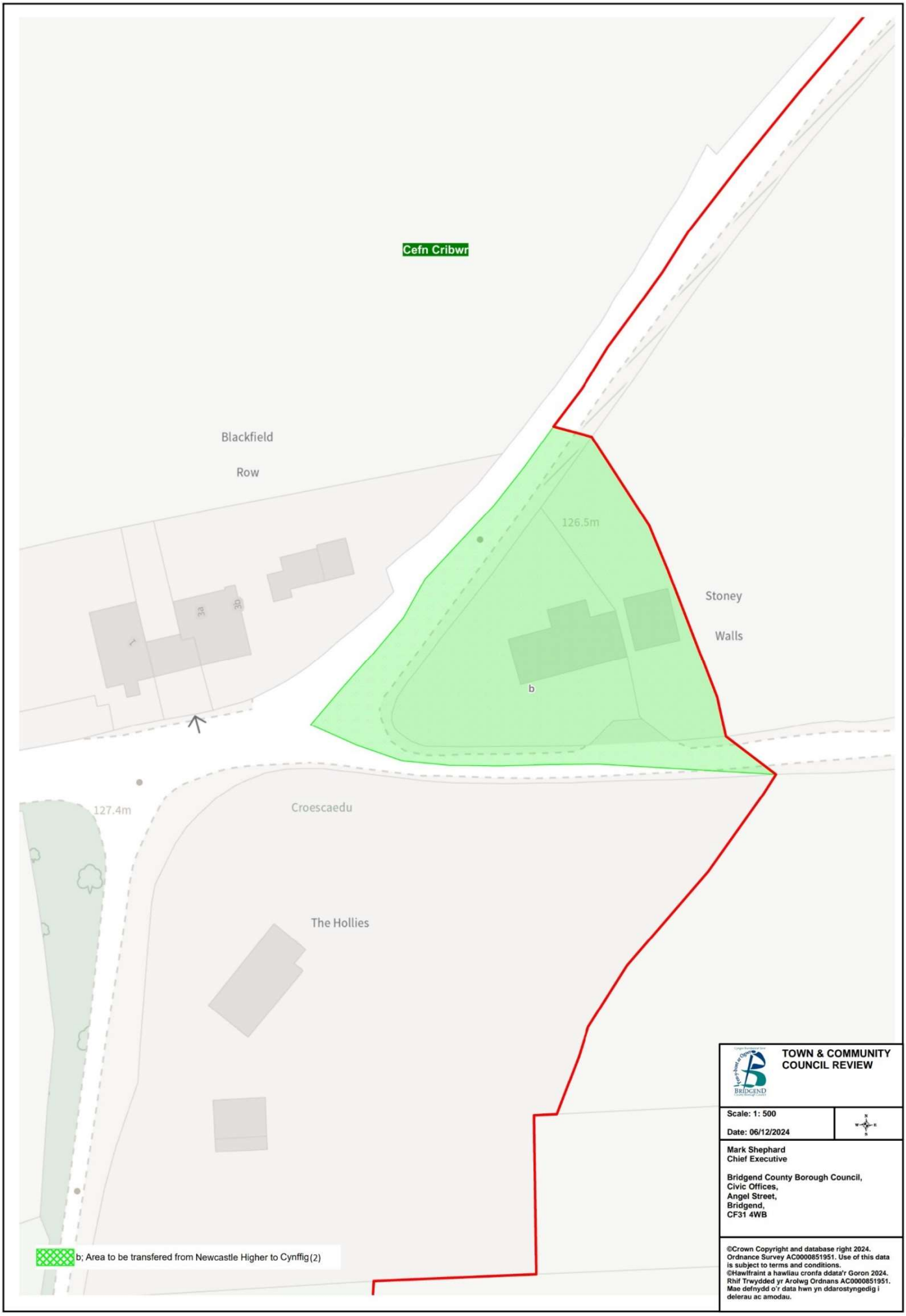
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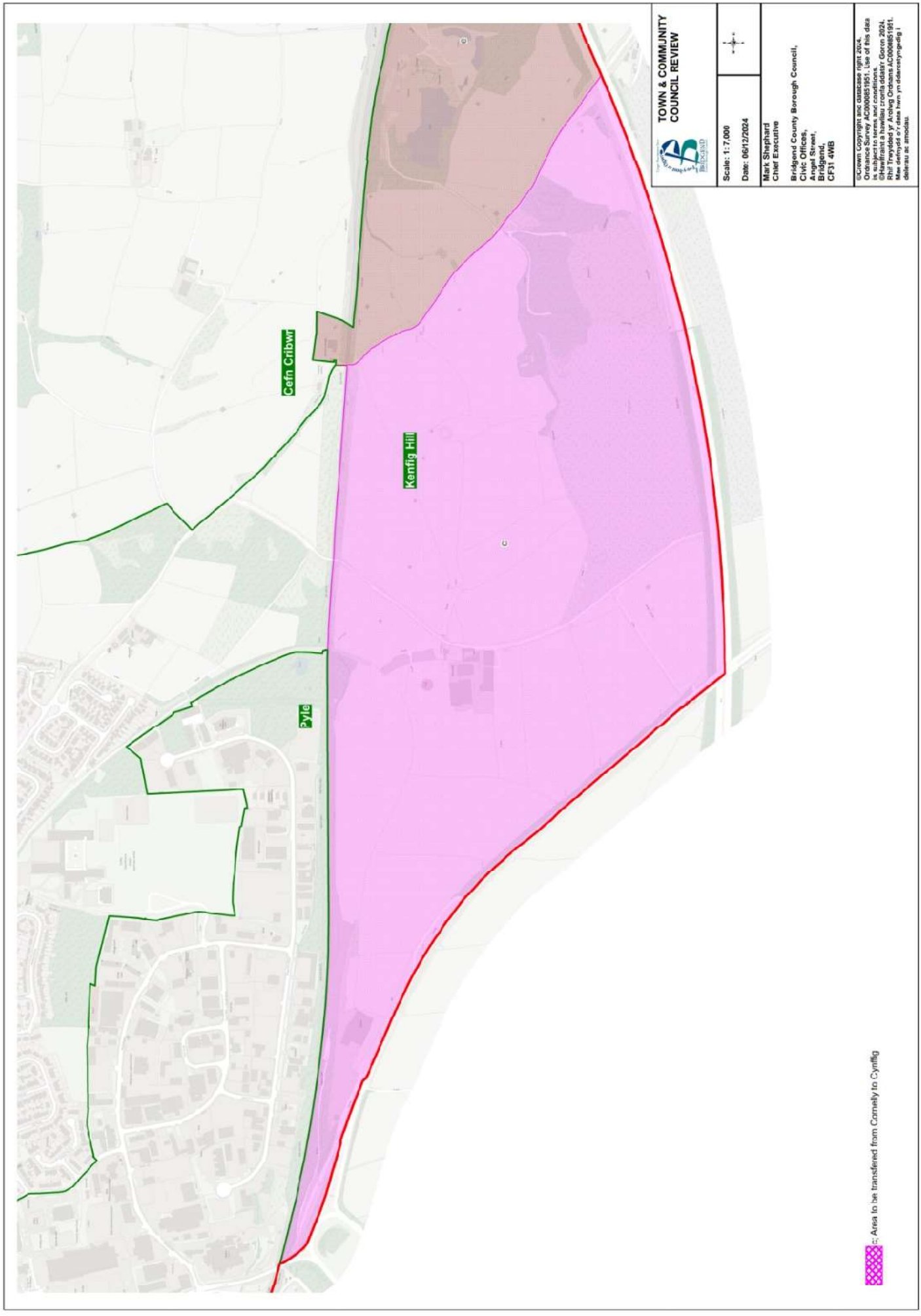
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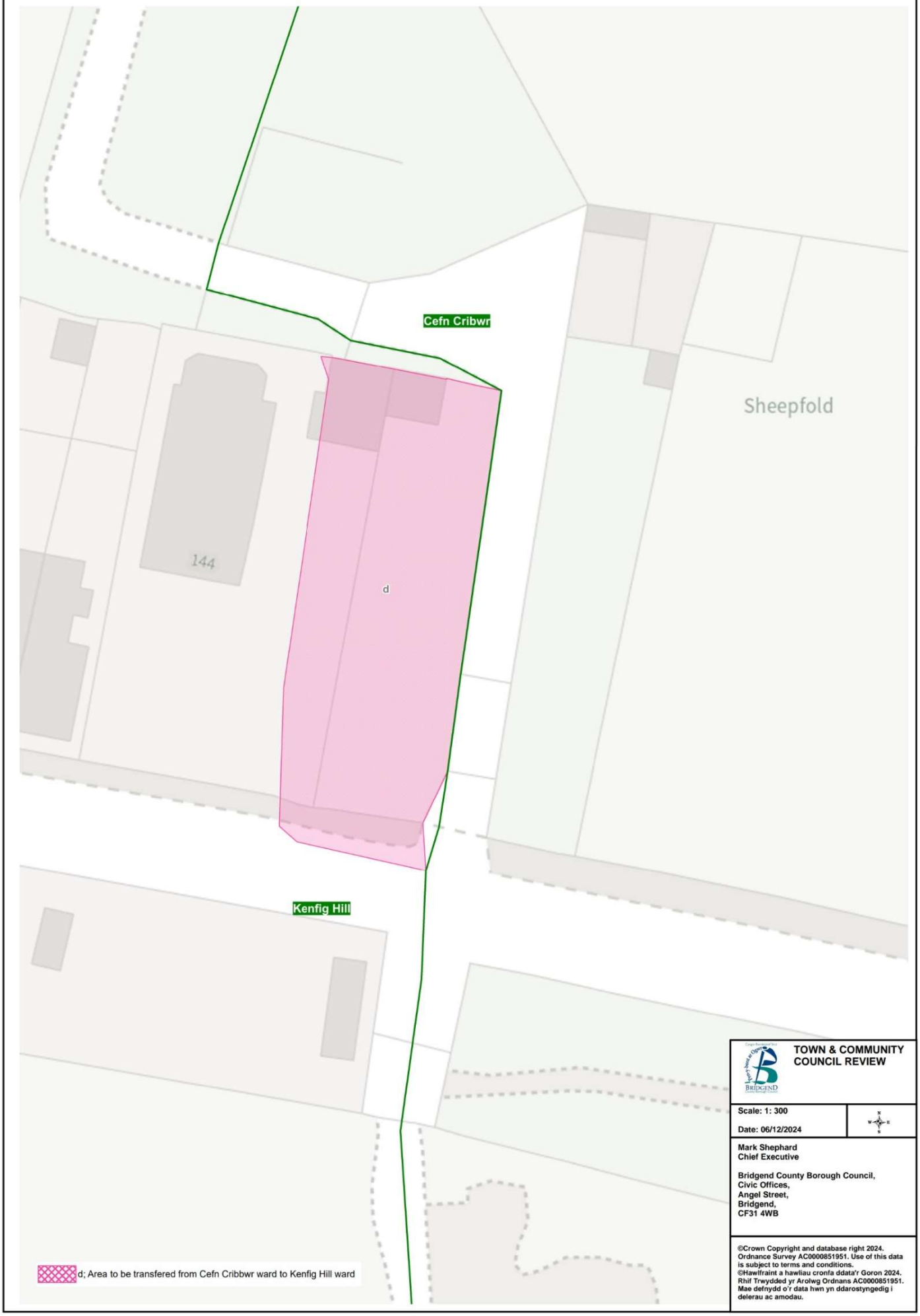
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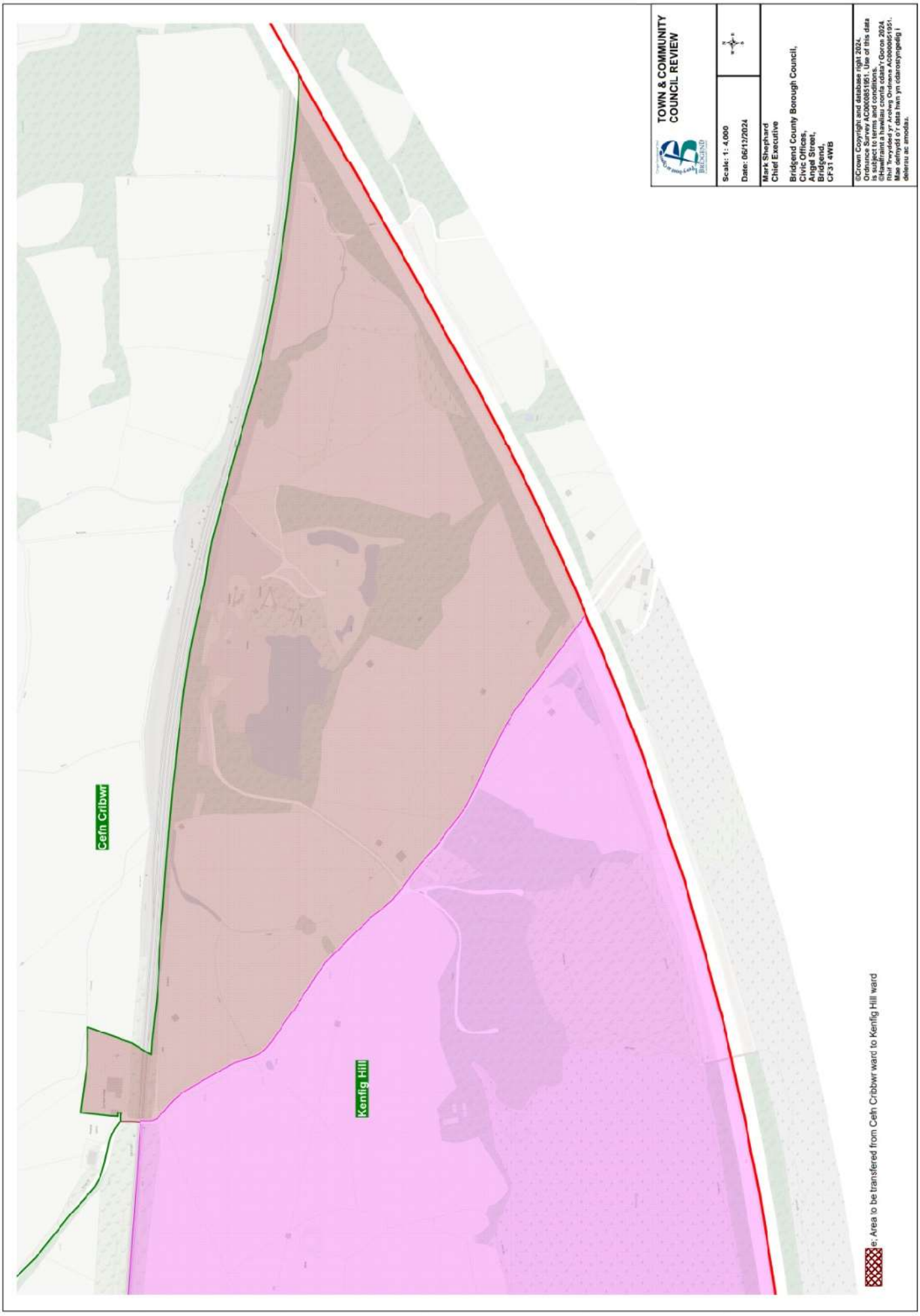
Cornelly to Cynffig



Cefn Cribbwr ward to Kenfig Hill ward (1)



Cefn Cribbwr ward to Kenfig Hill ward (2)



CORNELLY

114. The current community council arrangements in Cornelly consist of a total electorate of 5,662 and is represented by 9 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cornelly	5,662	9
Total	**5,662**	**9**

Representations

115. The Council received 2 representations concerning the community of Cornelly.

Community ward boundary proposals

116. The Council proposes one change to the boundary of Cornelly, as well as creating four new wards within the community due to the proposed developments in the Local Development Plan

Community ward boundary proposals

117. The Council proposes to apply 1 change to the existing ward boundaries: -

- Cornelly to Cynffig

118. The Council proposes to utilise the A48 as the new boundary between the proposed community of Cornelly and the proposed community of Cynffig. This will see the transfer of one property, 'Stormy Farm' which lies to the East of the A48, from the community of Cornelly to Kenfig. This will affect 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 78 and in greater detail on the map on page 79.

119. As a result of this proposal, the electorate within the proposed community of Cornelly would decrease to 5,660

Proposed Names

120. The Council proposes to retain English community name of Cornelly and the Welsh community name of Corneli.

121. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Cornelly North and the Welsh community council ward name of Gogledd Corneli.

122. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Cornelly East and the Welsh community council ward name of Dwyrain Corneli.

123. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Cornelly South and the Welsh community council ward name of De Corneli.

124. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Cornelly West and the Welsh community council ward name of Gorllwin Corneli.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

125. The proposed community council arrangements in Cornelly will consist of a total electorate of 5,660 and be represented by 11 community councillors.

126. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

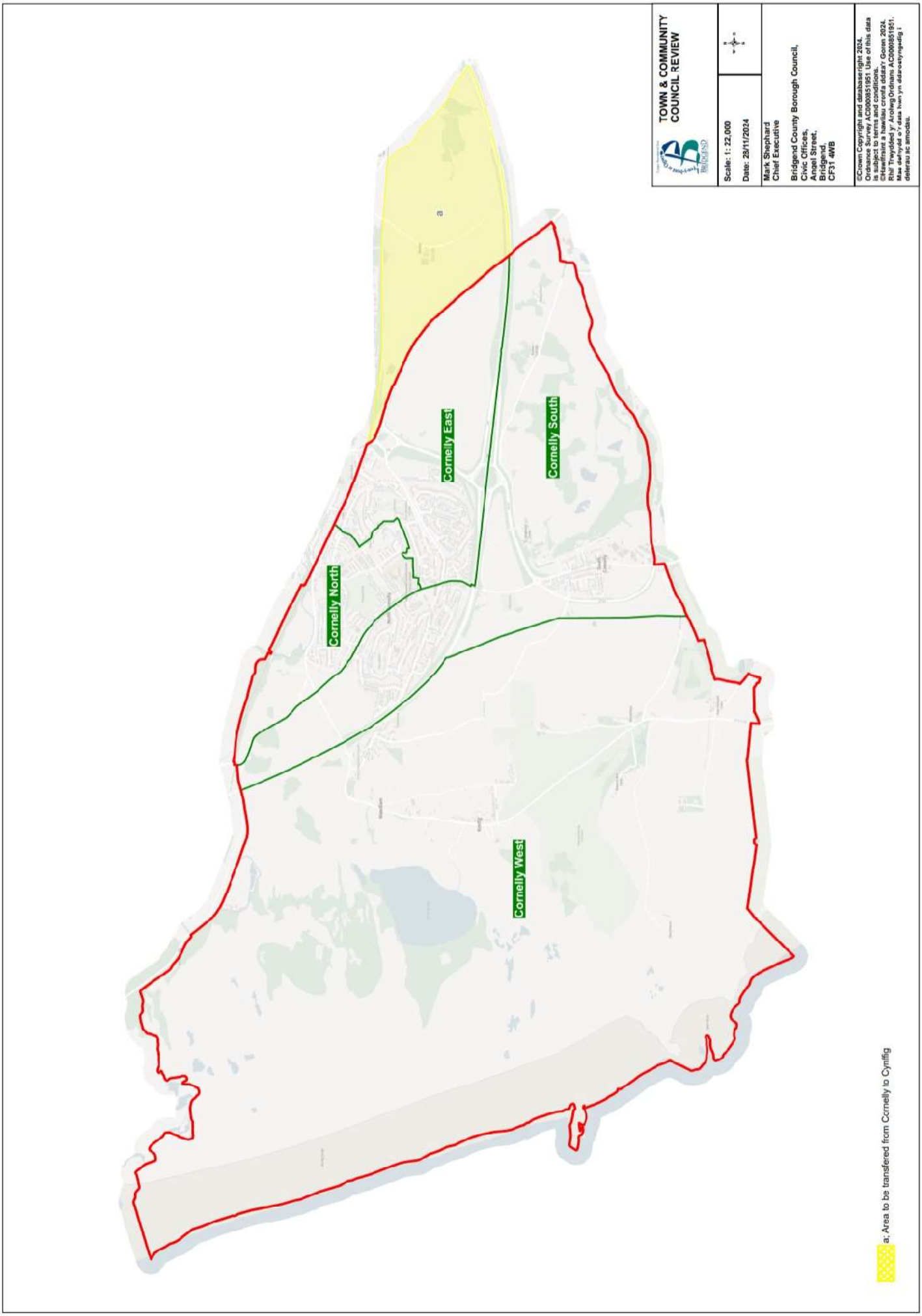
	Cornelly Community Council							
	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Cornelly	5,662	9	629	0%				
Cornelly East					1,866	3	622	21%
Cornelly North					1,578	3	526	2%
Cornelly South					1,965	3	655	27%
Cornelly West					251	2	126	-76%
Total	**5,662**	**9**	**629**		**5,660**	**11**	**515**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 11, which is an increase of 2 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

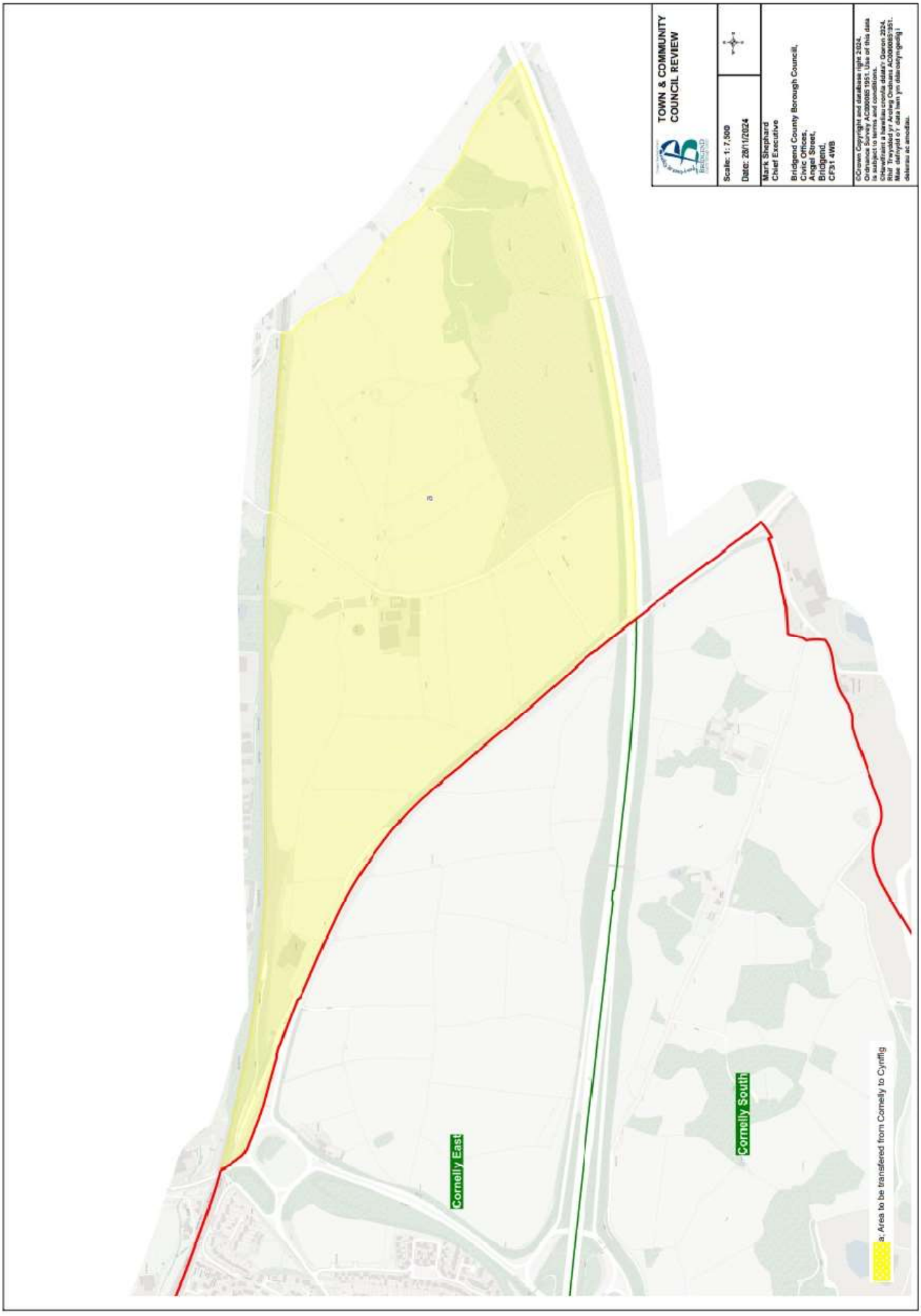
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

127. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Cornelly Community



Cornelly to Cynffig



PORTHCAWL

128. The current town council arrangements in Porthcawl consist of a total electorate of 13,853 and is represented by 18 town councillors.

Town ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
East Central	4,479	6
West Central	2,304	3
Newton	2,232	3
Nottage	2,557	3
Rest Bay	2,281	3
Total	**13,853**	**18**

Representations

129. The Council received 2 representations concerning the Town of Porthcawl.

Town ward boundary proposals

130. The Council proposes to apply 5 changes to the Town of Porthcawl. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Laleston to Porthcawl Town
- Porthcawl Town to Laleston
- Porthcawl West Central ward to Rest Bay ward
- Porthcawl East Central ward to Porthcawl West Central ward
- Rest Bay ward to Nottage ward

131. The Council proposes to transfer the Tythegston and Stormy Down areas from the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community to Newton, using the nature reserve boundary to ensure the reserve stays within the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward. This would affect 72 electors. The Council considers the areas of Tythegeston and Stormy Down to have more local ties with Porthcawl Town. The proposal can be found on the map on page 82 and in greater detail on the map on page 83.

132. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Newton to the proposed Merthyr Mawr ward within Laleston Community, using the nature reserve boundary to ensure the entire reserve stays within the Merthyr Mawr ward. This would affect 0 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 82 and in greater detail on the map on page 84.

133. The Council proposes to adjust the internal community boundary between the wards of Porthcawl West Central and Rest Bay. The streets of Windsor Road and Mallard Way should be transferred from Porthcawl West Central to Rest Bay. These changes will ensure there is a more clearly defined boundary line between areas and ensure a more even split of electors within the Town. This will affect 80 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 82 and in greater detail on the map on page 85.

134. The Council proposes that the boundary of Porthcawl East Central will follow the main road, The Portway, as its boundary and therefore transferring several properties from East Central to West Central. The following streets would be transferred: Blundell Avenue, Church Place, Dock Street, Esplanade, Esplanade Avenue, Gordon Road, Highfield Avenue, Highfield Close, Highfield Court, Hillsboro Place, John Street, Lias Road, Lifeboat Road, Marine Terrace, Mary Street, Old School Road, Pavillion Court, Picton Avenue, The Harbour, The Square and Well Street. This will affect 793 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 82 and in greater detail on the map on page 86.

135. The Council proposes to transfer one property, ‘Sker Court’ from the ward of Rest Bay to Nottage. As the access for this property currently falls within the Nottage ward. This would

affect 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 82 and in greater detail on the map on page 87.

136. As a result of these proposals, the electorate in the proposed Town of Porthcawl would increase to 13,925.

Proposed Names

137. The Council proposes to retain the single town name of Porthcawl.

138. The Council proposes the English Town council ward name of Porthcawl East and the Welsh Town council ward name of Dwyrain Porthcawl.

139. The Council proposes the English Town council ward name of Porthcawl West and the Welsh Town council ward name of Gorllewin Porthcawl.

140. The Council proposes to retain the Town council ward name of Newton and the Welsh Town council ward name of Drenewydd.

141. The Council proposes to retain the Town council ward name of Nottage and the Welsh Town council ward name of Notais.

142. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Rest Bay.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

143. The proposed community council arrangements in Porthcawl will consist of a total electorate of 13,925 and be represented by 19 town councillors.

144. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the town council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the town council can be seen below:

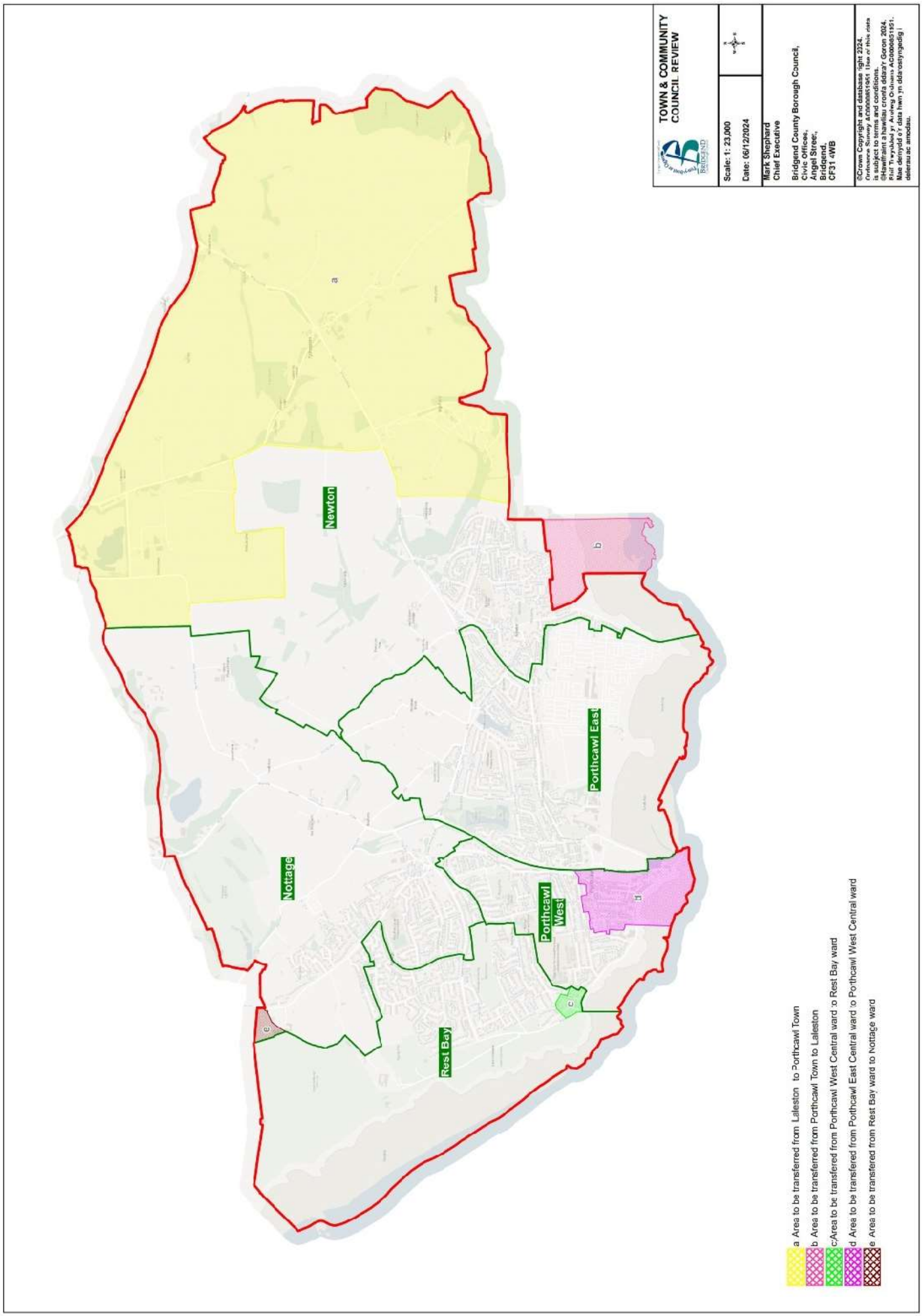
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	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
East Central	4,479	6	747	-3%				
Porthcawl East					3,686	6	614	-16%
West Central	2,304	3	768	0%				
Porthcawl West					3,017	4	754	3%
Newton	2,232	3	744	-3%	2,304	3	768	5%
Nottage	2,557	3	852	11%	2,557	3	852	16%
Rest Bay	2,281	3	760	-1%	2,361	3	787	7%
Total	**13,853**	**18**	**770**		**13,925**	**19**	**733**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 19, which is an increase of 1 member from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

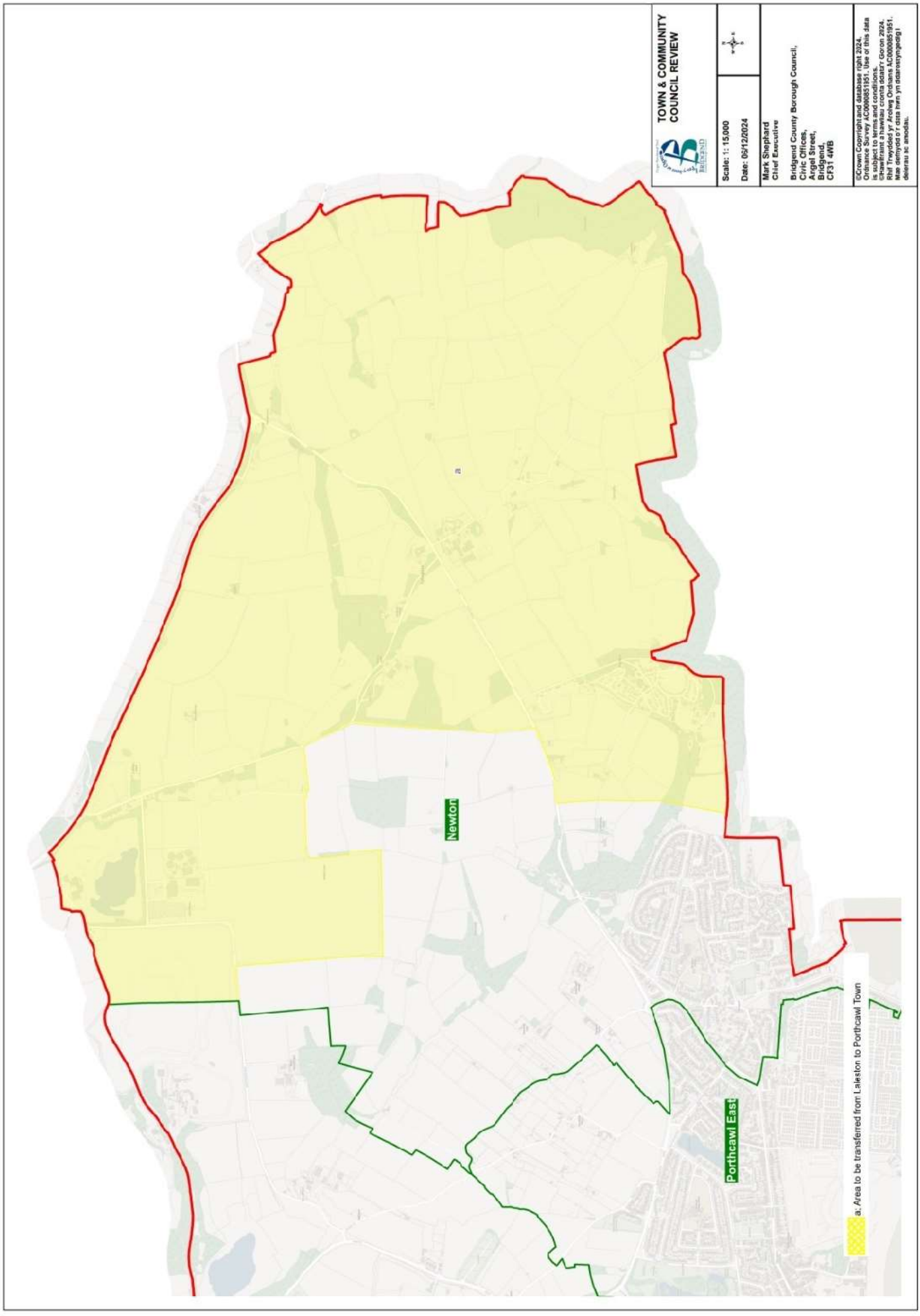
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

145. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

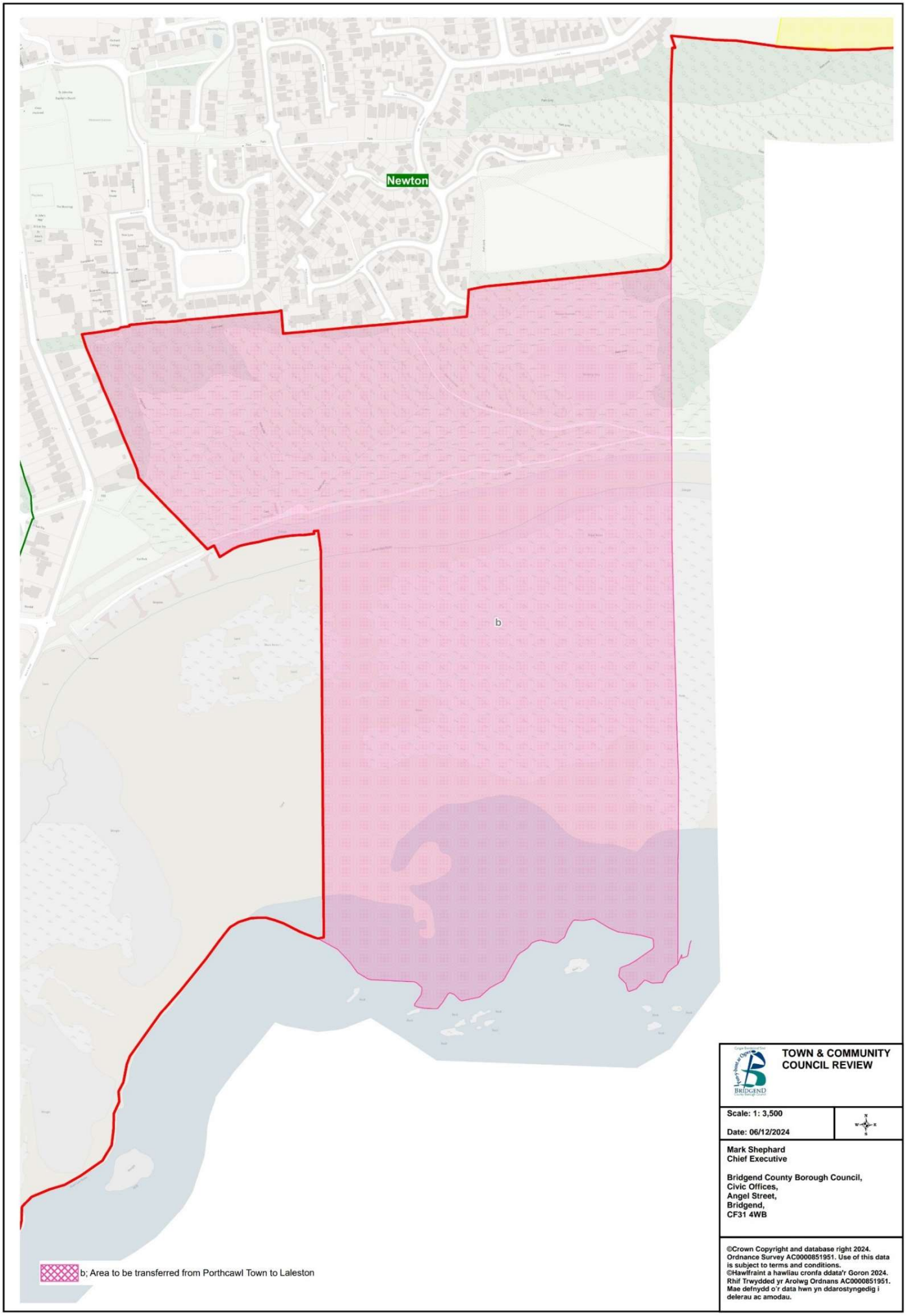
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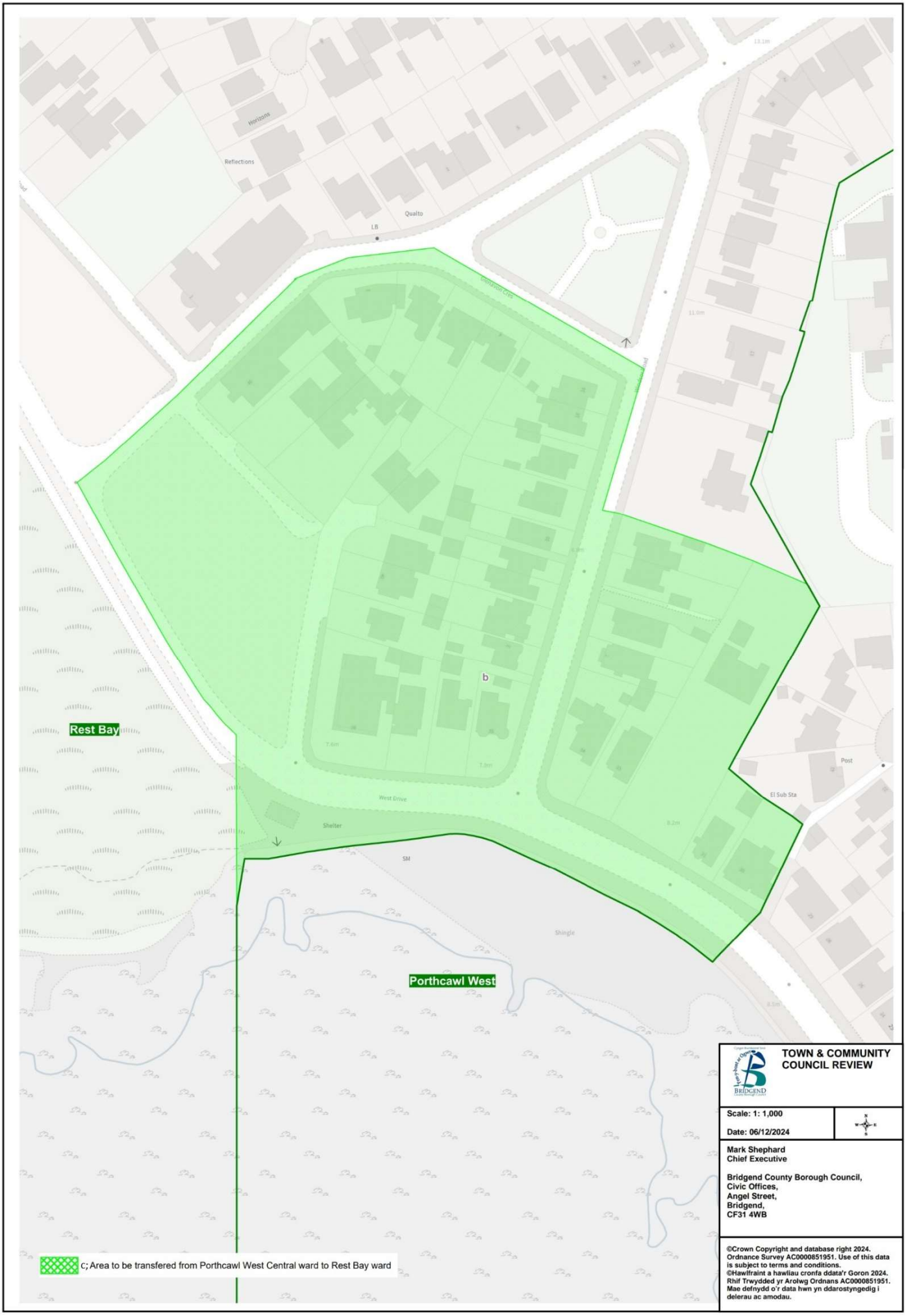
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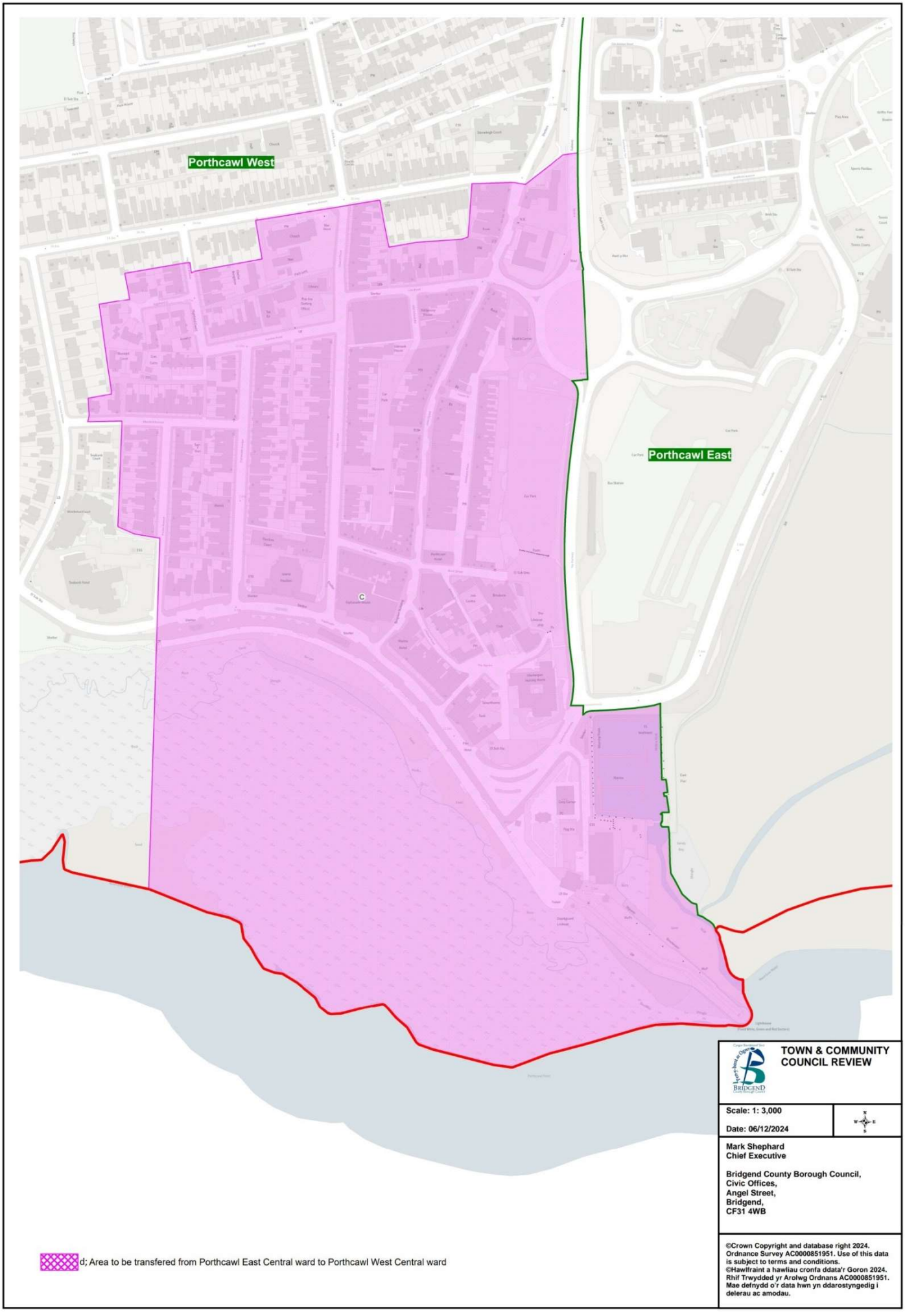
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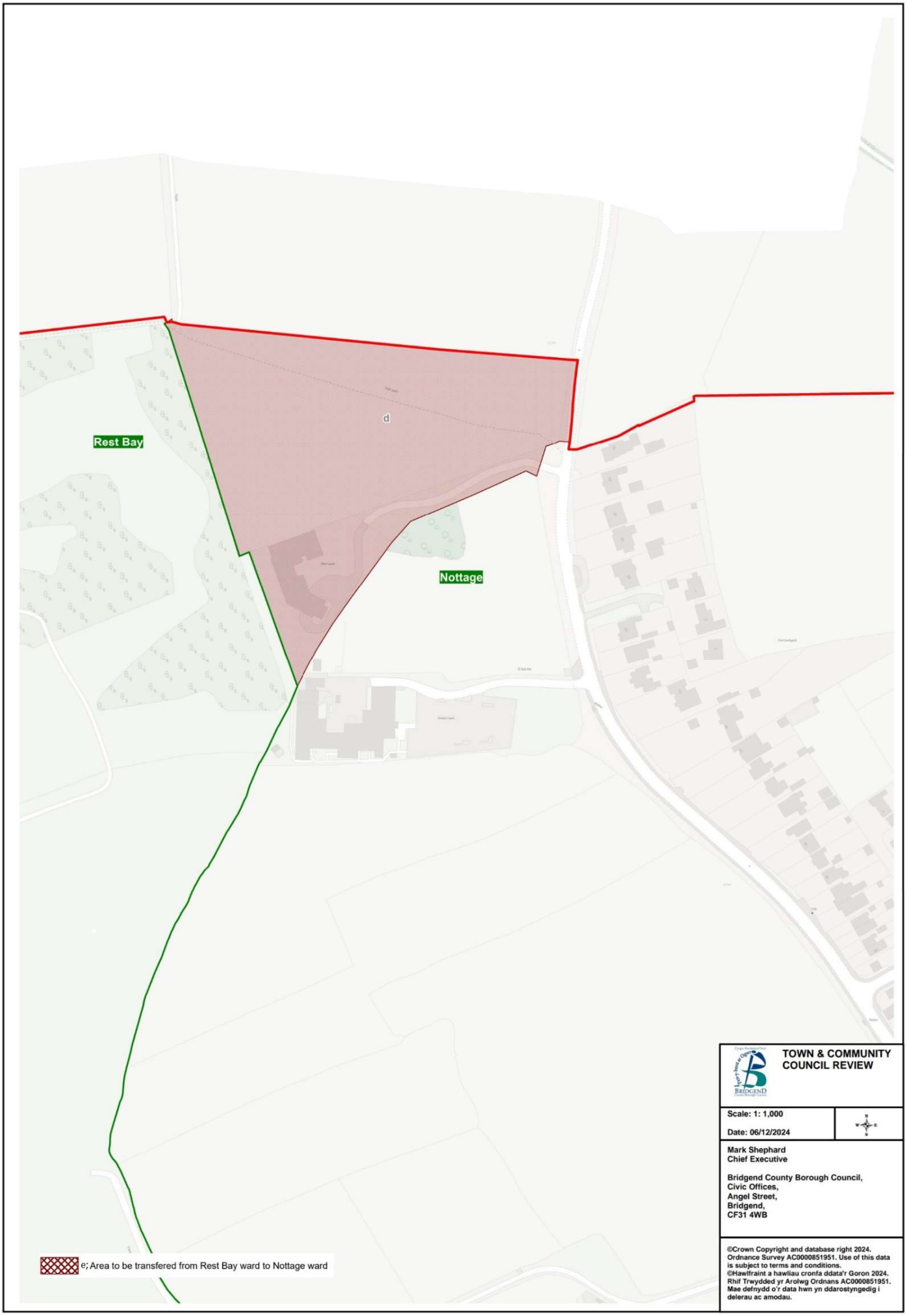
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Porthcawl East Central ward to Porthcawl West Central ward



Rest Bay ward to Nottage ward



MAESTEG AND LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE

146. The current town council arrangements in Maesteg consist of a total electorate of 13,292 and is represented by 17 town councillors.

Town ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Caerau	2,642	4
East	3,812	5
Nantyfyllon	2,323	3
West	4,515	5
Total	**13,292**	**17**

147. The current community council arrangements in Llangynwyd Middle consist of a total electorate of 2,369 and is represented by 12 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cwmfelin	1,106	5
Pontryhydycyff	1,263	7
Total	**2,369**	**12**

Representations

148. The Council received 3 representations concerning the Town of Maesteg and 4 representations concerning the community of Llangynwyd Middle.

Town ward boundary proposals

149. The Council proposes to abolish the Town of Maesteg and the community of Llangynwyd Middle utilising the 2 areas to form the new Town of Maesteg. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Llangynwyd Middle is an electorate of 2,369 and therefore does not meet the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

150. The Council proposes to apply 3 changes to the existing ward. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Newcastle Higher to Maesteg
- Nantyffyllon ward to Maesteg East ward
- Caerau ward to Nantyffyllon ward

151. In line with representations received from the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to extend the boundary of the Pontrhydycyff ward so that the whole of the Electricity Distribution Site is then contained within Pontrhydycyff, as opposed to crossing over into Llangynwyd Lower, now within Newcastle Higher Community. This would affect 0 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 90 and in greater detail on the map on page 91.

152. In line with representations received from the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to change the boundary lines between the Maesteg East and Nantyffyllon wards. This currently cuts through the grounds of Ysgol Maesteg. It is proposed that the boundary be amended to follow the track situated to the north of the school grounds. The entirety of Ysgol Maesteg would then fall under the Maesteg East ward. This would affect 0 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 90 and in greater detail on the map on page 92.

153. The Council proposes to amend the boundaries between the proposed Caerau and Nantyffyllon wards within the Town of Maesteg. It is proposed that the streets: Fowlers Place

and Bedw Street should fall under the proposed Nantyffyllon ward. This would affect 26 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 90 and in greater detail on the map on page 93.

154. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the proposed Town of Maesteg would increase to 15,661.

Proposed Names

155. The Council proposes to retain the single town name of Maesteg.

156. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Caerau

157. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Cwmfelin.

158. The Council proposes the English Town council ward name of Maesteg East and the Welsh Town council ward name of Dwyrain Maesteg.

159. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Nantyffyllon.

160. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Pont-rhyd-y-cyff.

161. The Council proposes the English Town council ward name of Maesteg West and the Welsh Town council ward name of Gorllewin Maesteg.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

162. The proposed community council arrangements in Maesteg will consist of a total electorate of 15,661 and be represented by 22 town councillors.

163. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the town council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the town council can be seen below:

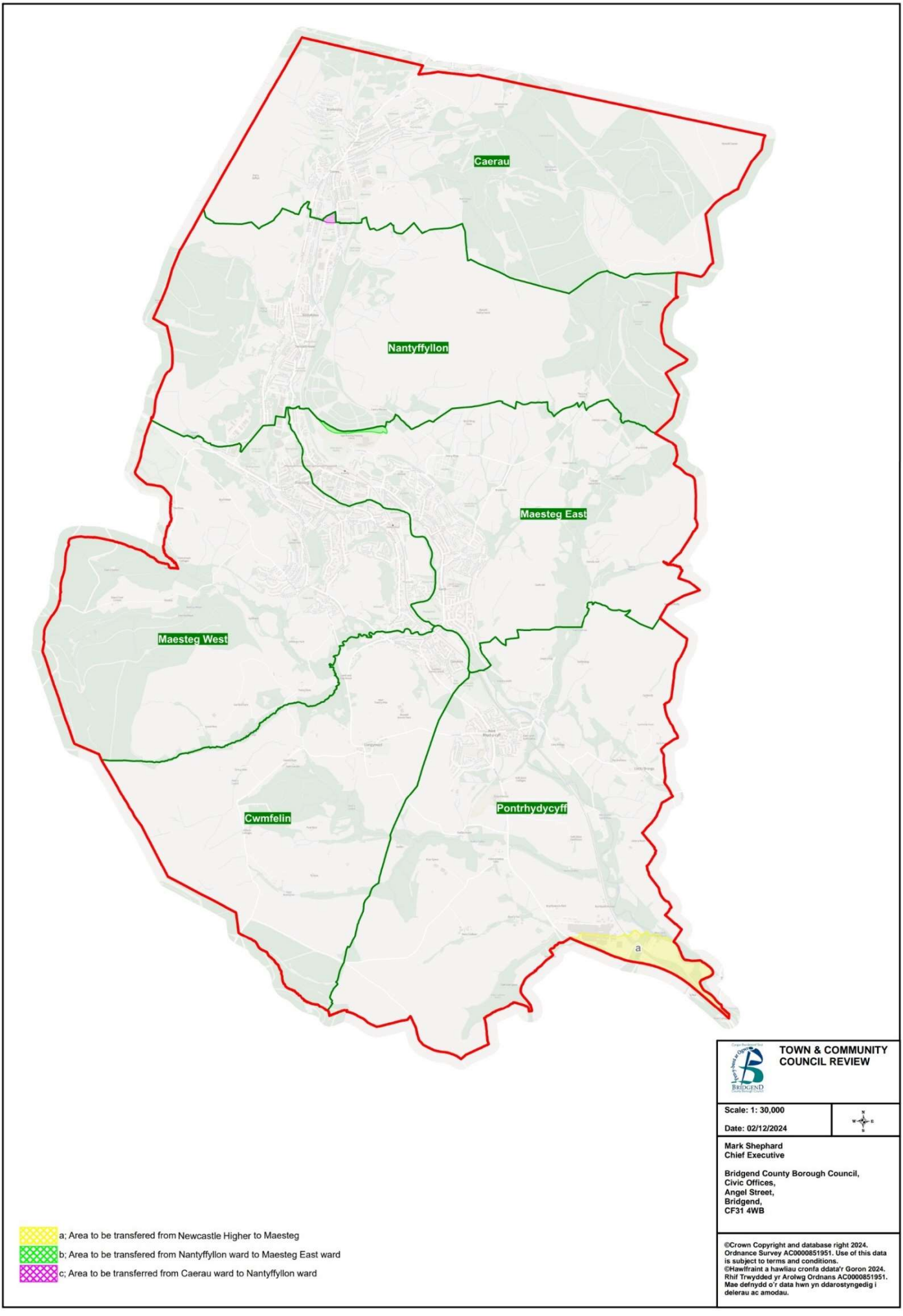
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Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Caerau	2,642	4	661	22%	2,616	4	654	-8%
Cwmfelin	1,106	5	221	-59%	1,106	2	553	-22%
Maesteg East	3,812	5	762	41%	3,812	5	762	7%
Nantyffyllon	2,323	3	774	43%	2,349	3	783	10%
Pontrhydycyff	1,263	7	180	-67%	1,263	2	632	-11%
Maesteg West	4,515	5	903	67%	4,515	6	753	6%
Total	**15,661**	**29**	**540**		**15,661**	**22**	**712**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 22, which is a decrease of 7 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

164. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Maesteg Town



a; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Maesteg

b; Area to be transfered from Nantyffyllon ward to Maesteg East ward

c; Area to be transferred from Caerau ward to Nantyffyllon ward

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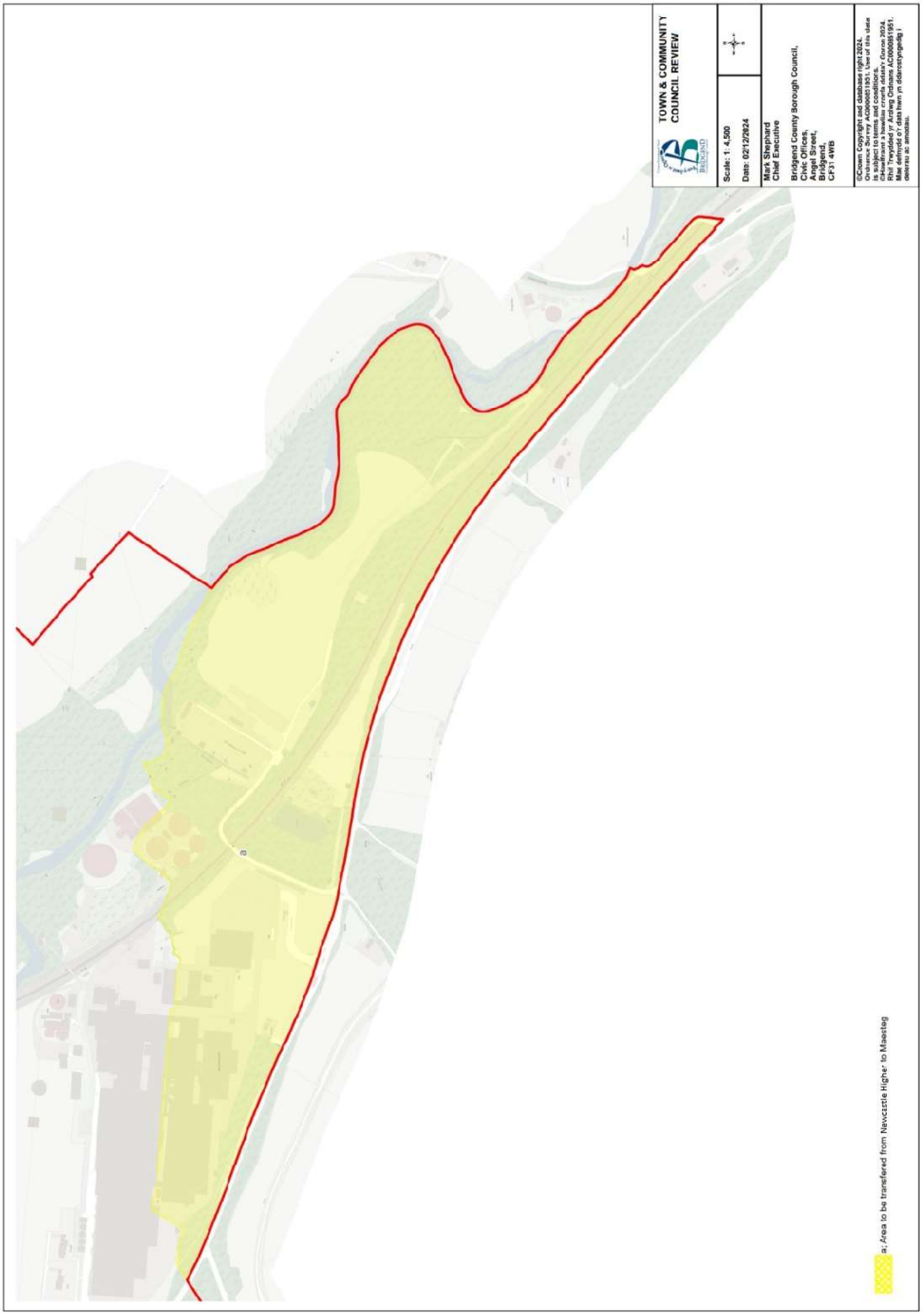
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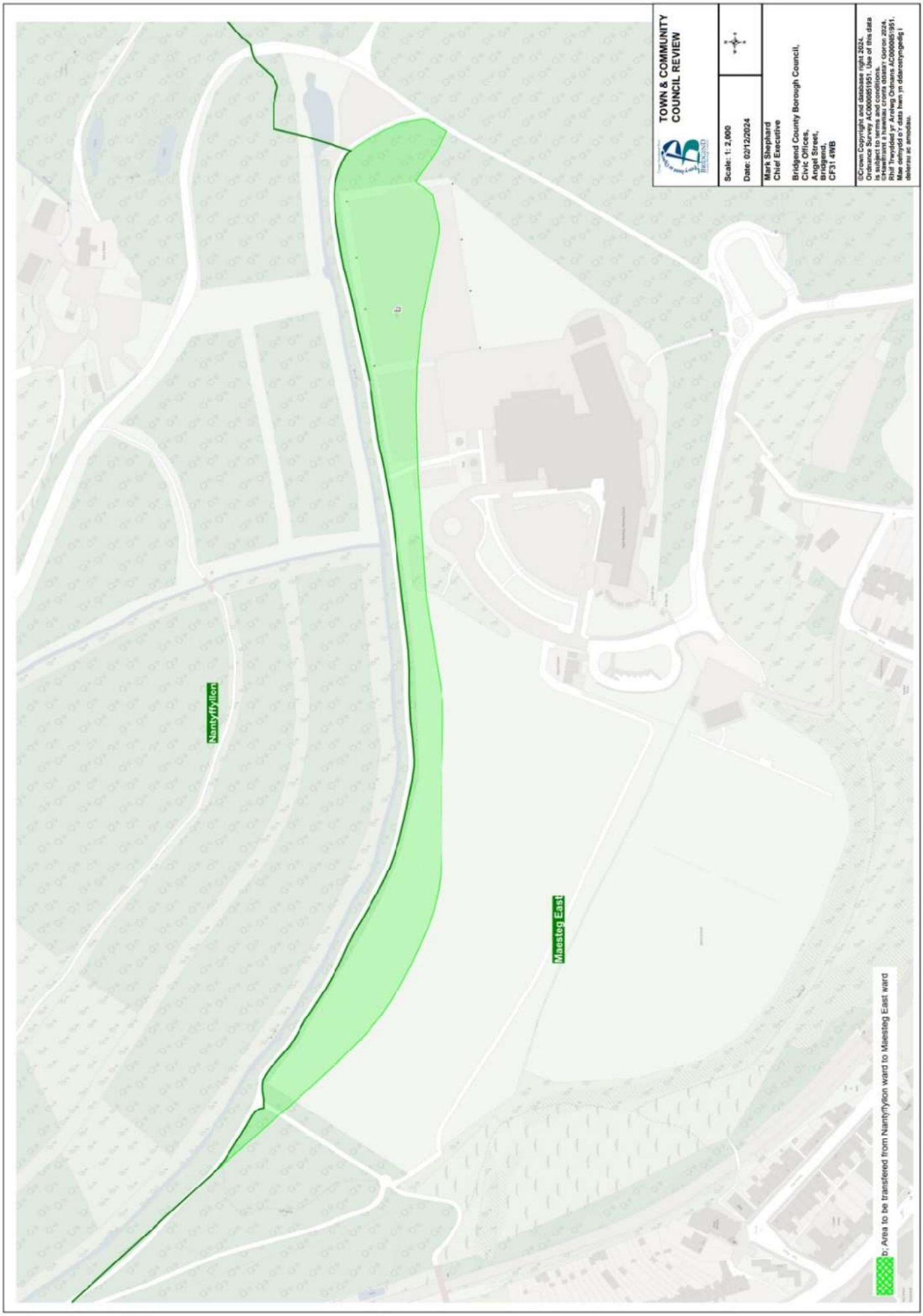
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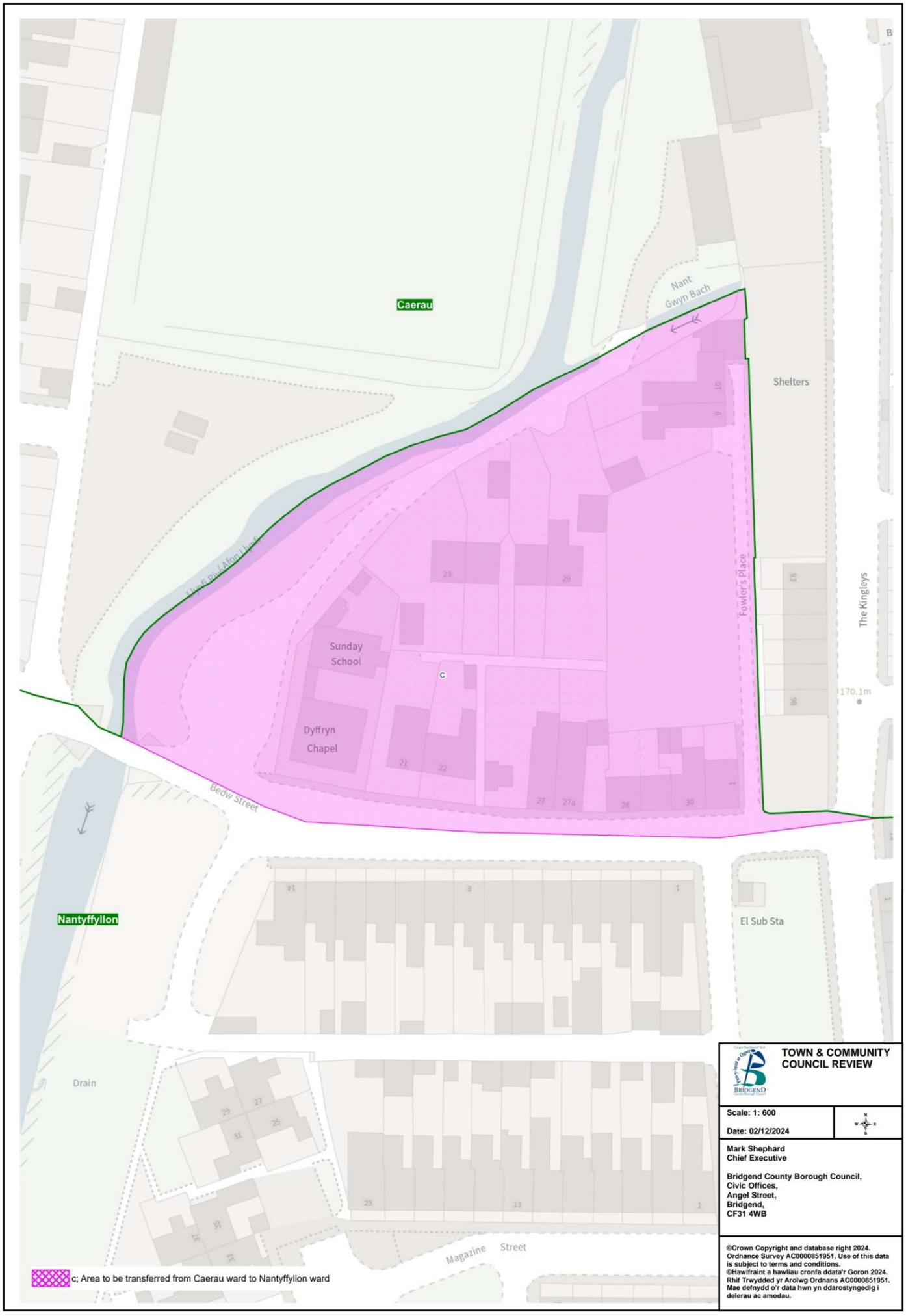
Newcastle Higher to Maesteg



Nantyffyllon ward to Maesteg East ward



Caerau ward to Nantyffyllon ward



PENCOED AND COYCHURCH HIGHER

165. The current town council arrangements in Pencoed consist of a total electorate of 7,366 and is represented by 13 town councillors.

Town ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Felindre	2,152	4
Hendre	3,329	6
Penprysg	1,885	3
Total	**7,366**	**13**

166. The current community council arrangements in Coychurch Higher consist of a total electorate of 750 and is represented by 7 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Coychurch Higher	750	7
Total	**750**	**7**

Representations

167. The Council received 2 representations concerning the Town of Pencoed and 5 representations concerning the community of Coychurch Higher.

Town ward boundary proposals

168. The Council proposes abolishing the Town of Pencoed and the community of Coychurch Higher utilising the 2 areas to form the new Town of Pencoed. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Coychurch Higher is an electorate of 750 and therefore does not meet the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

169. The Council proposes to apply 5 changes to the existing ward. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Pencoed Town to Brackla
- Pencoed Town to Coity Higher
- Coity Higher to Pencoed Town
- Pencoed Town to Ogmore Valley
- Hendre ward to Penprysg ward

170. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coychurch Lower Ward within Brackla Communtiy and the Hendre ward of Pencoed Town. The Coychurch Lower boundary will be extended so that it adjoins the motorway between Pencoed Town and the proposed Coychurch Lower ward. This only affects a few isolated properties, namely Coedymwstr Uchaf and Coed y Mwstr Fawr Farm. The proposal can be found on the map on page 96 and in greater detail on the map on page 97.

171. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the Town of Pencoed. The existing boundary bisects a commercial farm between the 2 community areas. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of the commercial farm within the Coity Higher community. This proposal affects 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 96 and in greater detail on the map on page 98.

172. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the Town of Pencoed by transferring several isolated properties from the community of Coity Higher to the Town of Pencoed. As the primary access for these properties is situated within the proposed Hendre ward. This affects 11 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear

boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 96 and in greater detail on the map on page 99.

173. The Council proposes transferring the area that lies to the North of the proposed Heol y Cyw ward to the Blackmill ward within the community of Ogmore Valley. This would affect 17 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 96 and in greater detail on the map on page 100.

174. The Council proposes to make a slight change to the boundary between the Penprysg and Hendre wards within Pencoed Town. Namely, the streets; Erw Ifan, Glyn-y-mel and Min-y-nant should all now entirely fall within the Penprysg ward due to the access for this area falling within the Penprysg ward currently. This would affect 107 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 96 and in greater detail on the map on page 101.

175. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the proposed Town of Pencoed would decrease to 8,105.

Proposed Names

176. The Council proposes to retain the single town name of Pencoed.

177. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Felindre

178. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Hendre.

179. The Council proposes to retain the single Town council ward name of Pen-prysg.

180. The Council proposes a single Town council ward name of Heol-y-Cyw.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

181. The proposed community council arrangements in Pencoed will consist of a total electorate of 8,105 and be represented by 13 town councillors.

182. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the town council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the town council can be seen below:

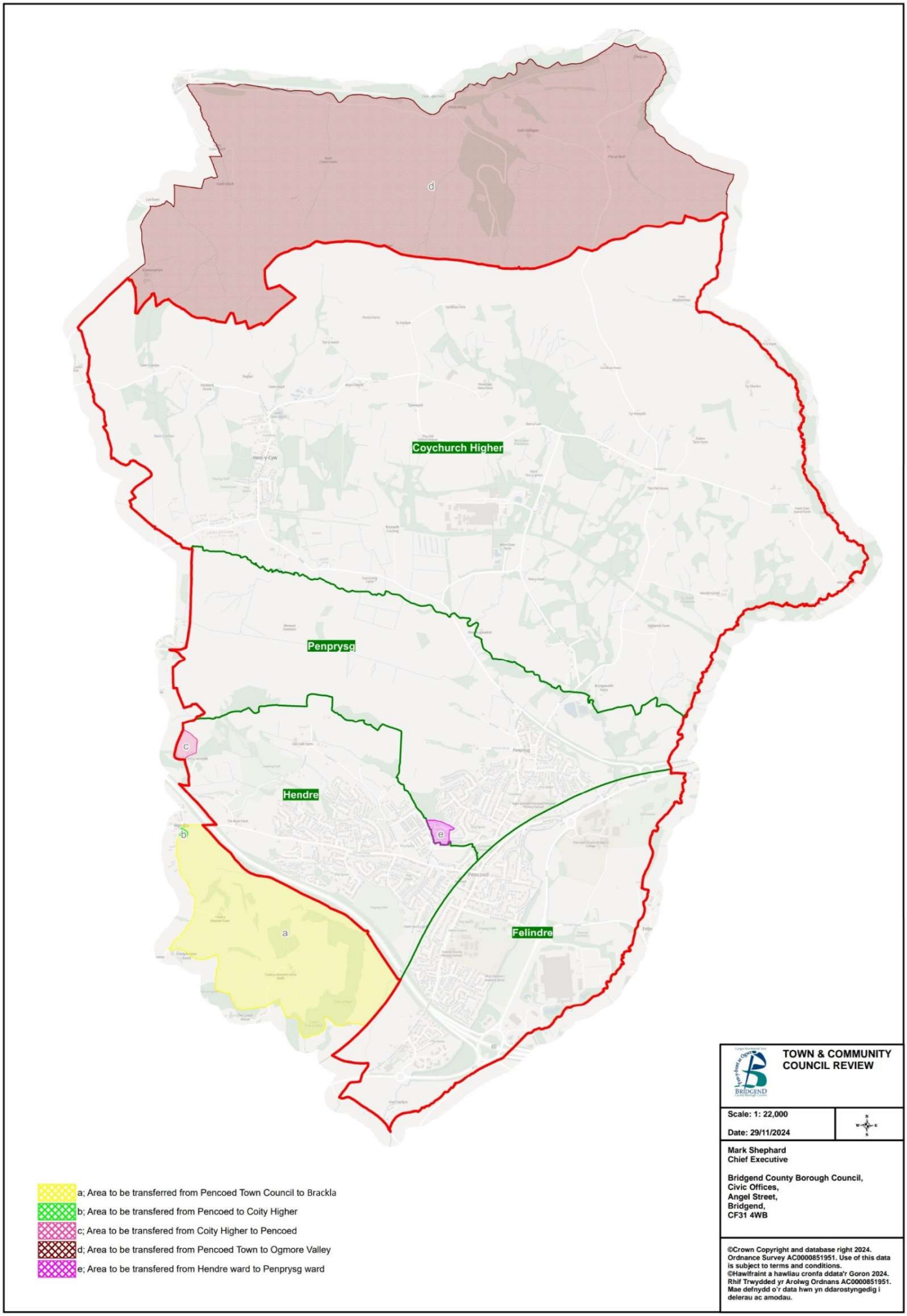
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	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Coychurch Higher	750	7	107	-74%				
Felindre	2,152	4	538	33%	2,152	3	717	15%
Hendre	3,329	6	555	37%	3,228	5	646	4%
Penprysg	1,885	3	628	55%	1,992	3	664	7%
Heol y Cyw					733	2	367	-41%
Total	**8,116**	**20**	**406**		**8,105**	**13**	**623**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 13, which is a decrease of 7 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes that the new arrangements would provide for improvements to the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

183. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales.

Pencoed Town



a; Area to be transferred from Pencoed Town Council to Brackla
b; Area to be transfered from Pencoed to Coity Higher
c; Area to be transfered from Coity Higher to Pencoed
d; Area to be transfered from Pencoed Town to Ogmore Valley
e; Area to be transfered from Hendre ward to Penprysg ward

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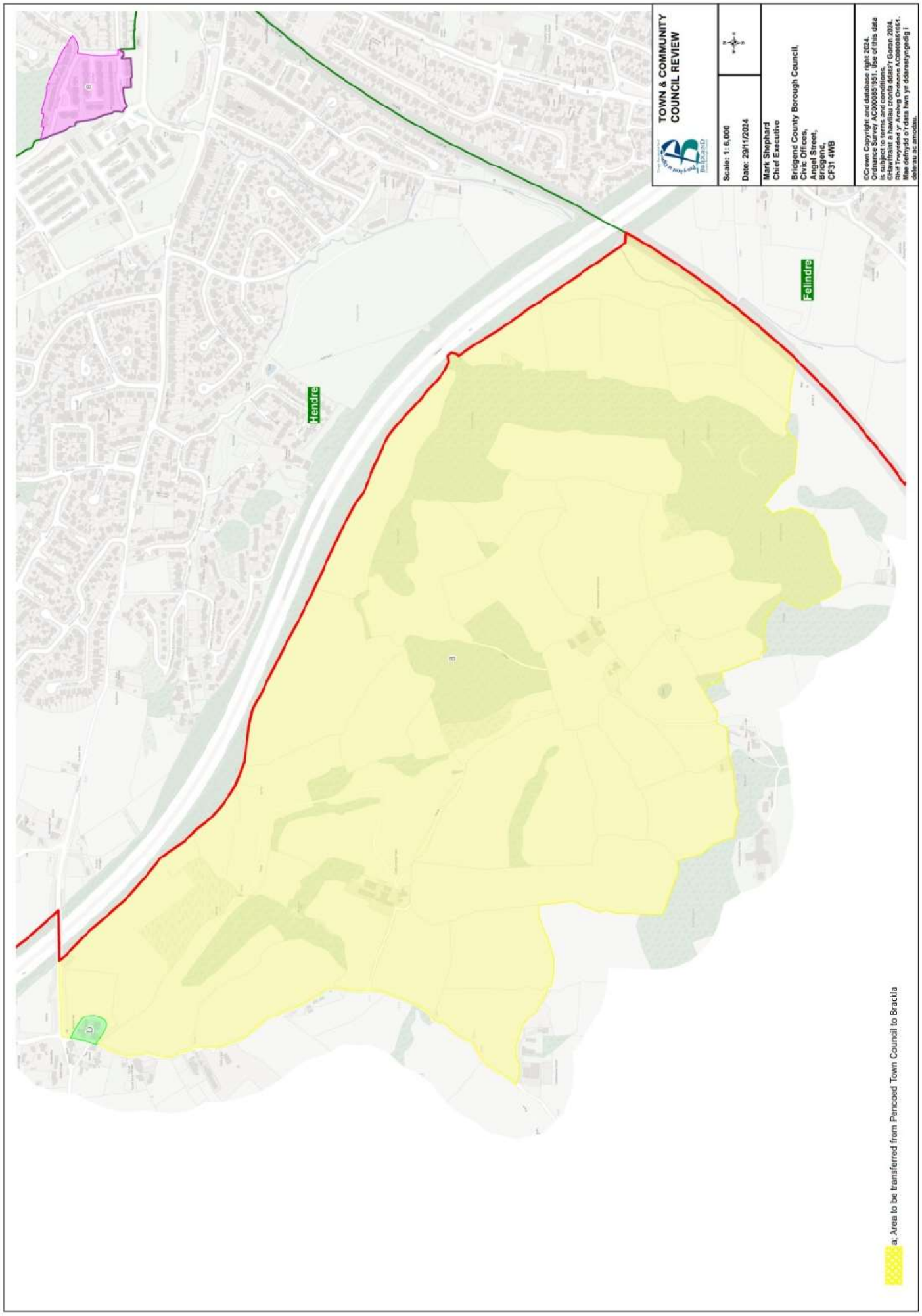
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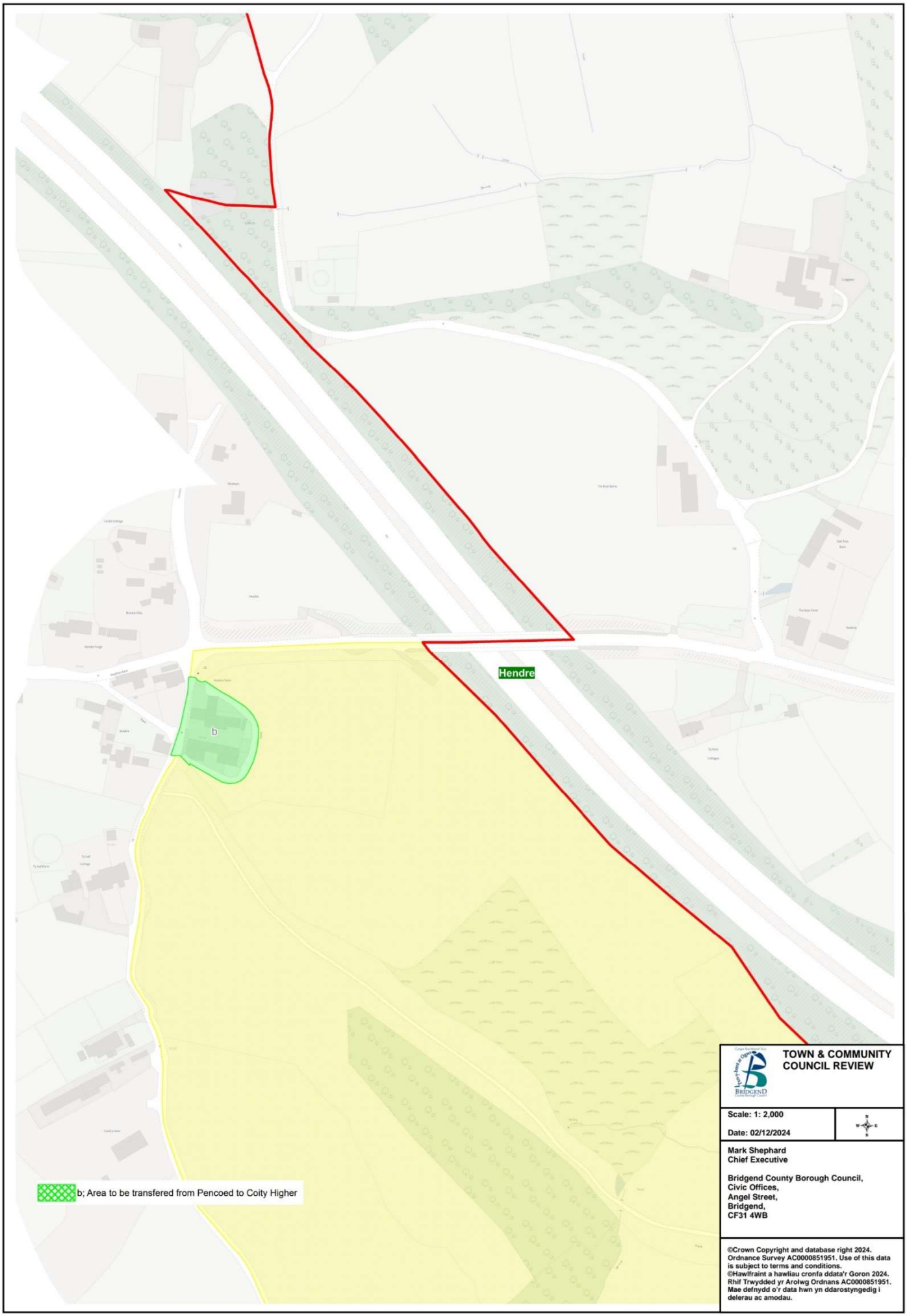
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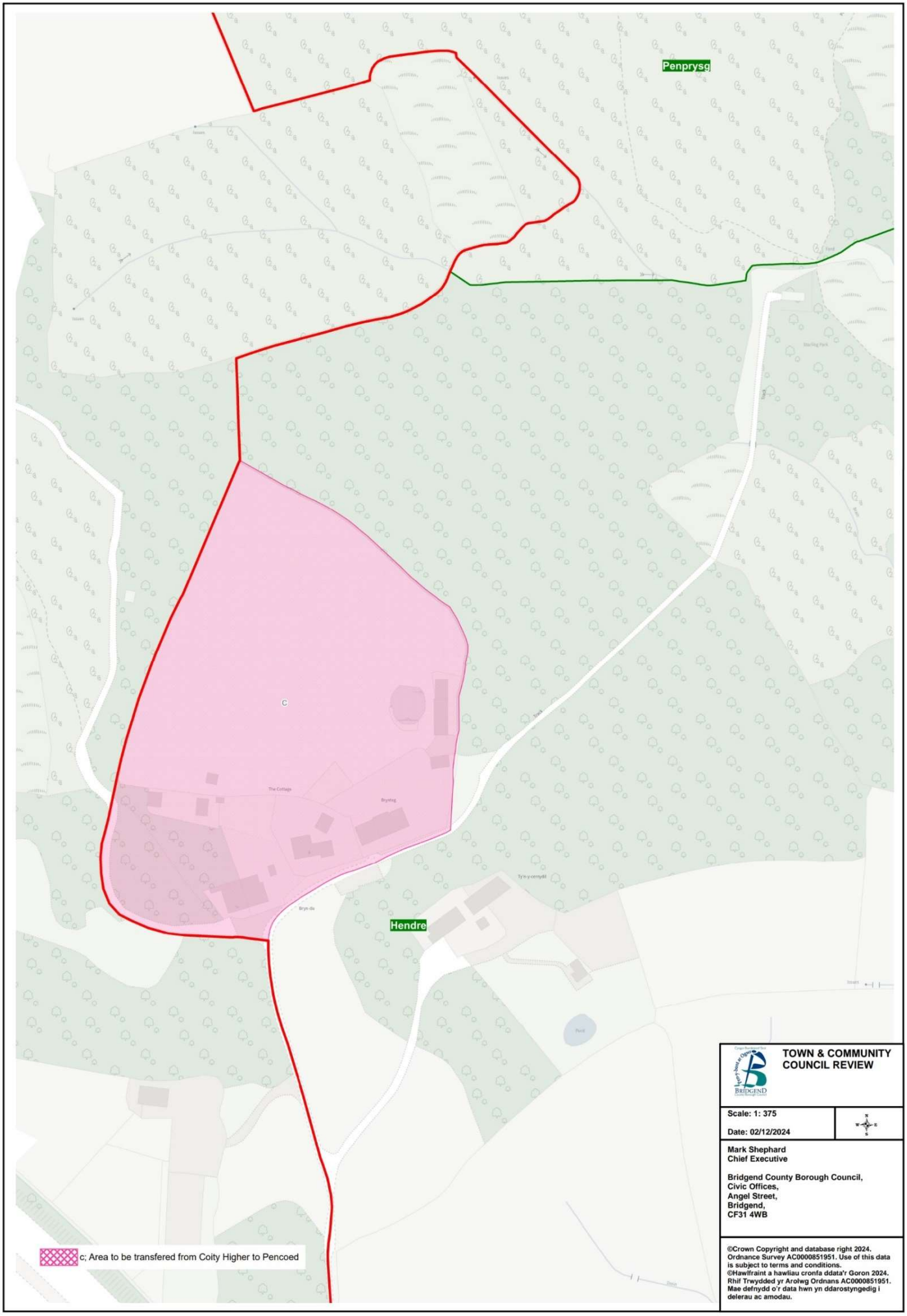
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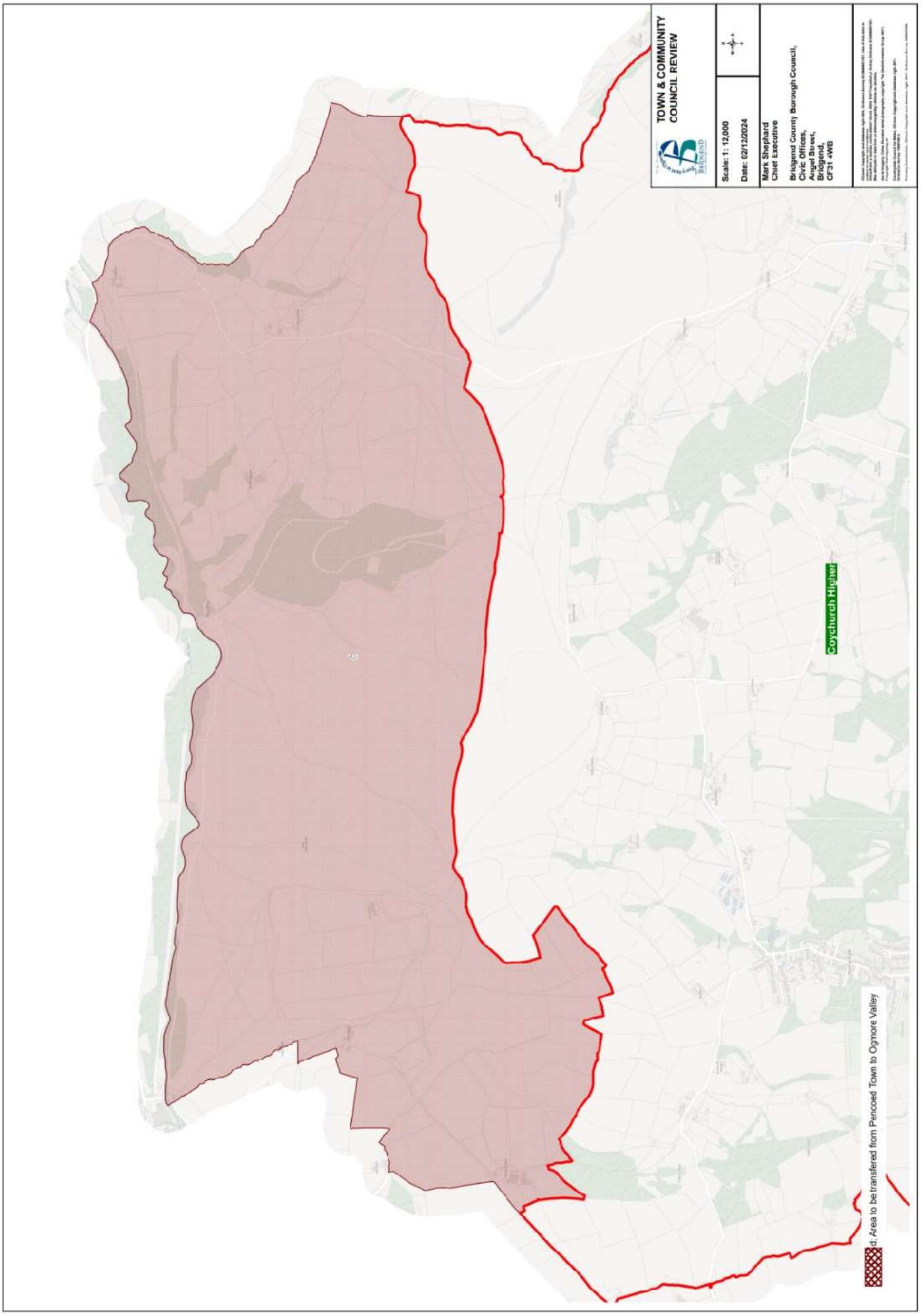
Pencoed Town to Coity Higher



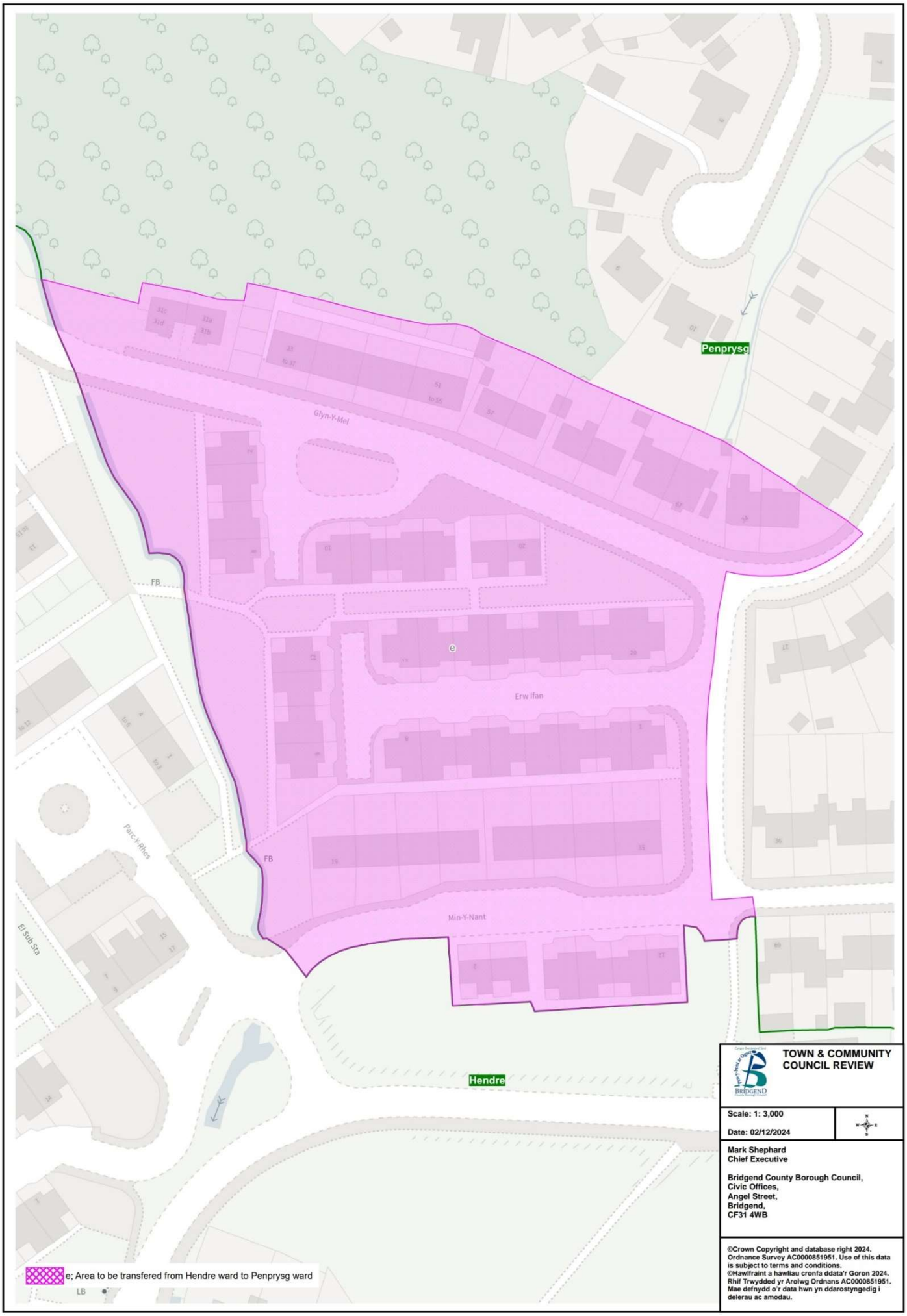
Coity Higher to Pencoed Town



Pencoed Town to Ogmore Valley



Hendre ward to Penprysg ward



NEWCASTLE HIGHER, LLANGYNWYD LOWER AND YNYSAWDRE

184. The current community council arrangements in Newcastle Higher consist of a total electorate of 3,559 and is represented by 12 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Aberkenfig	1,646	6
Pen y Fai	1,913	6
Total	**3,559**	**12**

185. The current community council arrangements in Llangynwyd Lower consist of a total electorate of 380 and is represented by 7 community councillors.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Llangynwyd Lower	380	7
Total	**380**	**7**

186. The current community council arrangements in Ynysawdre consist of a total electorate of 2,852 and is represented by 10 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Brynmenyn	1,258	4
Tondu	1,594	6
Total	**2,852**	**10**

Representations

187. The Council received 3 representations concerning the community of Newcastle Higher, 2 representations concerning the community of Llangynwyd Lower and 3 representations concerning the community of Ynysawdre.

Community ward boundary proposals

188. The Council proposes to abolish the communities of Newcastle Higher, Llangynwyd Lower and Ynysawdre utilising the 3 areas to form a new community of Newcastle Higher. The existing boundaries will be used to form wards within the new community. The projected 5-year forecast for the community of Newcastle Higher is an electorate of 3,559, for Llangynwyd Lower is an electorate of 380 and for Ynysawdre is an electorate of 2,852 therefore none of these communities meets the Council Size Policy of a minimum of 5,000 electors per community.

189. The Council proposes to apply 7 changes to the existing ward. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Newcastle Higher to Llansantffraid
- Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (1)
- Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (2)
- Laleston to Newcastle Higher
- Newcastle Higher to Maesteg
- Aberkenfig ward to Ynysawdre ward
- Coytrahen ward to Ynysawdre ward

190. The Council proposes to transfer the existing Brynmenyn ward of Ynysawdre community to the proposed community of Llansantffraid. The Council considers the Brynmenyn area to have closer links to the proposed Bryncethin ward of Llansantffraid. This will affect 1,258 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 106.

191. The Council proposes to transfer one property, ‘Stoney Walls’ that currently sits within the proposed Aberkenfig ward in the community of Newcastle Higher, to the proposed ward of Cefn Cribbwr. As the access for this property is currently situated within the ward of Cefn Cribbwr. This would affect 1 elector. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page107.

192. The Council proposes to transfer part of the area that lies to the West of the proposed Coytrahen ward from the community of Newcastle Higher so that all properties that fall on the road ‘Ffordd y Graith’ are united under one community in the proposed ward of Cefn Cribbwr. This would affect 26 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 108.

193. The Council proposes to transfer an area of Laleston situated near Court Coleman to the Pen-y-fai ward of Newcastle Higher. The Council considers this area to have stronger links with Pen-y-fai and would be better aligned to sit within Newcastle Higher. This would affect 10 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 109.

194. In line with representations received from the Boundary Commission, the Council proposes to extend the boundary of the Pontrhydycyff ward so that the whole of the Electricity Distribution Site is then contained within Pontrhydycyff, as opposed to crossing over into Llangynwyd Lower, now within Newcastle Higher Community. This would affect 0 electors. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 110.

195. The Council proposes to extend the boundary of the Tondu area that is being transferred, so that the following streets: Ffordd Antwn, Rhodfa Parc Slip, Clos Pwll Clai, Cwrt yr Hen Ysgol and one isolated property off Fountain Road would fall within the newly proposed Ynysawdre ward, rather than within the Aberkenfig ward. This would affect 418 electors. This change would utilise the railway line as the new boundary between the proposed Ynysawdre and Aberkenfig wards. The Council considers this area to have stronger local ties to the Tondu ward. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 111.

196. The Council proposes to transfer the area of Cwm Risca from the proposed ward of Coytrahen to the proposed ward of Ynysawdre. This would also include several isolated properties that sit on New Road. This would affect 27 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 105 and in greater detail on the map on page 112.

197. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the proposed community of Newcastle Higher will increase to 5,516.

Proposed Names

198. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Newcastle Higher and the Welsh community name of Castell Newydd Uwch. The Council is of the view that Newcastle Higher, being the larger and more recognisable name included in the proposals, that this name be assigned to the new combined community area.

199. The Council proposes the English community council ward name of Aberkenfig and the Welsh community council ward name of Abercynffig.

200. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Coytrahen.

201. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Pen-y-fai.

202. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Ynysawdre.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

203. The proposed community council arrangements in Newcastle Higher will consist of a total electorate of 5,516 and be represented by 10 community councillors.

204. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

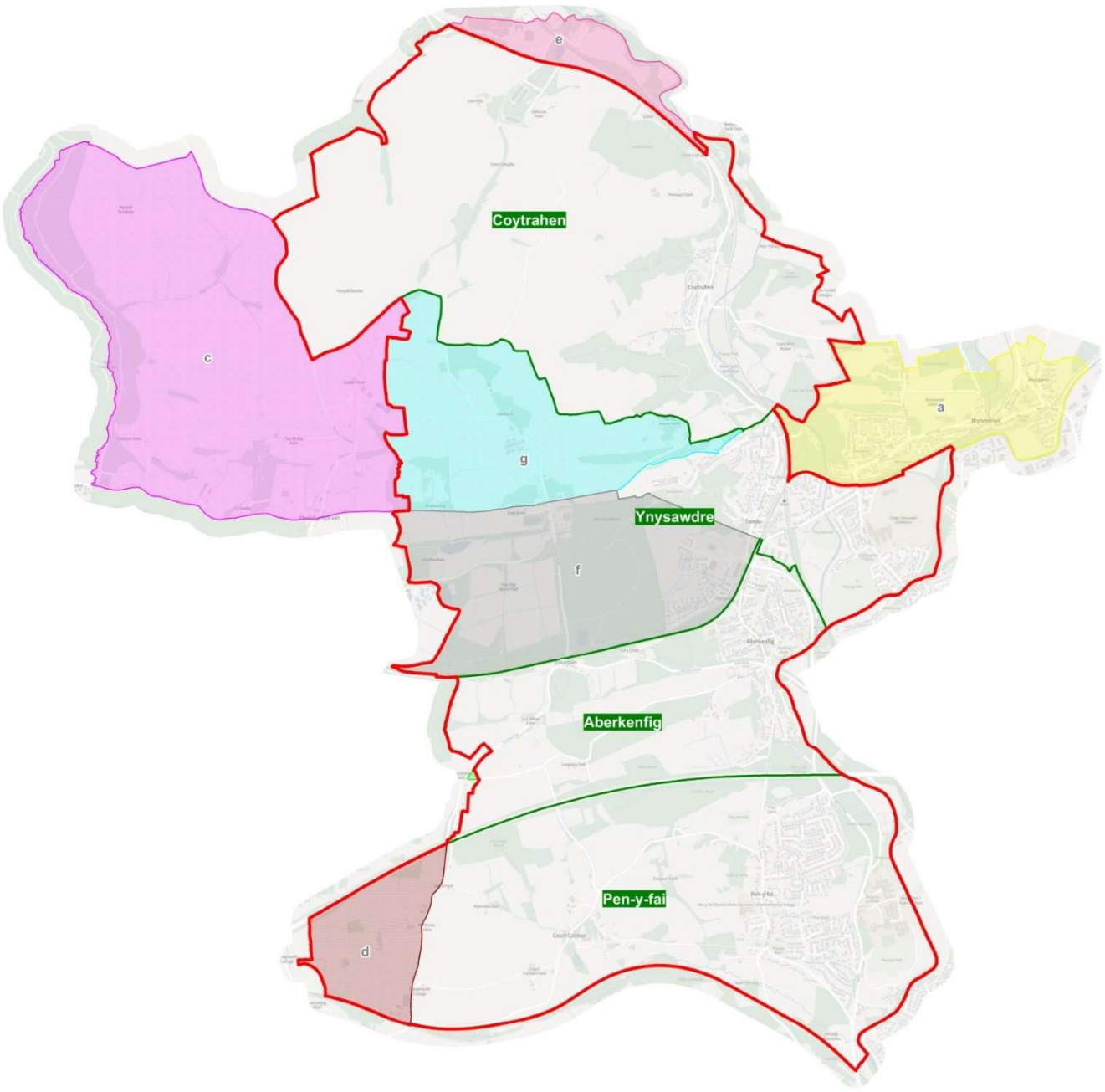
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Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Aberkenfig	1,646	5	329	26%	1,227	2	614	11%
Coytrahen	380	7	54	-79%	325	2	163	-70%
Pen-y-fai	1,913	4	478	83%	1,923	3	641	16%
Brynmenyn	1,258	4	315	21%				
Tondu	1,594	6	266	2%				
Ynysawdre					2,041	3	680	23%
Total	**6,791**	**26**	**261**		**5,516**	**10**	**552**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 10, which is a decrease of 16 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

Principal council electoral ward arrangements

205. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

Newcastle Higher Community



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b; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (1)
c; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Cynffig (2)
d; Area to be transfered from Laleston to Newcastle Higher
e; Area to be transfered from Newcastle Higher to Maesteg Town
f; Area to be transfered from Aberkenfig ward to Ynysawdre ward
g; Area to be transfered from Coytrahen ward to Ynysawdre ward

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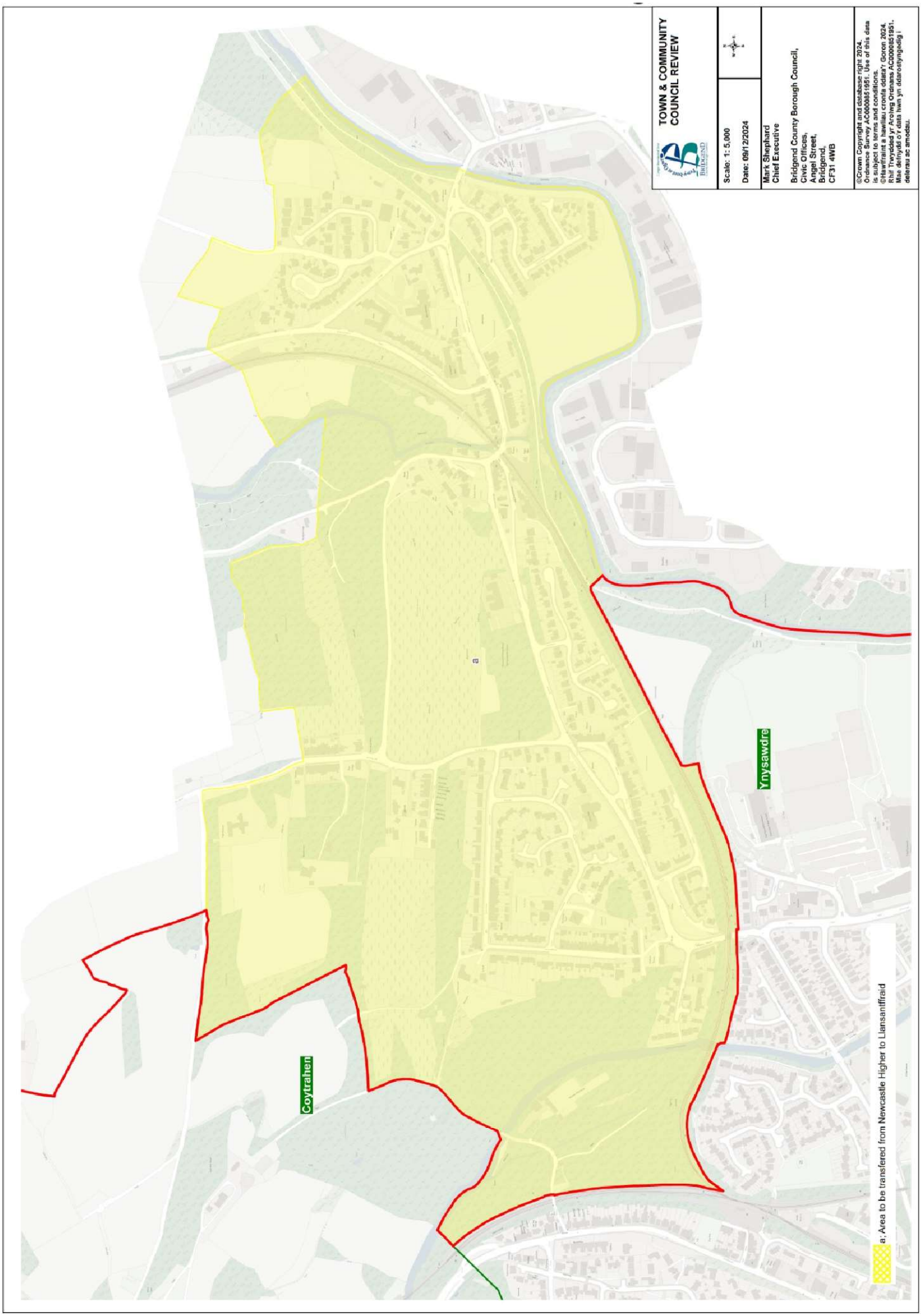
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Newcastle Higher to Llansantffraid

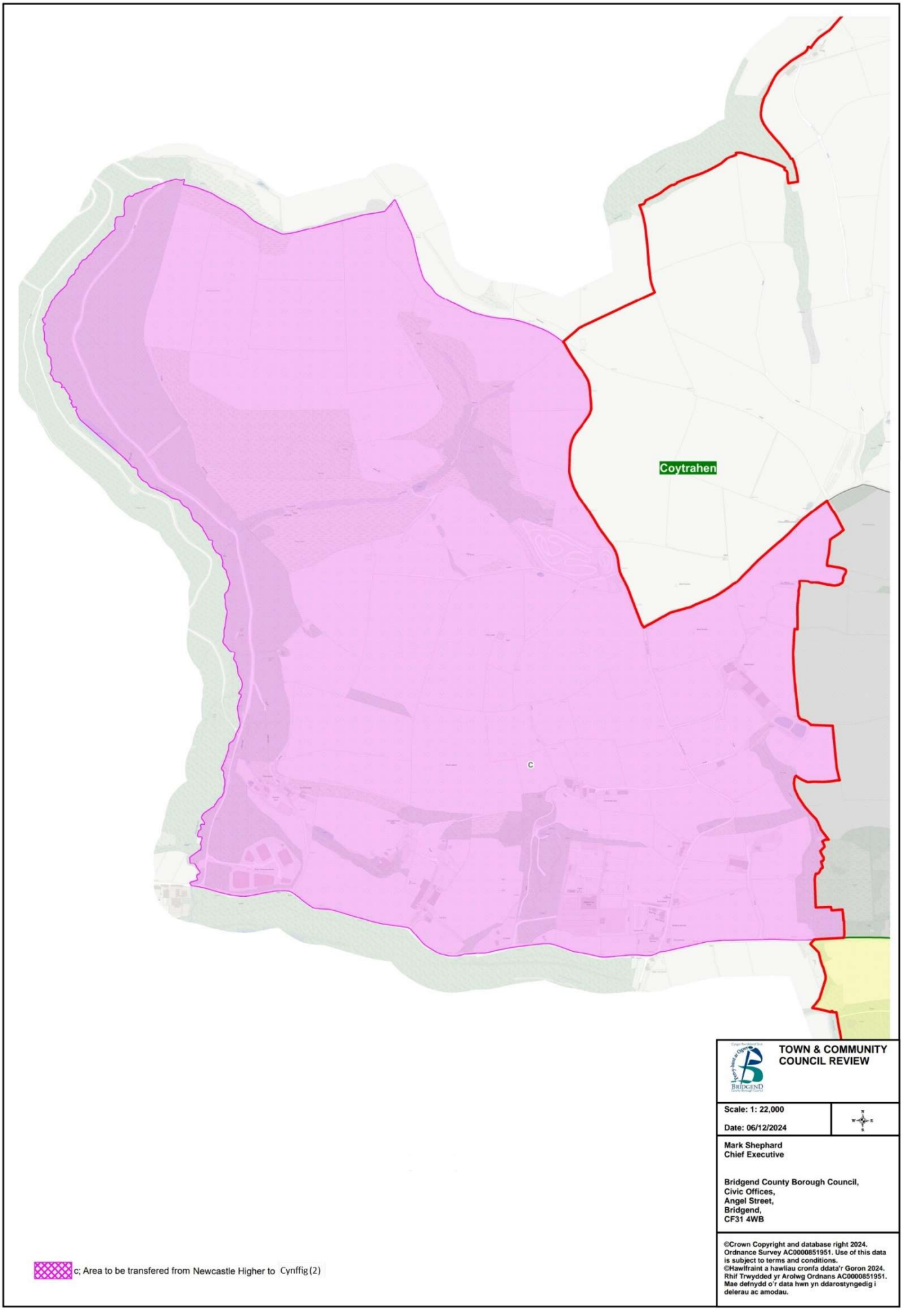


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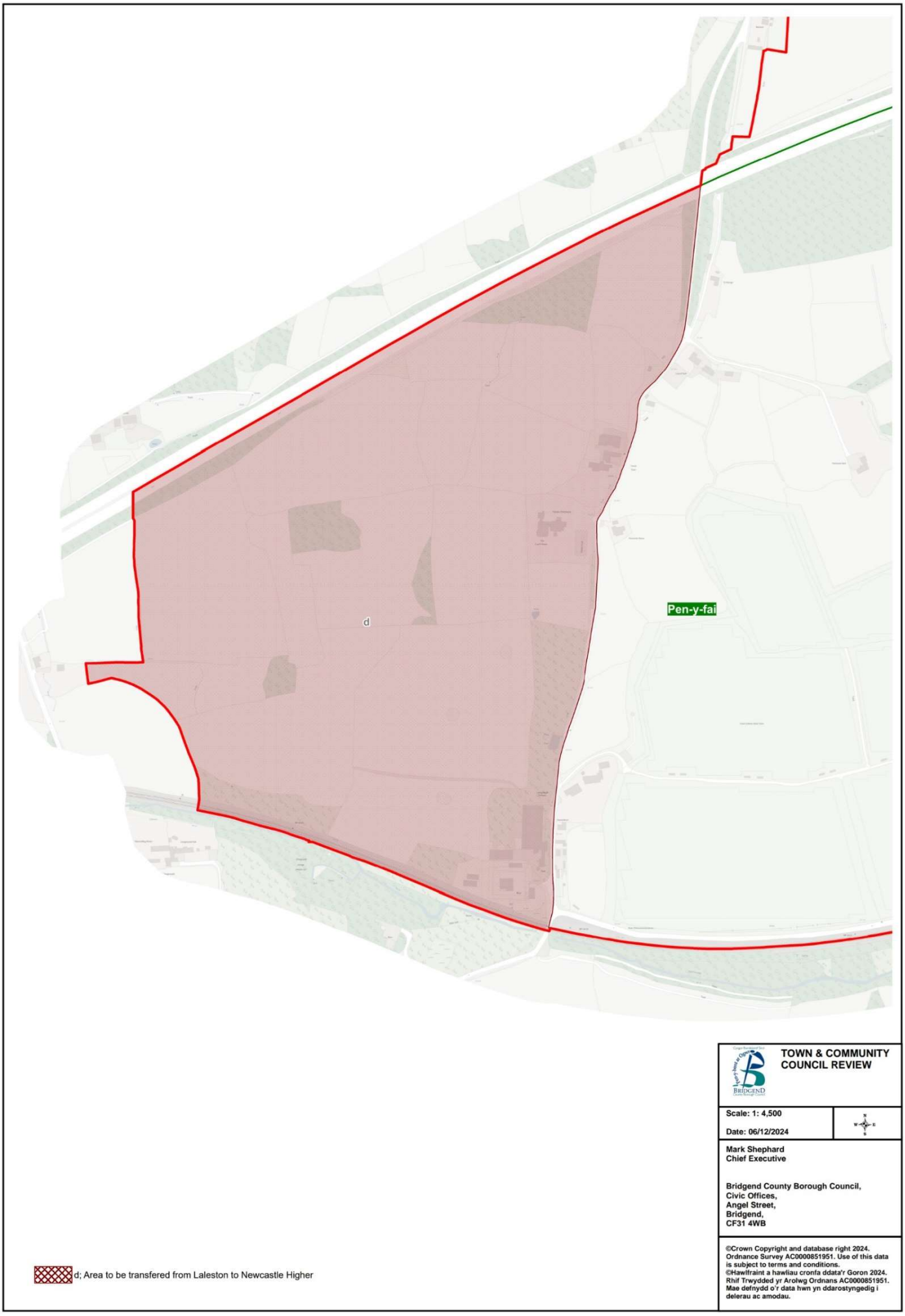
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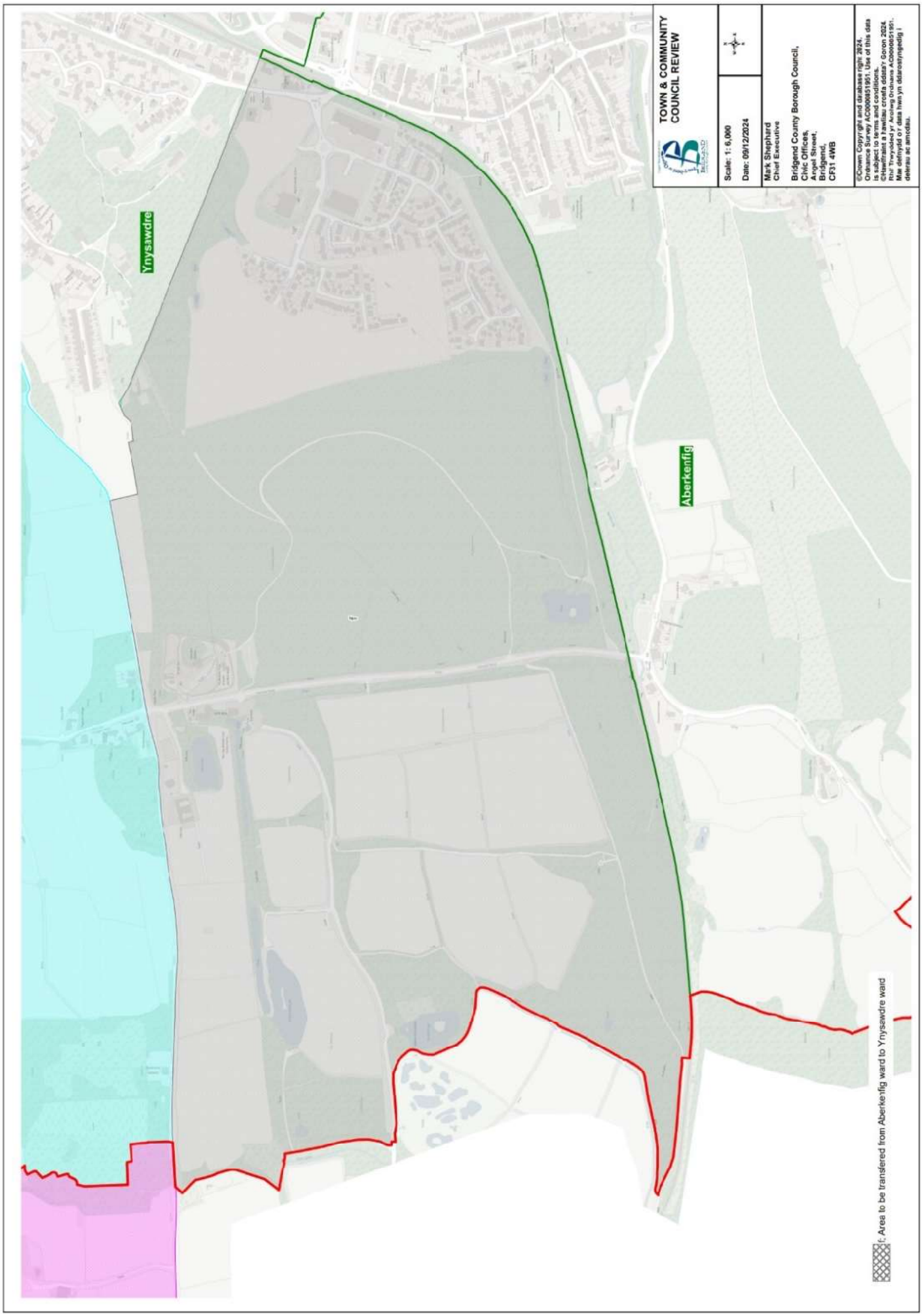
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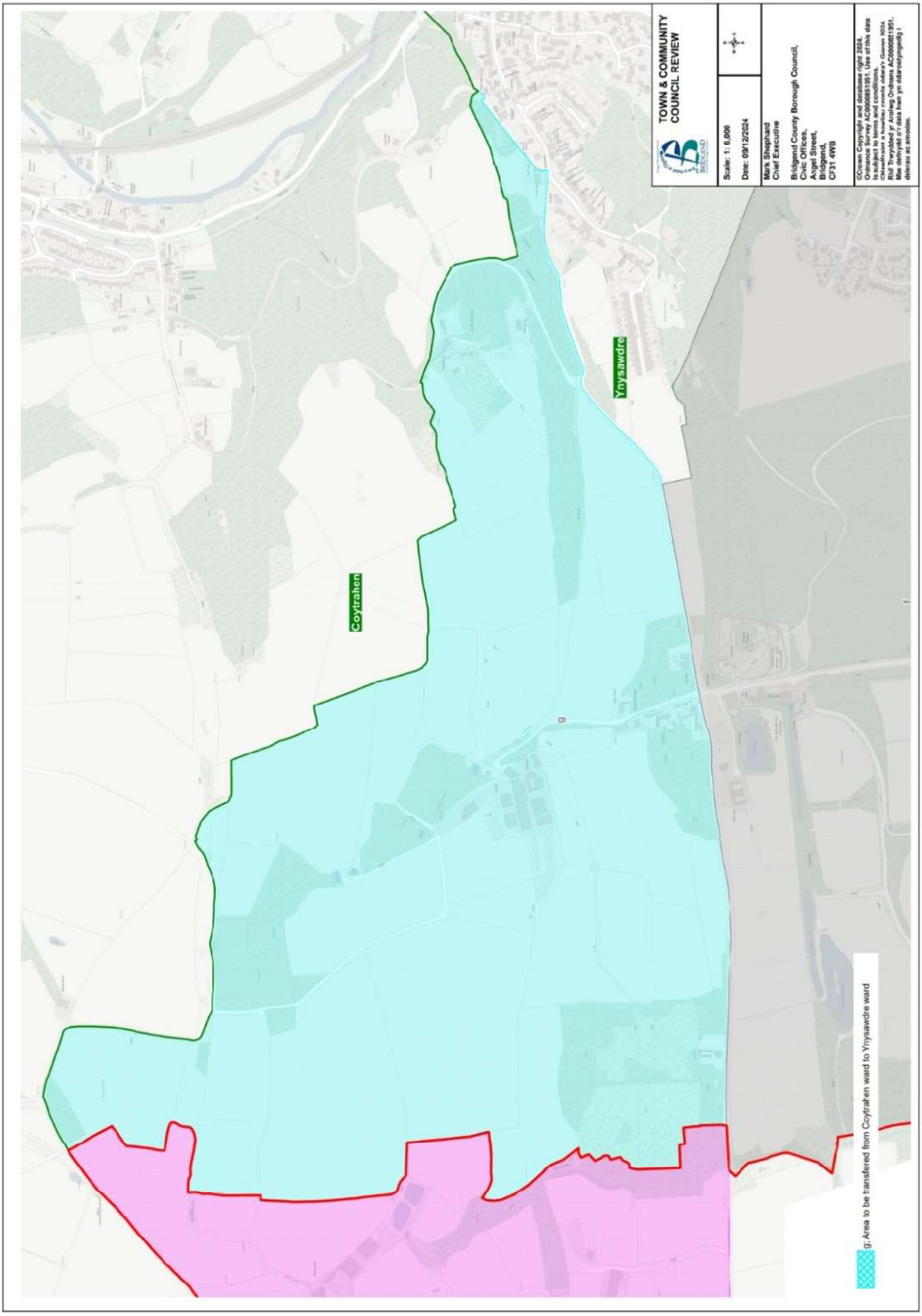
Newcastle Higher to Maesteg Town



Aberkenfig ward to Ynysawdre ward



Coytrahen ward to Ynysawdre ward



ST BRIDE'S MINOR

206. The current community council arrangements in St Bride's Minor consist of a total electorate of 5,047 and is represented by 13 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bryncethin	1,331	2
Bryncoch	1,835	5
Sarn	1,881	6
Total	**5,047**	**13**

Representations

207. The Council received 3 representations concerning the community of St Bride's Minor

Community ward boundary proposals

208. Both St Bride's Minor and Ynysawdre community councils indicated in their representations that they would want to be merged with one another to create a new community council. The Council, however, proposes to merge Ynysawdre with Newcastle Higher but transfer the Brynmenyn ward from Ynysawdre Community to the new community of Llansantffraid.

209. The Council proposes to apply 8 changes to the existing ward. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Newcastle Higher to Llansantffraid
- Llansantffraid to Coity Higher (1)
- Llansantffraid to Coity Higher (2)
- Coity Higher to Llansantffraid
- Garw Valley to Llansantffraid
- Llansantffraid to Ogmore Valley
- Bryncoch ward to Bryncethin ward
- Bryncethin ward to Sarn ward

210. The Council proposes to transfer the existing Brynmenyn ward of Ynysawdre community to the proposed community of Llansantffraid. The Council considers the Brynmenyn area to have closer links to the proposed Bryncethin ward of Llansantffraid. This will affect 1,258 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 117.

211. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Llansantffraid and the community of Coity Higher. The Council proposes to transfer the area south of the M4 from the ward of Sarn to the ward of Litchard. This proposal affects 32 electors in the Pen-y-cae area. The Council considers this area to have closer links with Coity Higher than Llansantffraid due to the divide the M4 currently creates and is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 118

212. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Llansantffraid and the community of Coity Higher. The Council proposes to transfer the area south of the M4 from what was previously the ward of Bryncoch to the ward of Coity. This affects 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 119.

213. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the proposed Coity ward and the community of Llansantffraid. The existing boundary bisects a farm known as 'Parc Ddu Farm' between the 2 community areas. The Council proposes to re-align the boundary to place the whole of Parc Ddu Farm within the Llansantffraid community. This proposal affects 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 120.

214. The Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Brynmenyn ward of the community of Llansantffraid and the ward of Llangeinor within the community of Garw Valley. This would see the area of Bryngarw Park fall within the Brynmenyn ward, as this has closer local ties to the proposed community of Llansantffraid. One property, 'Bryngarw Lodge' would be affected, with a total of 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 121.

215. The Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Bryncethin ward of the community of Llansantffraid and the ward of Blackmill. The change would affect the area named, 'Blackmill Woods', as this would be transferred from the proposed Bryncethin ward to the ward of Blackmill within the community of Ogmore Valley. This would affect 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 122.

216. The Council proposes to abolish the ward of Bryncoch and merge this area with the existing ward of Bryncethin. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116.

217. The Council proposes to transfer the streets of Merfield Close, Queens Avenue, Jubilee Crescent, Clos Tyn y Coed and Ffordd Maendy from the newly proposed Bryncethin ward to the Sarn ward of the proposed community of Llansantffraid. This would affect 730 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary, the area in question also has closer local links to the ward of Sarn. The proposal can be found on the map on page 116 and in greater detail on the map on page 123.

218. As a result of these proposals, the electorate in the proposed community of Llansantffraid will decrease to 6,277.

Proposed Names

219. The Council proposes a single community name of Llansantffraid.

220. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Bryncethin.

221. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Brynmenyn.

222. The Council proposes a single community council ward name of Sarn

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

223. The proposed community council arrangements in Llansantffraid will consist of a total electorate of 6,277 and be represented by 10 community councillors.

224. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

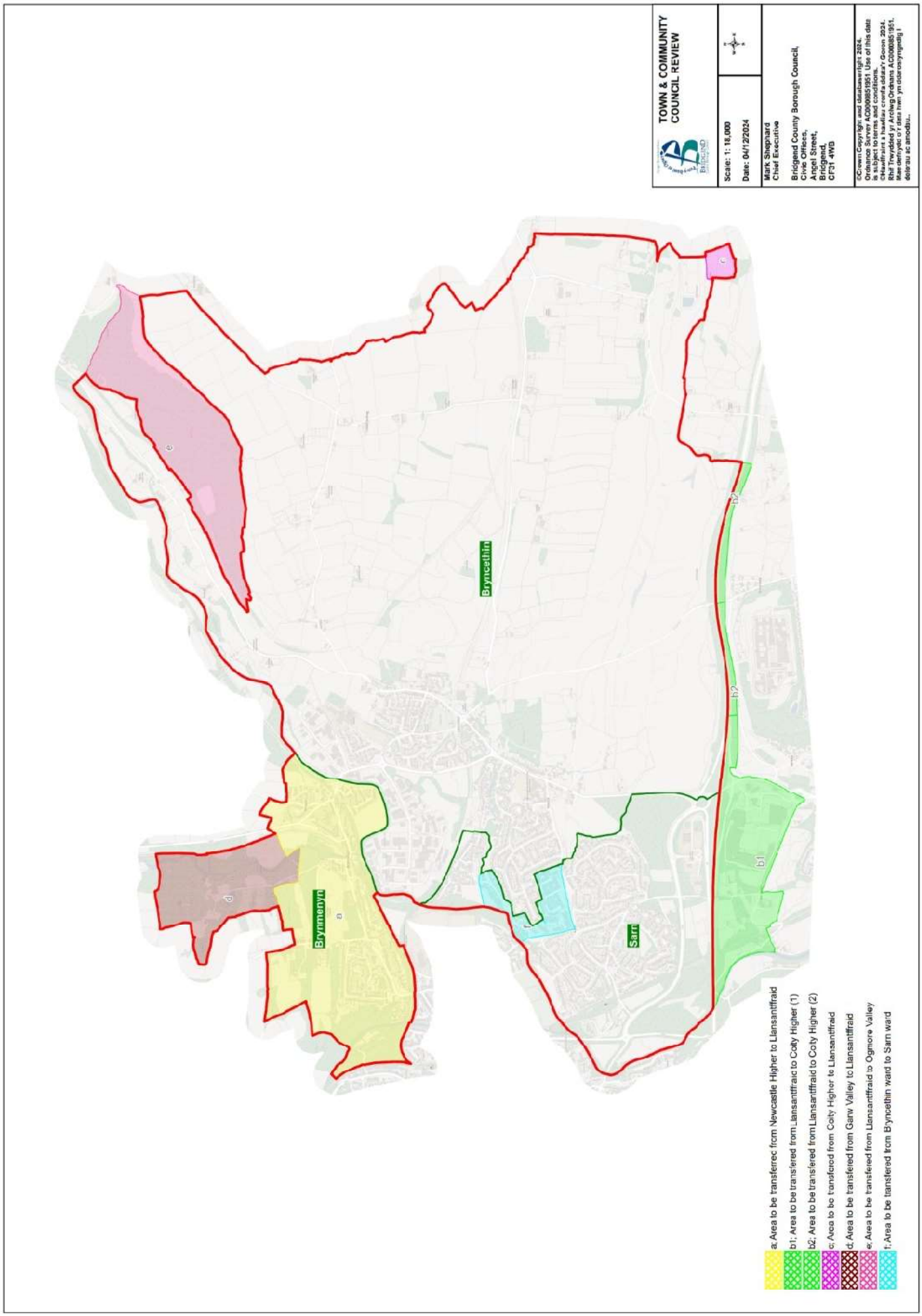
	Llansantffraid Community Council							
	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Bryncethin	1,331	2	666	72%	2,438	4	610	-3%
Bryncoch	1,835	5	367	-5%				
Brynmenyn					1,260	2	630	0%
Sarn	1,881	6	314	-19%	2,579	4	645	3%
Total	**5,047**	**13**	**388**		**6,277**	**10**	**628**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 10, which is a decrease of 3 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

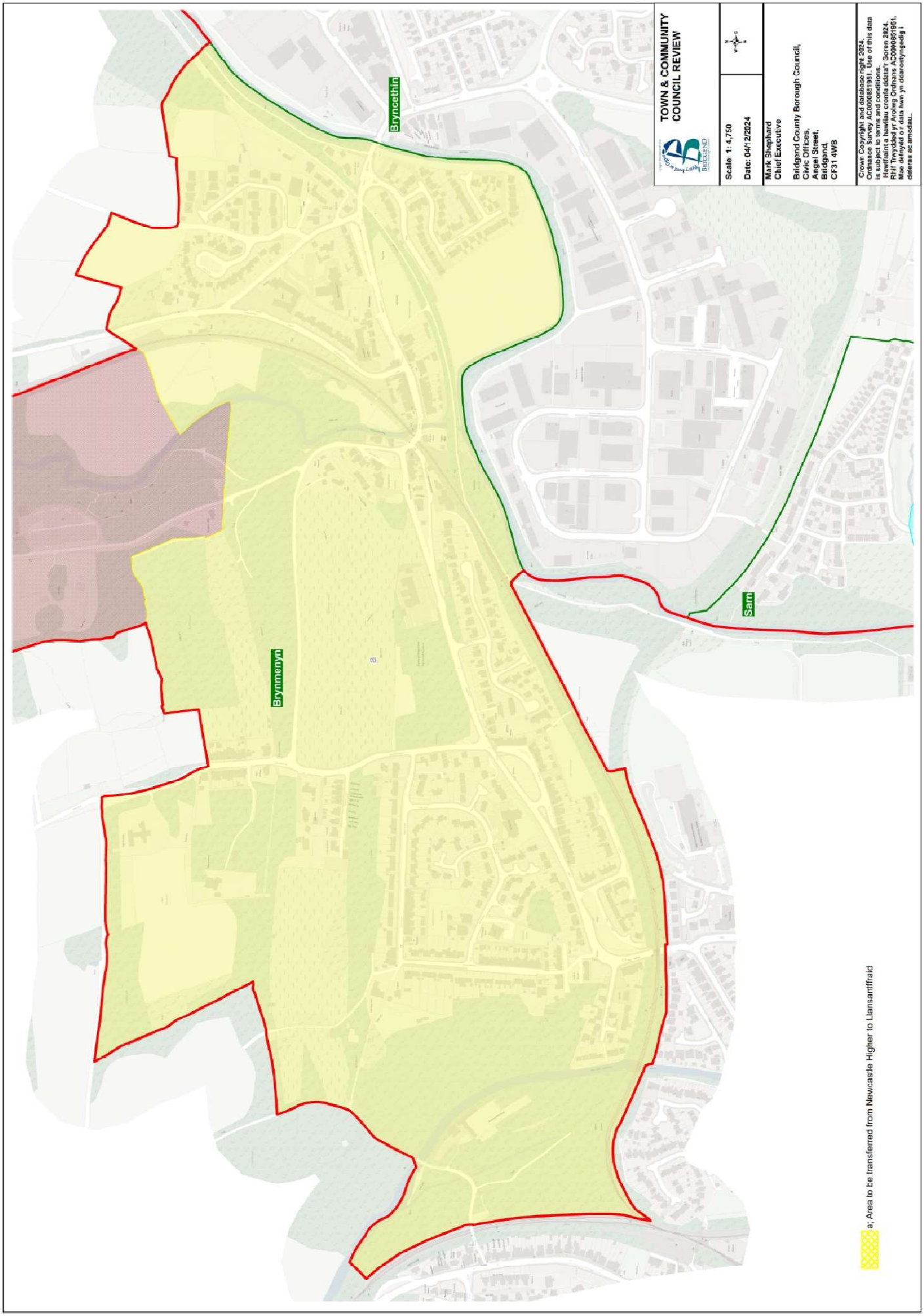
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

225. The above proposals will have an impact on the principal councils' electoral wards, which will need to be considered by the Local Democracy and Boundary Council for Wales

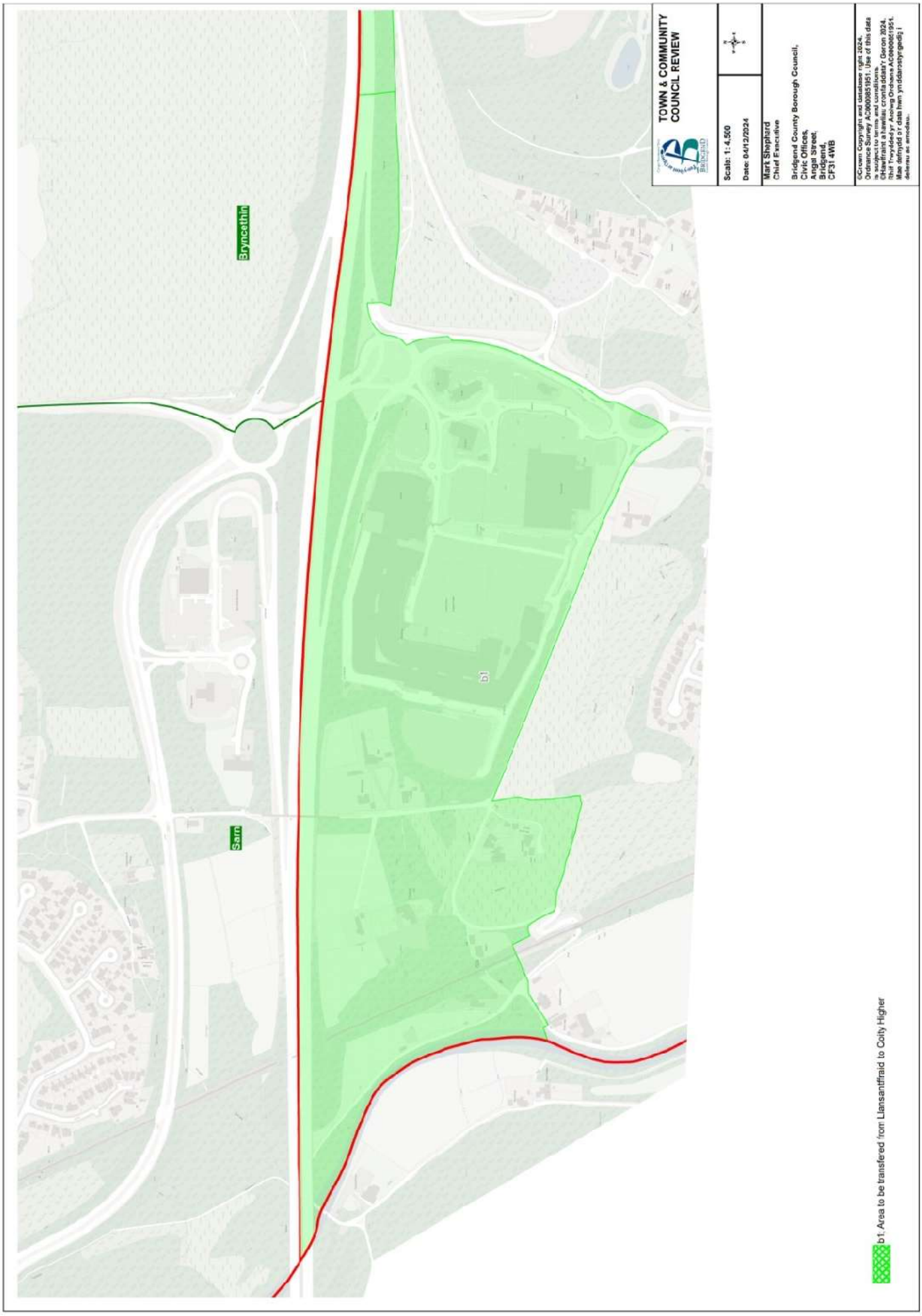
Llansantffraid Community



Newcastle Higher to Llansantffraid



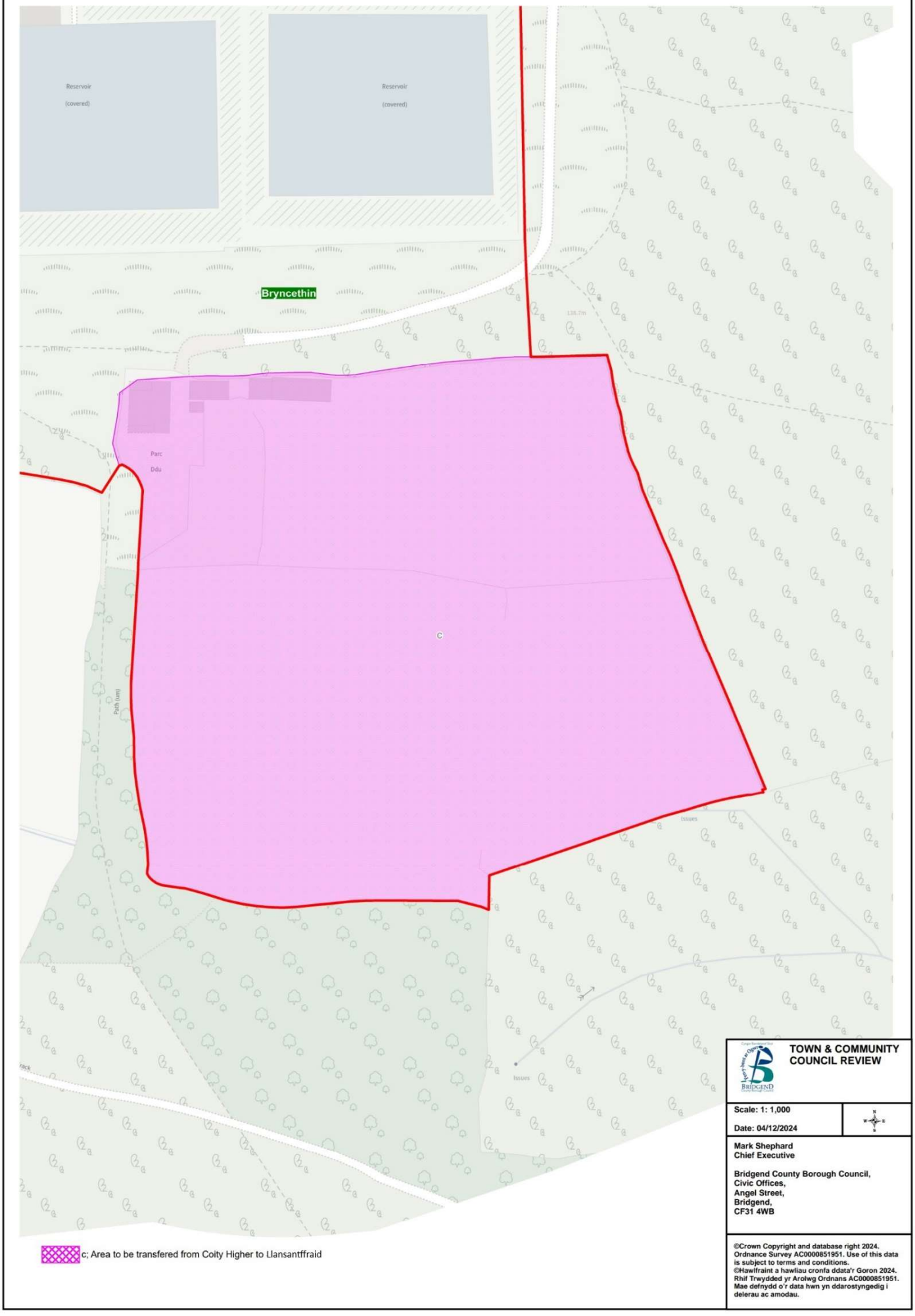
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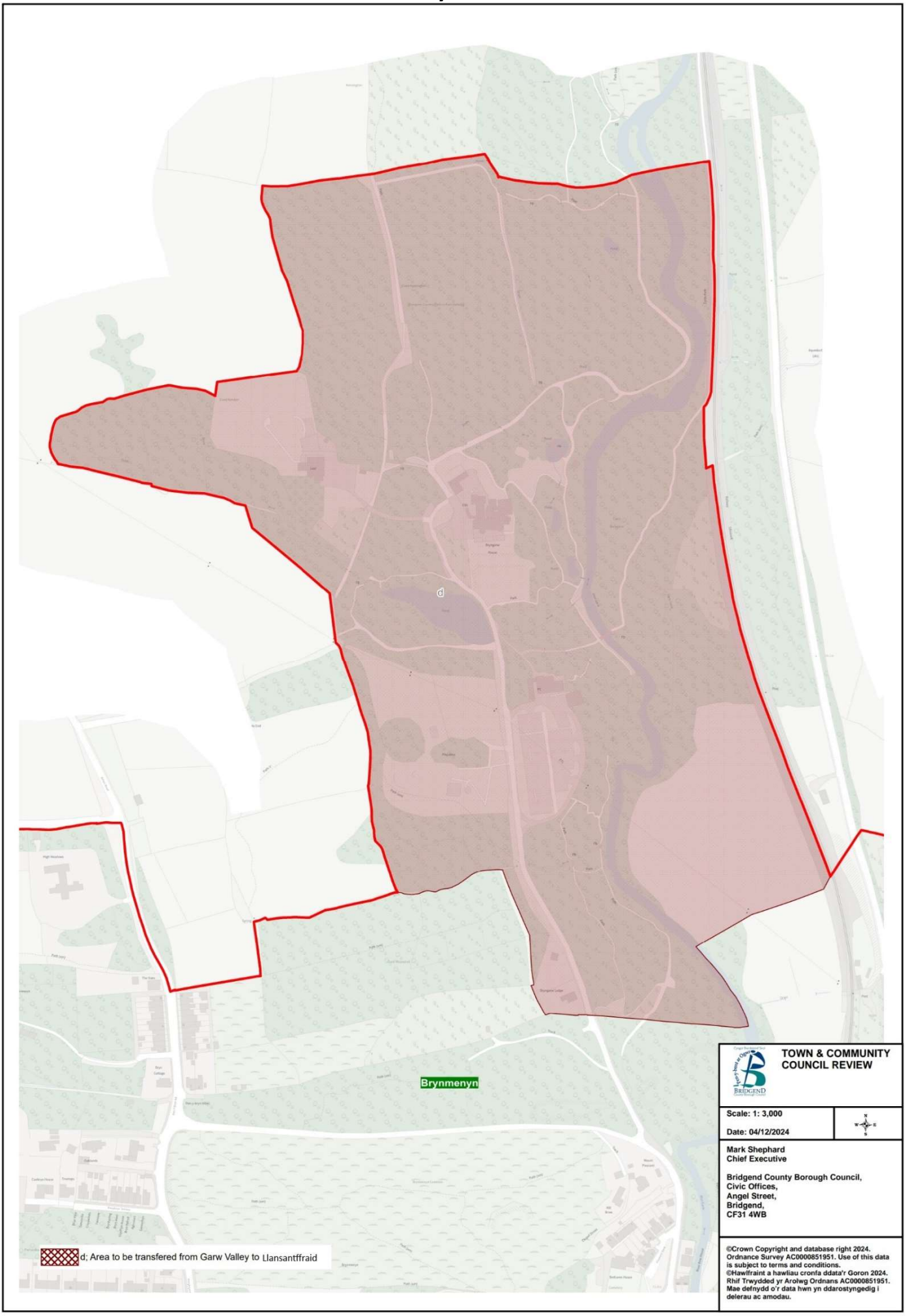
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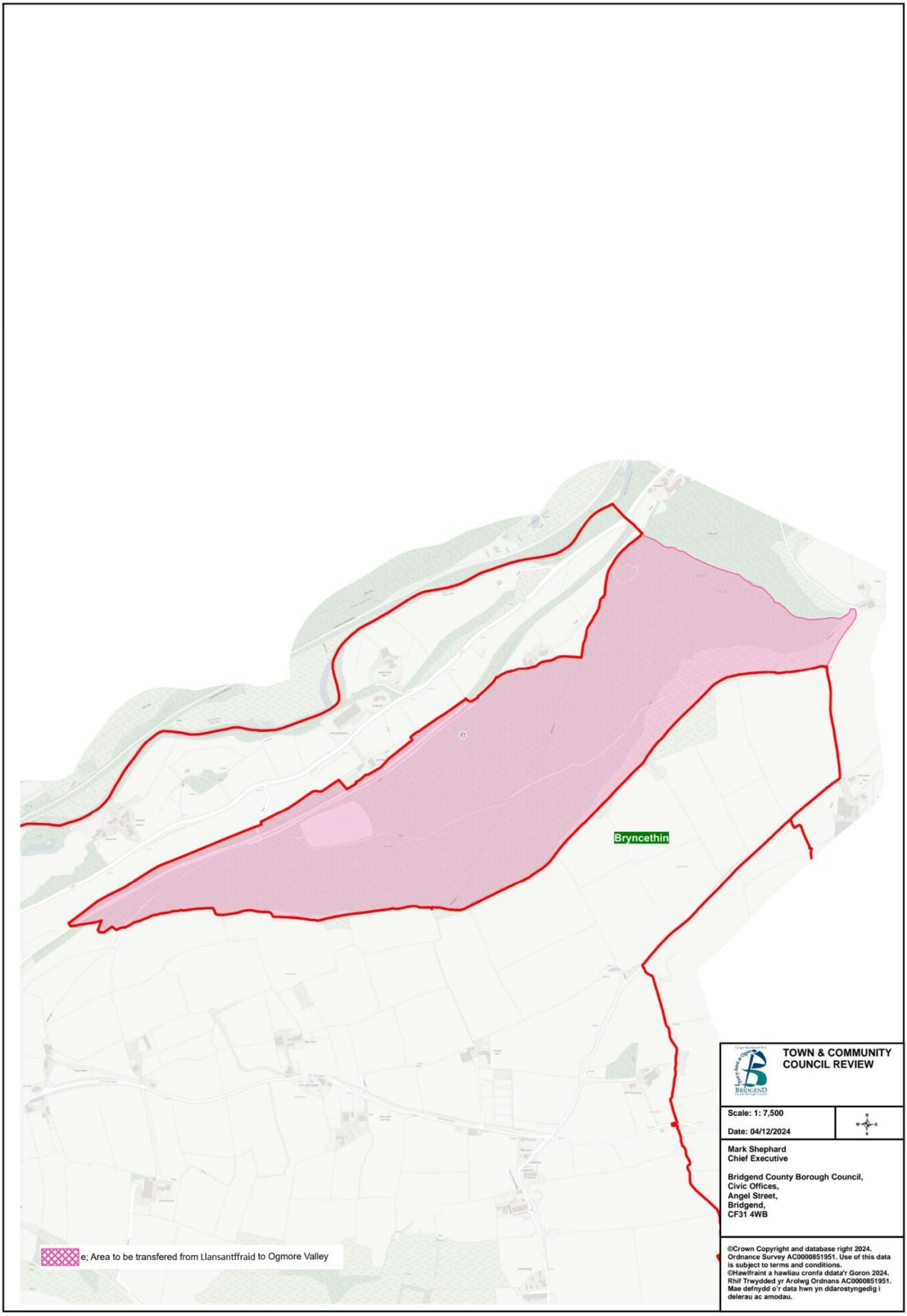
Coity Higher to Llansantffraid



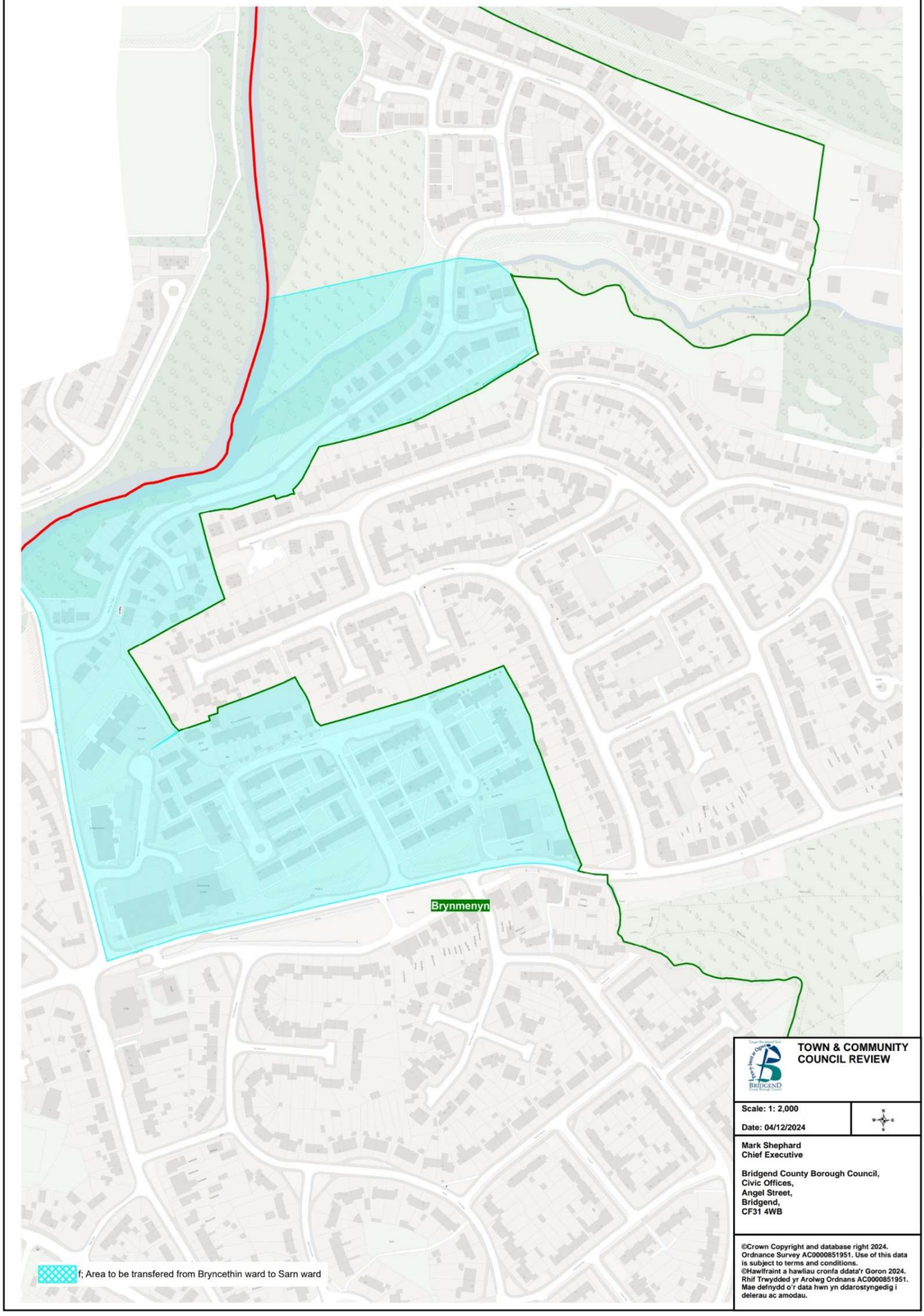
Garw Valley to Llansantffraid



Llansantffraid to Ogmore Valley



Bryncethin ward to Sarn ward



GARW VALLEY

226. The current community council arrangements in Garw Valley consist of a total electorate of 5,959 and is represented by 13 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bettws	1,672	4
Blaengarw	1,405	3
Llangeinor	947	2
Pontycymmer	1,935	4
Total	**5,959**	**13**

Representations

227. The Council received 3 representations concerning the community of Garw Valley

Community ward boundary proposals

228. The Council proposes to apply 3 changes. The Council is of the view that these proposals provides for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Garw Valley to Llansantffraid
- Bettws ward to Llangeinor ward

229. The Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Brynmenyn ward of the community of Llansantffraid and the ward of Llangeinor. This would see the area of Bryngarw Park fall within the Brynmenyn ward, as this has closer local ties to the proposed community of Llansantffraid. One property, 'Bryngarw Lodge' would be affected, with a total of 2 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 126 and in greater detail on the map on pages 127 and 128.

230. The Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Bettws and Llangeinor wards within the community of Garw Valley. This would affect 1 property, 'Bradford Cottage' and 2 electors. The access for this property is situated within the Llangeinor ward. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 126 and in greater detail on the map on page 129.

231. As a result of this proposal, the electorate within the proposed community of Garw Valley would decrease to 5,957.

Proposed Names

232. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Garw Valley and the Welsh community name of Cwm Garw.

233. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Bettws and the Welsh community council ward name of Bettws.

234. The Council proposes to retain the single community council ward name of Blaengarw.

235. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Llangeinor and the Welsh community council ward name of Llangeinwyr.

236. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Pontycymmer and the Welsh community council ward name of Pontycymer.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

237. The proposed community council arrangements in Garw Valley will consist of a total electorate of 5,957 and be represented by 10 community councillors.

238. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

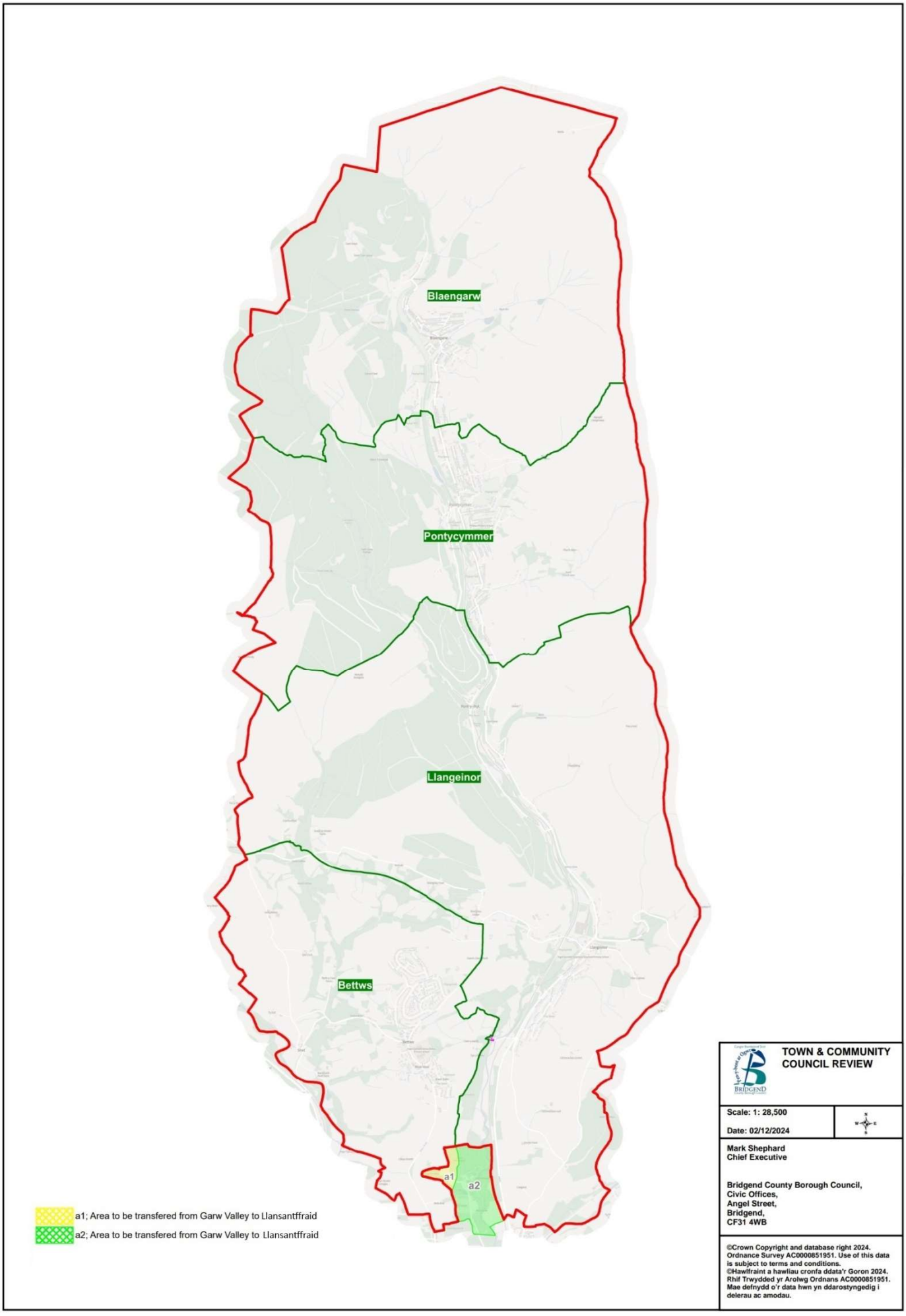
	Garw Valley Community Council							
	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Bettws	1,672	4	418	-9%	1,670	3	557	-7%
Blaengarw	1,405	3	468	2%	1,405	2	703	18%
Llangeinor	947	2	474	3%	947	2	474	-20%
Pontycymmer	1,935	4	484	6%	1,935	3	645	8%
Total	**5,959**	**13**	**458**		**5,957**	**10**	**596**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 10, which is a decrease of 3 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes that the new arrangements would provide for improvements to the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

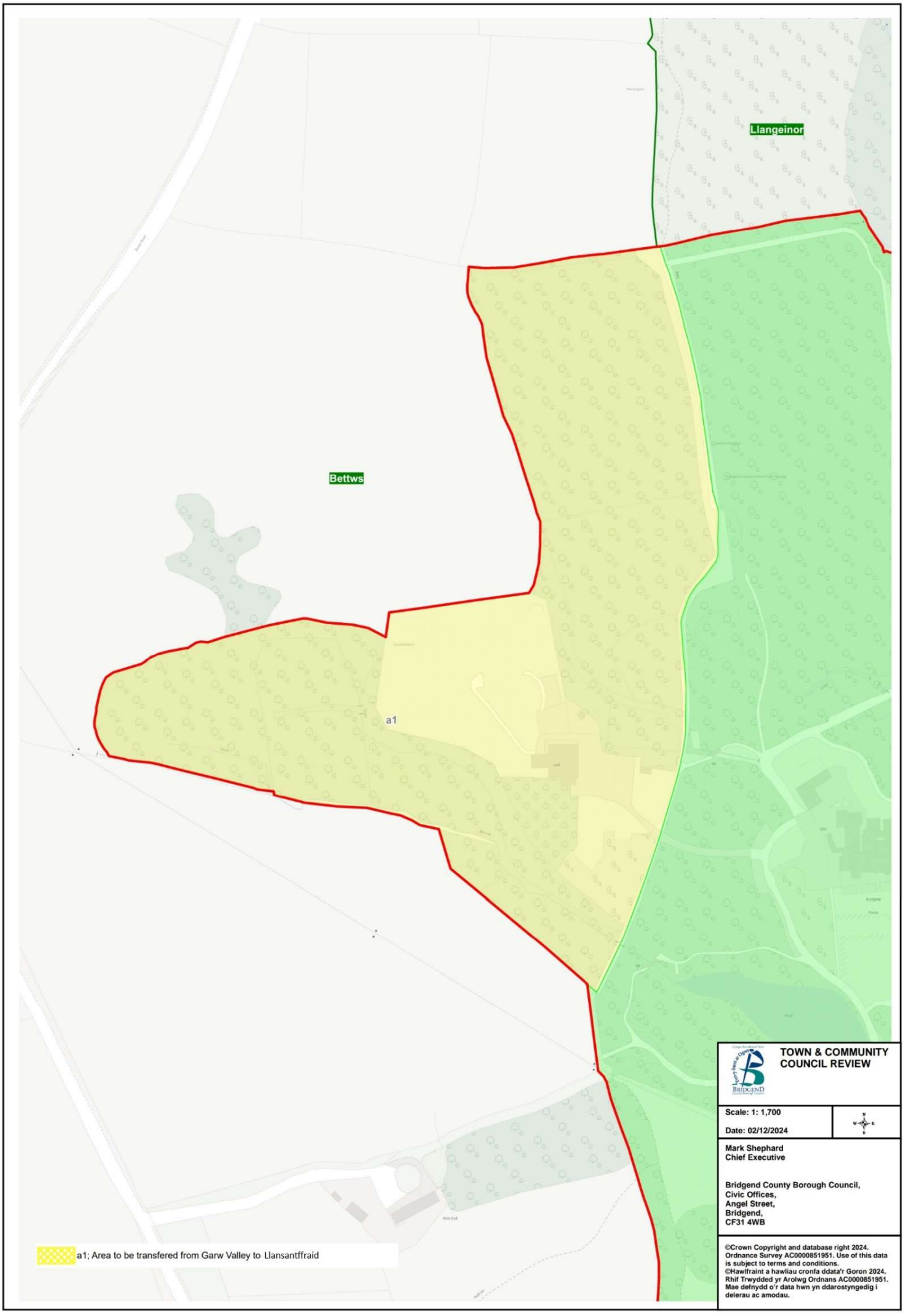
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239. The above proposals have no impact on the principal councils' electoral wards.

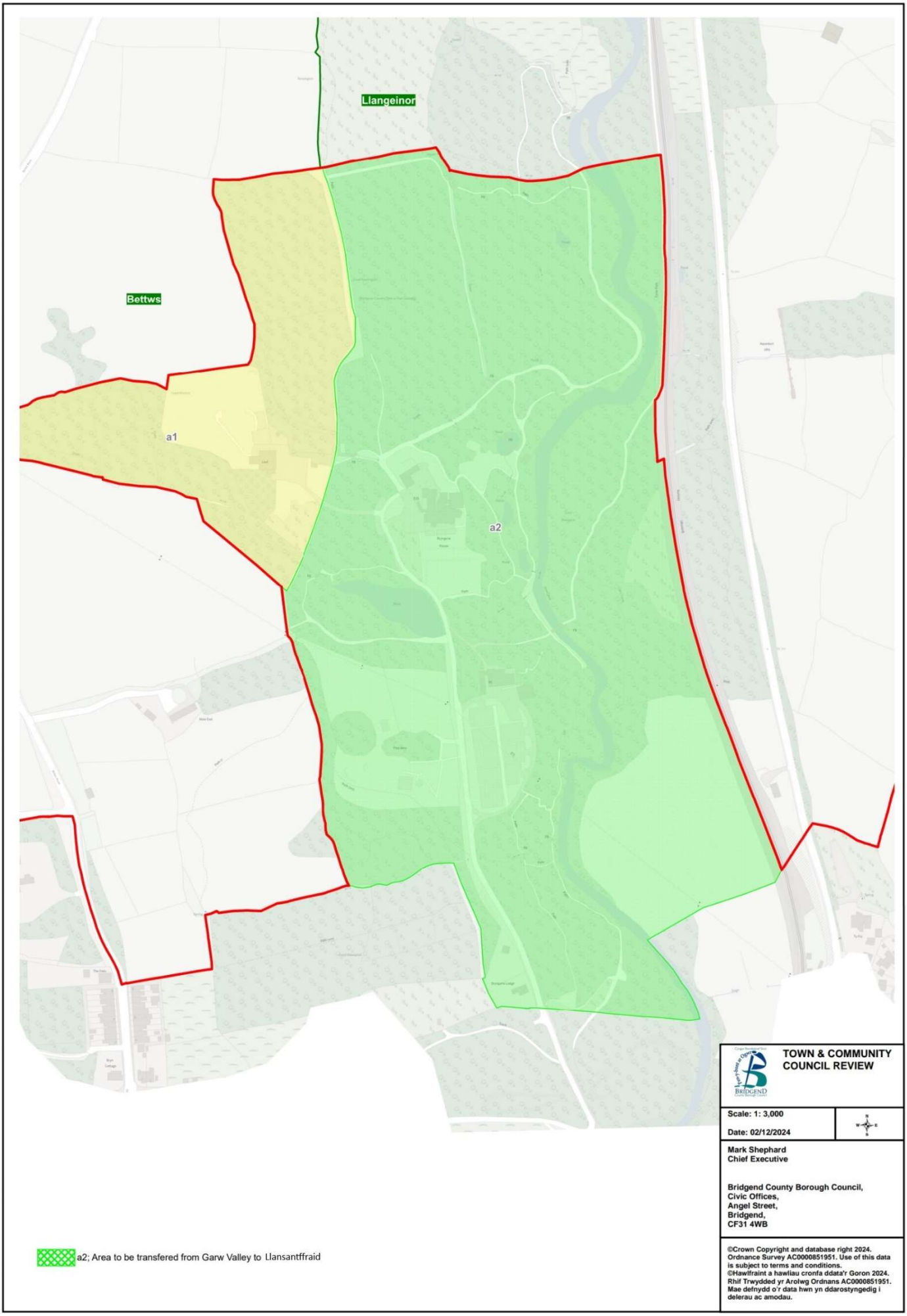
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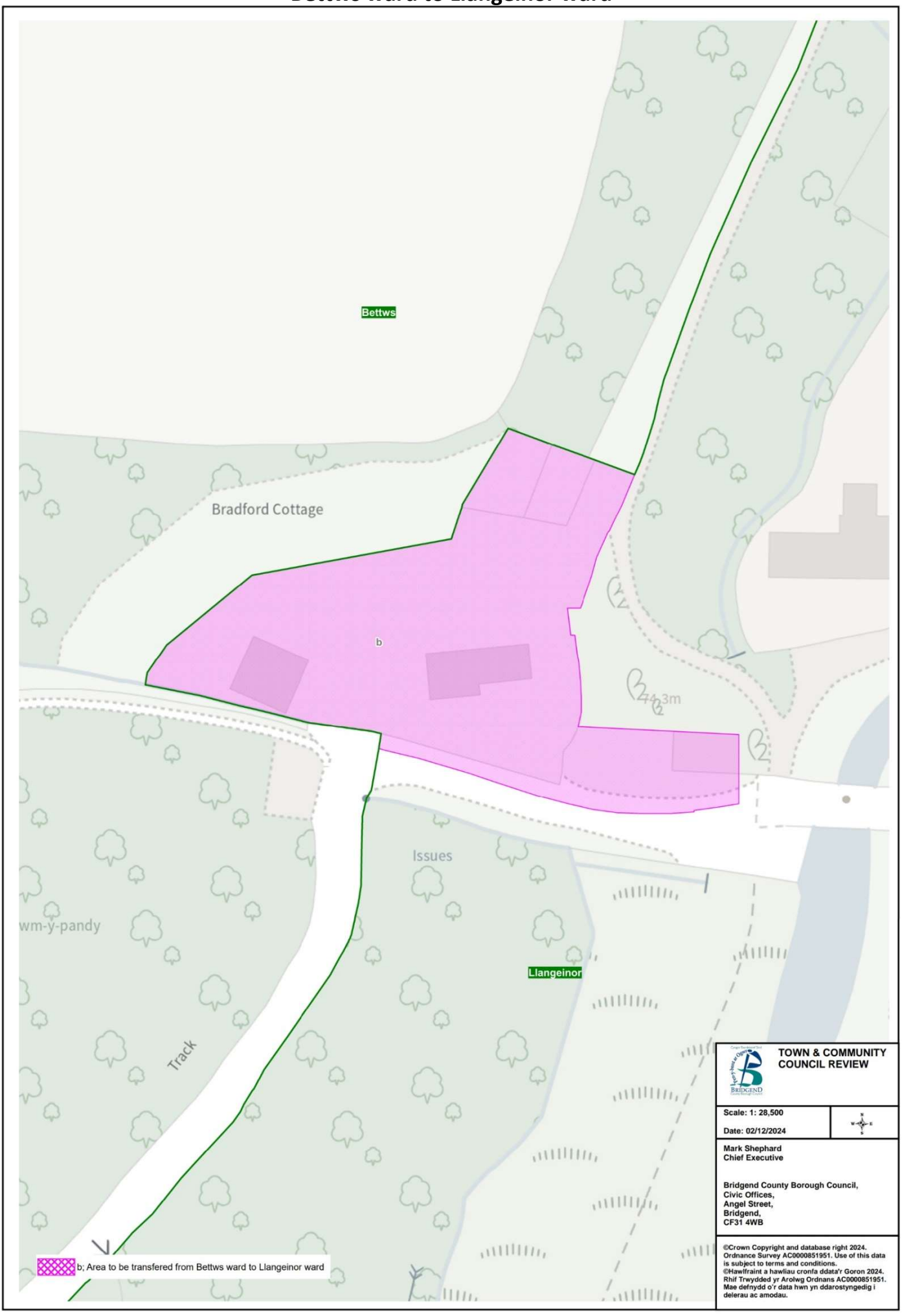
Garw Valley to Llansantffraid



Garw Valley to Llansantffraid



Bettws ward to Llangeinor ward



OGMORE VALLEY

240. The current community council arrangements in Ogmore Valley consist of a total electorate of 6,327 and is represented by 15 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Blackmill	1,202	3
Evanstown	755	3
Nant-y-moel	1,855	4
Ogmore Vale	2,515	5
Total	**6,327**	**15**

Representations

241. The Council received 2 representations concerning the community of Ogmore Valley.

Community ward boundary proposals

242. The Council proposes to apply 4 changes. The Council is of the view that these proposals provide for more effective and convenient local government: -

- Pencoed Town to Ogmore Valley
- Llansantffraid to Ogmore Valley
- Nantymoel ward to Ogmore Vale ward
- Ogmore Vale ward to Nantymoel ward

243. The Council proposes transferring the area that lies to the North of the proposed Heol y Cyw ward to the Blackmill ward within the community of Ogmore Valley. This would affect 17 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 132 and in greater detail on the map on page 133.

244. The Council proposes to amend the boundary between the proposed Bryncethin ward of the community of Llansantffraid and the ward of Blackmill. The change would affect the area named, 'Blackmill Woods', as this would be transferred from the proposed Bryncethin ward, to the ward of Blackmill within the community of Ogmore Valley. This would affect 0 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 132 and in greater detail on the map on page 134.

245. The Council proposes transferring 2 farms, Bryngawr and Nant Dyrus Farm, which are currently situated off Wyndham Street from the proposed Nantymoel ward of the community of Ogmore Valley to the proposed Ogmore Vale ward. The access for these properties is situated within the Ogmore Vale ward. This would affect 1 elector. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 132 and in greater detail on the map on page 135.

246. The Council proposes transferring the area of Aber Houses, on Aber Road from the proposed Ogmore Vale ward to the proposed ward of Nantymoel. The Council considers this area has closer local links to Nantymoel. This would affect 31 electors. The Council is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government whilst providing a clear boundary. The proposal can be found on the map on page 132 and in greater detail on the map on page 136.

247. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the proposed community of Ogmore Valley will increase to 6,344.

Proposed Names

248. The Council proposes to retain the existing English community name of Ogmore Valley and the Welsh community name of Cwm Ogwr.

249. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Blackmill and the Welsh community council ward name of Melin Ifan Ddu.

250. The Council proposes to retain the single community council ward name of Evanstown.

251. The Council proposes to retain the single community council ward name of Nant-y-moel.

252. The Council proposes to retain the English community council ward name of Ogmore Vale and the Welsh community council ward name of Bro Ogwr.

Consequential Changes

Community Council electoral arrangements

253. The proposed community council arrangements in Ogmore Valley will consist of a total electorate of 6,344 and be represented by 11 community councillors.

254. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to the community council electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

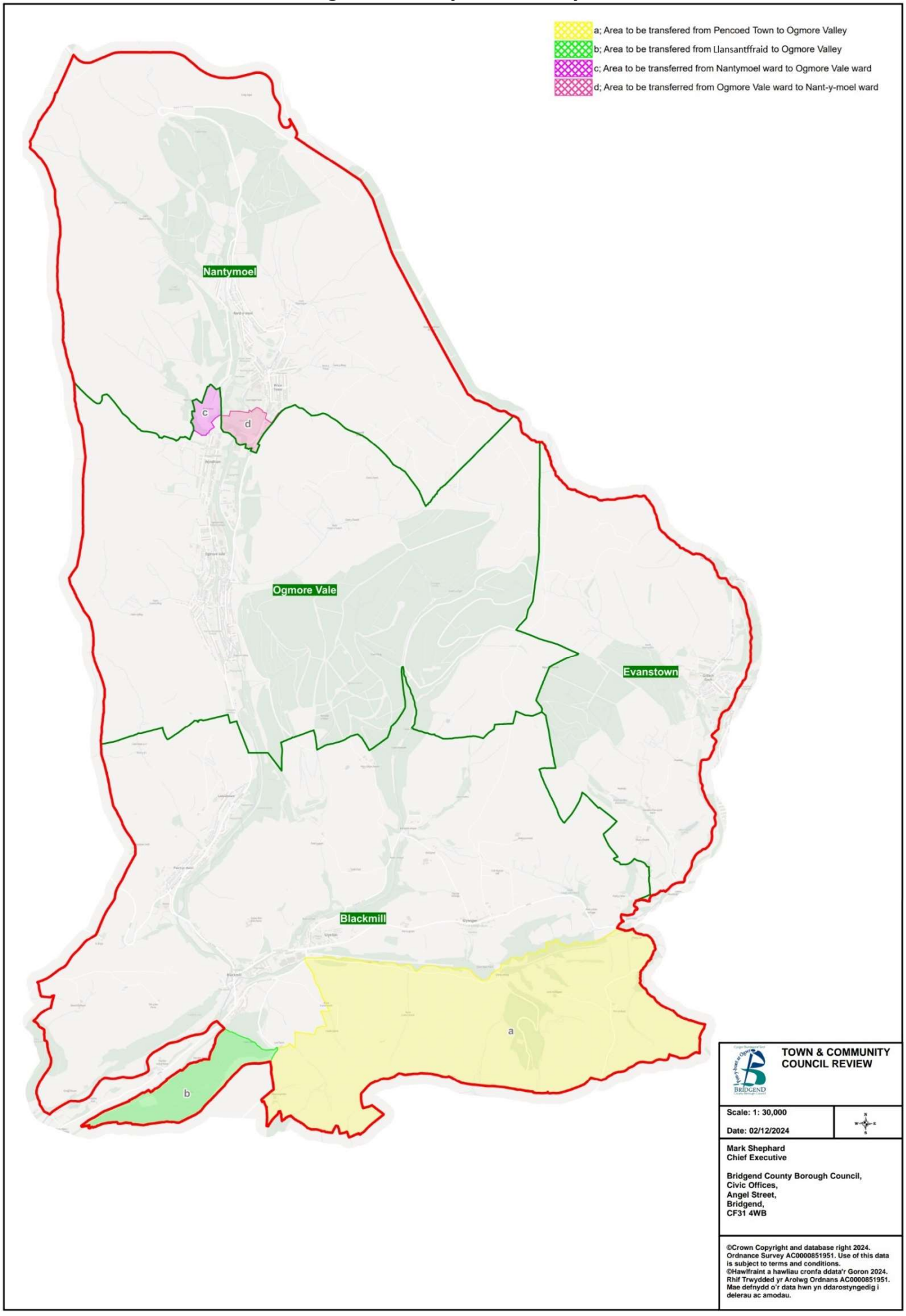
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	Existing				**Proposed**			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Blackmill	1,202	3	401	-5%	1,219	2	610	6%
Evanstown	755	3	252	-40%	755	2	378	-34%
Nant-y-moel	1,855	4	464	10%	1,885	3	628	9%
Ogmore Vale	2,515	5	503	19%	2,485	4	621	8%
Total	**6,327**	**15**	**422**		**6,344**	**11**	**577**	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 11, which is a decrease of 4 members from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area.

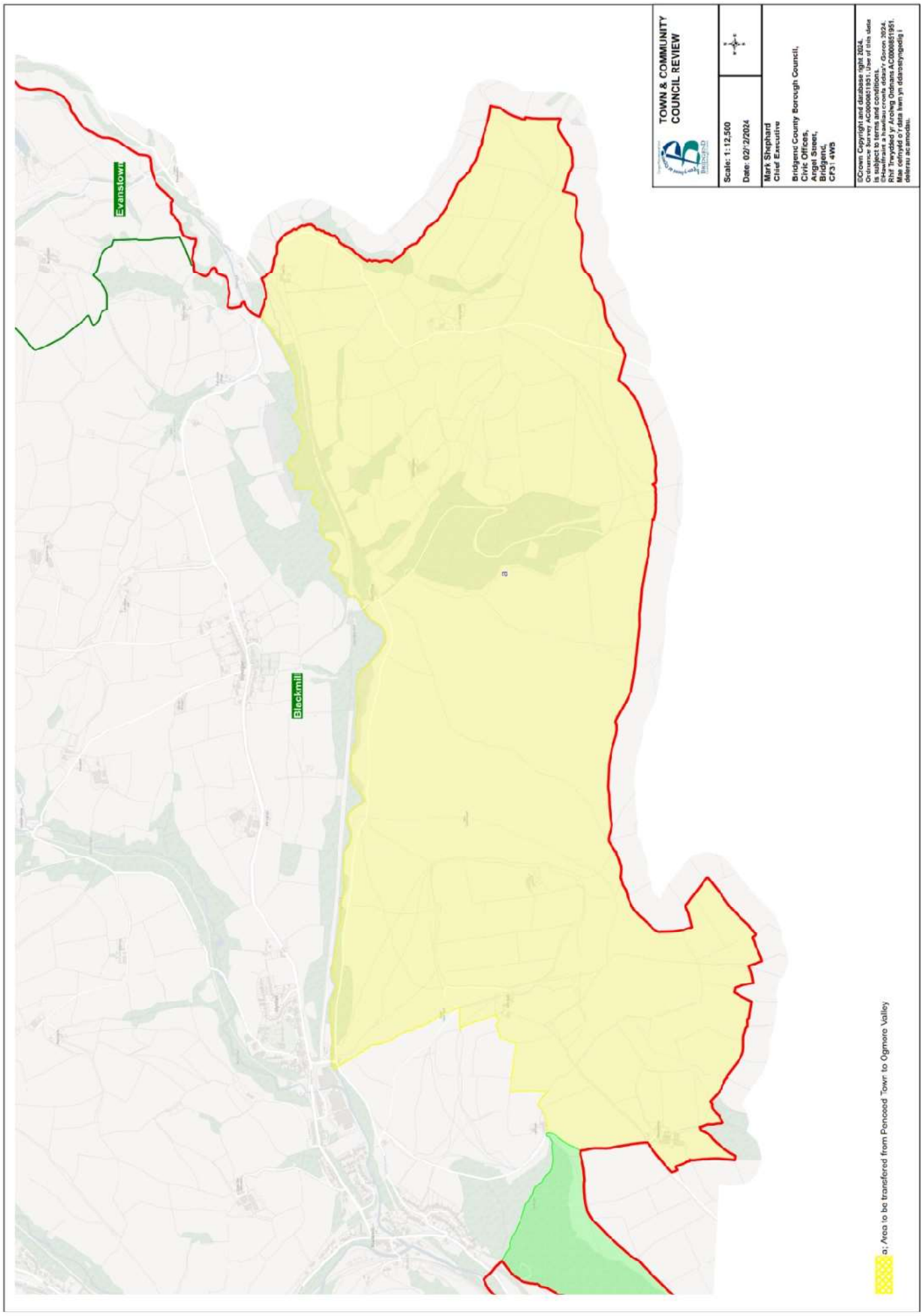
Principal council electoral ward arrangements

255. The above proposals have no impact on the principal councils' electoral wards.

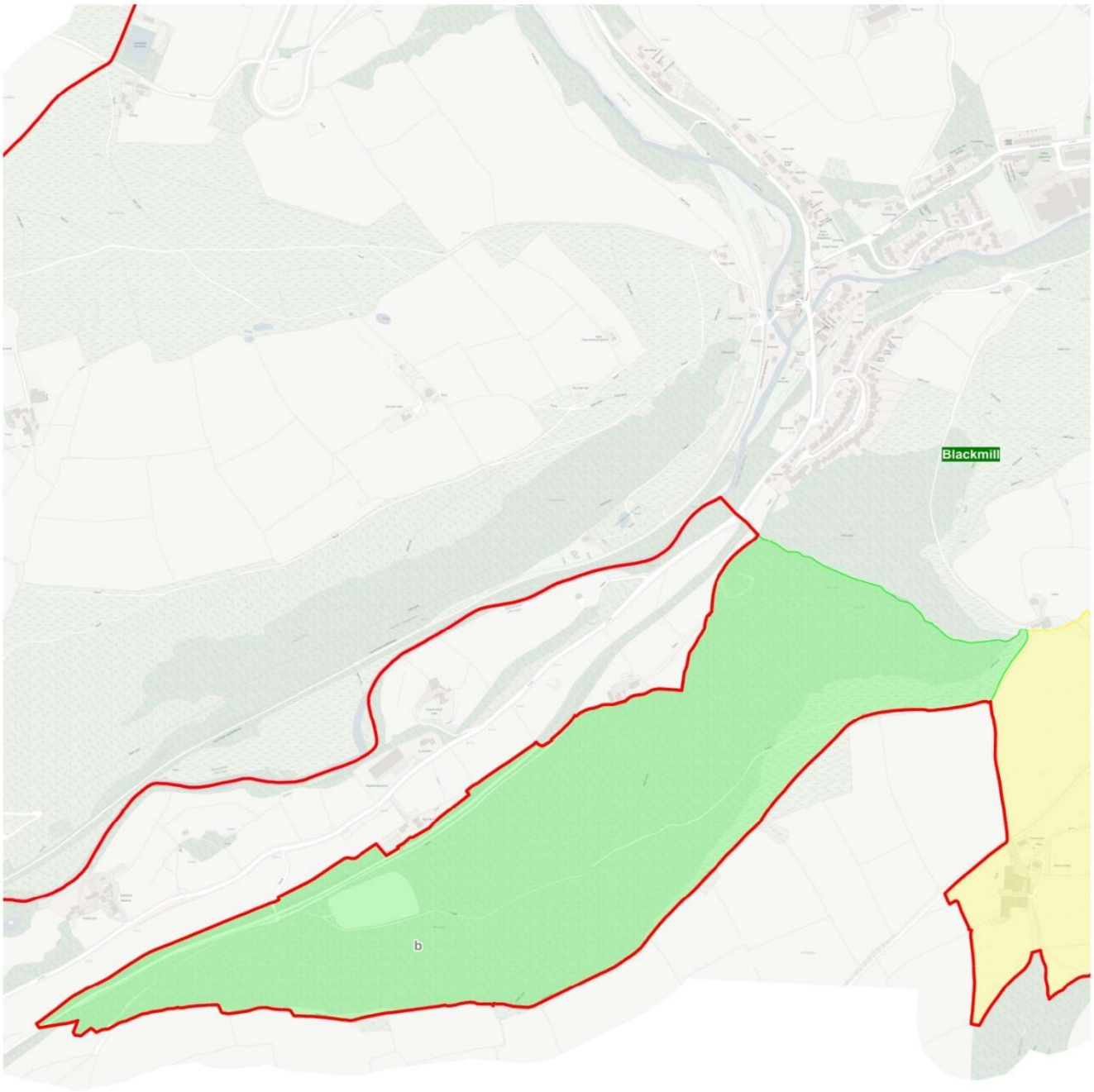
Ogmore Valley Community



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Llansantffraid to Ogmore Valley



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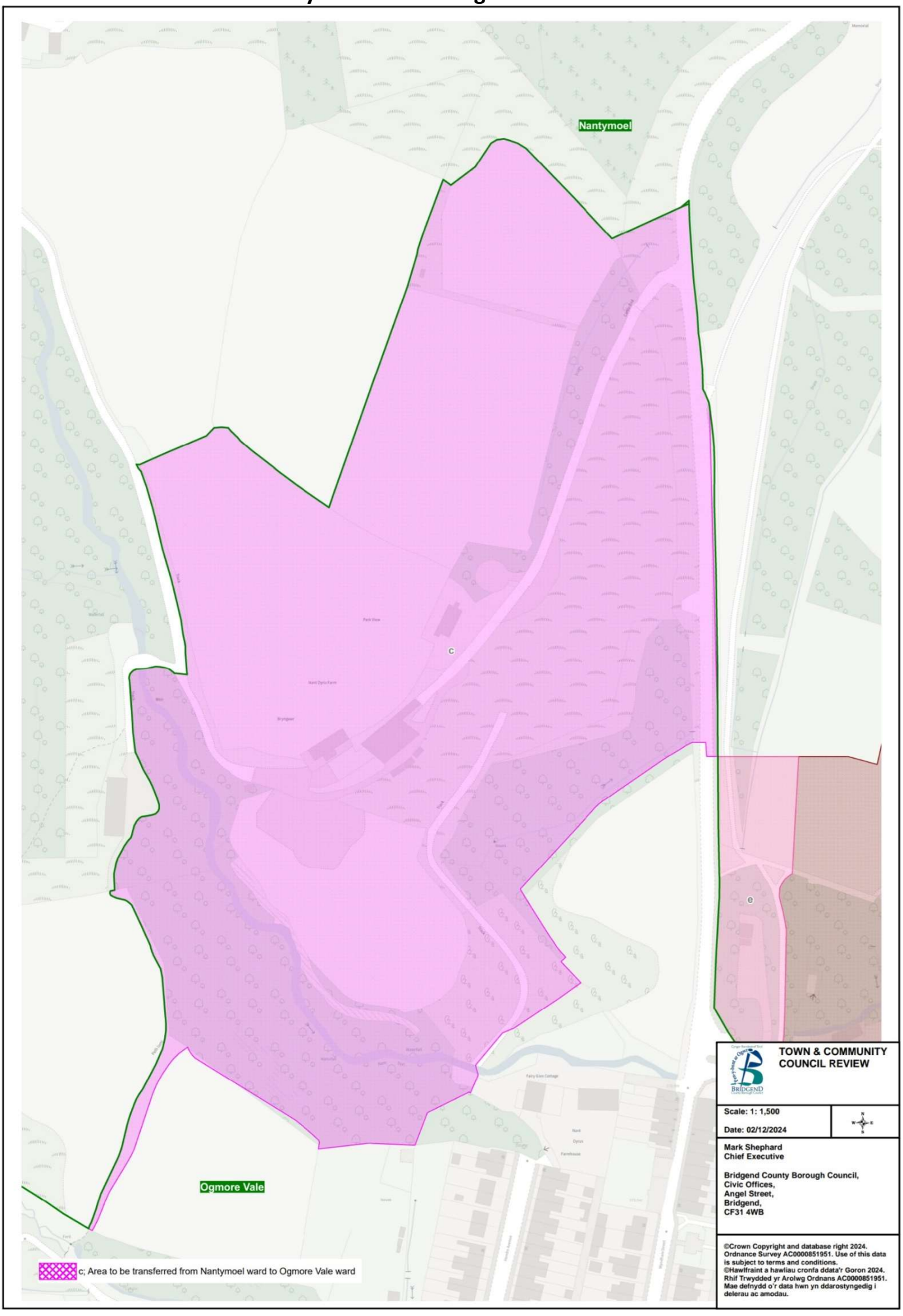
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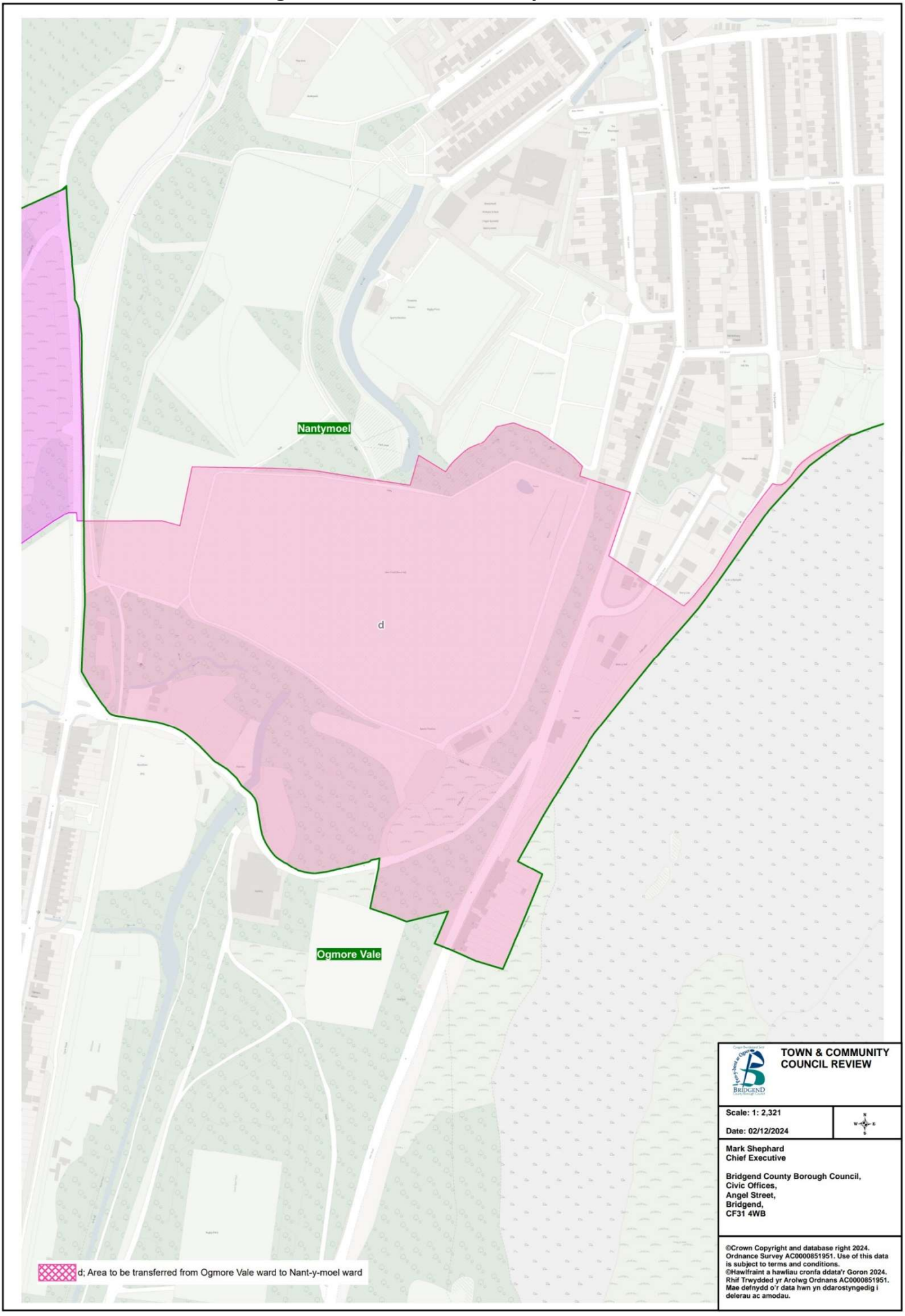
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Nantymoel ward to Ogmore Vale ward



Ogmore Vale ward to Nantymoel ward



THE COUNTY OF BRIDGEND COUNCIL
CURRENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2023	2023 RATIO	% variance from existing County average	ELECTORATE 2028	2028 RATIO	% variance from existing County average
Brackla	The Community Wards of Brackla East [2245], Brackla East Central [1860], Brackla West [2044], and Brackla West Central [2686]	12	8835	736	51%	8,835	736	38%
Bridgend	The Town Wards of Morfa [1548], [2016], Newcastle [1330], [1888], [735], [731] and Oldcastle [391], [1892], [1755]	19	12286	647	33%	13,345	702	32%
Cefn Cribbwr	The Community of Cefn Cribbwr [1232]	10	1232	123	-75%	1,232	123	-77%
Coity Higher	The Community Wards of Coity [1389], 2405], Litchard [2210], and Pendre [1882]	13	7886	607	24%	7,886	607	14%
Cornelly	The Community of Cornelly [5662]	9	5662	629	29%	7,447	827	55%
Coychurch Higher	The Community of Coychurch Higher [750]	7	750	107	-78%	750	107	-80%
Coychurch Lower	The Community of Coychurch Lower [1152]	7	1152	165	-66%	1,224	175	-67%
Garw Valley	The Community Wards of Blaengarw [1405], Llangeinor [947], Pontycymmer [780], and Pontycymmer [1155], []	13	5959	458	-6%	5,959	458	-14%
Laleston	The Community Wards of Laleston/Bryntirion [1591], 682], 2072], 2691], Cefn Glas 1 [1890], and Cefn Glas 2 [1420]	13	10346	796	63%	11,910	916	72%
Llangynwyd Lower	The Community of Llangynwyd Lower [380]	7	380	54	-89%	380	54	-90%
Llangynwyd Middle	The Community Wards of Cwmfelin [1021], [1263] and Cwmfelin [85]	12	2369	197	-60%	3,055	255	-52%
Maesteg	The Town Wards of East [1009], [1066], [1737], West [1058], [1034], [1365], [1058], Caerau [902], [1149], 591] and Nantyffyllon [785], [1538]	17	13292	782	60%	13,396	788	48%
Merthyr Mawr	The Community of Merthyr Mawr [85], []	7	235	34	-93%	1,218	174	-67%
Newcastle Higher	The Community Wards of Pen-y-fai [1913], and Aberkenfig [1646]	12	3559	297	-39%	4,066	339	-36%
Ogmore Valley	The Community Wards of Blackmill [614], 755], Nantymoel [1855], Ogmore Vale [719], and Ogmore Vale [1796], []	15	6327	422	-14%	6,327	422	-21%
Pencoed	The Town Wards of Felindre [810], [1342], Hendre [1961], [1368], and Penprysg], 1885]	13	7366	567	16%	8,914	686	29%
Porthcawl	The Town Wards of Newton [2127], [105], Nottage [2557], East Central [2257], [2222], [West Central [1513], 791] and Rest Bay [1609], [672]	18	13853	770	58%	15,581	866	63%
Pyle	The Community Wards of Pyle [1084], 1240], [894], [2543]	9	5761	640	31%	5,801	645	21%
St Bride's Minor	The Community Wards of [], Bryncethin [1331], 614], Bryncoch [1221], Sarn [1881], and Brynmenyn [1258], []	13	5047	388	-20%	5,064	390	-27%
Ynysawdre	The Community Wards of Sarn [1881], and Brynmenyn [1258], []	10	2852	285	-42%	3,157	316	-41%
		236	115149	488		125547	532	

	2023	**%**		**2028**	**%**
Greater than + or - 50% of County average	10	50%		9	45%
Between + or - 25% and + or - 50% of County average	5	25%		7	35%
Between + or - 10% and + or - 25% of County average	4	20%		4	20%
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	1	5%		0	0%

Appendix 1

THE COUNTY OF BRIDGEND COUNCIL

PROPOSED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2023	RATIO 2023	% variance from existing County average	ELECTORATE 2028	RATIO 2028	% variance from existing County average
Brackla	The Community Wards of Brackla Central [2347], Brackla East [2245], Brackla Tremains [2228], Brackla West [2052], and Coychurch Lower [907]	14	9,779	699	7%	9,779	699	-2%
Bridgend	The Town Wards of Morfa [1909], [2016], Newcastle], [2065], [2801], and Oldcastle [1985], [2005]	19	12,781	673	3%	14,695	773	8%
Laleston	The Community Wards of Broadlands [2069], [2695], Bryntirion [1354], Cefn Glas [1462], [1896], Laleston [691], and Merthyr Mawr [57]	15	10,224	682	4%	11,988	799	12%
Coity Higher	The Community Wards of Coity [1375], [2898], Litchard [1750], and Pendre [1875]	12	7,898	658	1%	7,898	658	-8%
Cynffig	The Community Wards of Pyle [1084], [1240], Kenfig Hill [894], [2547], and Cefn Cribbwr [1257]	10	7,022	702	7%	7,062	706	-1%
Cornelly	The Community Wards of Cornelly East [1866], Cornelly South [1965], Cornelly North [1578] and Cornelly West [251]	11	5,660	515	-21%	7,445	677	-5%
Porthcawl	The Town Wards of Newton [2127], [177], Nottage [2557], Porthcawl East [1455], [2231], [Porthcawl West [1513], 1504] and Rest Bay [1609], [752]	19	13,925	733	12%	15,653	824	16%
Maesteg	The Town Wards of Maesteg East [1009], [1066], [1737], Maesteg West [1058], [1034], [1365], [1058], Caerau [876], [1149], [591], Nantyffyllon [811], [1538], Cwmfelin [1021], [85], and Pontrhydycyff [1263]	22	15,661	712	9%	16,451	748	5%
Pencoed	The Town Wards of Felindre [810], [1342], Hendre [1967], [1261], Penprysg [1992], and Heol Y Cyw [733]	13	8,105	623	-5%	9,653	743	4%
Newcastle Higher	The Community Wards of Pen-y-fai [1923], Aberkenfig [1227], Coytrahen [325], and Ynysawdre [942], 1099]	10	5,516	552	-16%	6,328	633	-11%
Llansantffraid	The Community Wards of Bryncethin [1333], Bryncethin [1105], 0], Sarn [2579], and Brynmenyn [1260]	10	6,277	628	-4%	6,294	629	-12%
Garw Valley	The Community Wards of Bettws [1670], Blaengarw [1405], Llangeinor [947], and Pontycymmer [780], [1155]	10	5,957	596	-9%	5,957	596	-16%
Ogmore Valley	The Community Wards of Blackmill [605], 614], Evanstown [755], Nant-y-moel [1885], and Ogmore Vale [720], [1765]	11	6,344	577	-12%	6,344	577	-19%
	TOTAL:	176	115149	654		125547	713	

	2023	%		2028	%
Greater than + or - 50% of County average	0	0%		0	0%
Between + or - 25% and + or - 50% of County average	0	0%		0	0%
Between + or - 10% and + or - 25% of County average	4	31%		6	46%
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	9	69%		7	54%

Appendix 2

Appendix 3 Representations Received from Initial Consultation

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
BRIDGEND
County Borough Council

Comments and feedback received by the Election Office in regard to the initial consultation period for the Electoral Arrangements Review



Comments received by email from Town and Community Cllr David Unwin:

My Background:
I have been a member of THREE Community Councils variously and continuously since 1979

Namely:
St. Brides Major CC, 1979 – 2008
Bridgend Town Council, 1984 – to date
Merthyr Mawr CC, 2008 – to date

Collectively: that is 85 years of voluntary experience which has given me an extensive insight into how lower tier government works – or sometimes not – as the case may be.

I have given this review extensive thought and offer the following observations/suggestions which I trust will be helpful in your deliberations. This review is VITAL to bring lower tier government up to date and relevant after its establishment back in 1974. What seemed right then may not be relevant now.

It has become clear to me through regular observation that 20 T&CC's for BCBC is now far too many in this day of proliferation of legislation brought to bear on lower tier government from the Welsh Government and elsewhere.

The organisation One Voice Wales literally issues a mass of e.mails almost daily which clerks and councillors are expected to read and digest and re-act to with sometimes very meagre resources and timeframe.

It follows that there is much duplication of effort across the 20 councils and not cost effective for local residents.

Witness the fact that as many as 57 seats across these councils were left vacant at the time of the last 2022 elections with 5 councils effectively not able to legally operate immediately without gathering in people to fill those vacancies.

This, I believe, will lead to many such people leaving before the 5 year term is up; thus causing costly by-elections out of all proportion to the actual value of filling the empty seat.

I have always favoured co-options ONLY in such cases mid-term to keep down democratic costs to the minimum.

However many councils are formed after this review, there is a strong case for reducing the number of councillors on ALL councils which may well provide more dedicated people of longer standing and quality.

Staffing of small councils is proving increasingly difficult now they are expected to have all the 'knowledge' that WG expects of them.

These people do not readily exist; many are expected to work from their home with no other back up staff; and use their own premises as the council base with their own personal equipment due to the nature of the job and resources.

With fewer councils, the retention of quality staff is easier.

SPECIFICS

d) MERTHYR MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wide geographical area with no centre – four distinct areas; mostly open fields and sand dunes.

Lost the Wig Fach area to Porthcawl Council some 20 years ago making MMCC less viable.

Has 243 electors currently as follows:-

Island Farm Road and Close	96 electors	44 dwellings
Merthyr Mawr Village	65 electors	26 dwellings

Both covered by Electoral Register BB5

Tythegston	43 electors	21 dwellings
Stormy Down	30 electors	19 dwellings

Both covered by Electoral Register BB6

Thus, it would appear correct to now disband MMCC and to place all of register BB5 within the Oldcastle Ward and BTC; and BB6 either with Newton Ward and PTC; or with Laleston CC due to proximity.

It should be noted that the current MMCC area has no shop, school, play area, community hall etc., and much of the land is owned by two large 'Private Estates', so the council as such is limited in what it can do. All residents have to leave the area and vote at the school on Broadlands.

MMCC's precept is therefore regularly the lowest in BCBC with the vast majority of expenditure directed to statutory admin and costing every resident an average of £18.00 per head with no material benefits for them.

Typical Annual Budget for MMCC:-

Salary for Clerk	£2,500
Insurance	£ 600
Audit	£ 300
Subs/Courses/Training	£ 280
Room Hire	£ 275
Admin/Sundries	£ 200
	£4,155
Potential Donations	£ 200
Spent on Community	£ 70

Plus, if all of the Councillors claimed their allowances, that would amount to a further £1,400. Thankfully no councillor has ever claimed their allowance assisting their community.

Indeed, MMCC has had no less that 11 clerks in the past 15 years; and no elections in living memory!

Over the period of 15 years that I have been a member, I have acted as a stand-in clerk for five periods and prepared the annual audit on at least 8 occasions just to keep the council in session. Not at all satisfactory.

It is noted from the projections of residential building over the next 10 years that the current MMC area MIGHT see an increase by 500% of the number of current dwellings.

If any of that comes about, it will swamp the area and make it impossible to govern under the present MMCC set up.

This potential increase would be much better served by becoming part of Bridgend Town Council which has all the staffing and expertise to deal with the new and large residential areas.

With the current creation of a new Town Hall for Bridgend at Sunnyside, BTC will be equipped to administer such a considerable increase in population and land area.

This is worthy of serious consideration.

d) <u>PENDRE & CEFN GLAS WARDS</u>

As boundaries stand between BTC and the above areas, there appears no logical reason for them having been so formed, as residents living there generally class themselves as 'living in Bridgend' and radiate towards the Town Centre.

There could be merit in reviewing a better link with BTC than their present councils – both of which have grown considerable elsewhere in their own areas in recent years and will continue to add further population.

d) NON-RESIDENTIAL AREAS AROUND BRIDGEND TOWN

There would appear a logical case for Bridgend & Waterton Industrial Estates and Waterton Retail Park to be relocated to fall within the BTC area, for although there would be little precept income, they would be far better identified within the town of Bridgend; rather than being linked to the village of Coychurch or even the Brackla Estate; neither of which have an interest in the promotion of the commercial aspects of local life; whereas, BTC has the Town Centre business ethos at its heart in the Town Centre.

There could be merit in such a revision.

d) OAKLANDS AVENUE (Newcastle Ward)

There would appear to be an anomaly at the end of Oaklands Avenue where one or two properties have been shown on the register for voting in Broadlands. This needs adjustment to make sense.

CONCLUSION
I trust the above comments/observations will assist you in your deliberations and if it would help to discuss any points in greater depth for clarification, I would be pleased to meet in person as may be appropriate; and on any other issue of interest.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Coychurch Higher Community Council:

Coychurch Higher Community Council (CHCC) wishes to confirm they would object, in the strongest possible way, to any firm proposal that would require them to merge with another town/community council.

CHCC is a small community council with just 7 seats but serves one of the largest areas in Bridgend Borough County and to a very high standard. Additionally, and as a requirement of the Charity Commission, all CHCC members are Trustees of Heol-y-Cyw Welfare Hall. Members have invested a great deal of time and effort into ensuring the hall is compliant and well maintained and recognise its value as a resource for the community.

In the last two years, and following successful grant applications, and partnership working with BCBC, the Welfare Hall became the first, and to date the only 'Digital Hub' in the County. The Hub was formally opened and is supported by Huw Irranca-Davies, AM and Chris Elmore, MP as well as our three Borough Council Representatives. The hall is regularly relied upon by a wide variety of organisations. The partnership between the Hall Management Committee and the Community Council is valued and is unique locally, in that the Members take responsibility for this valuable asset.

CHCC is a rural area, and the community requirements differ vastly from nearby community/town councils. CHCC Members are a determined group of community councillors with a personal understanding of the challenges faced by residents in an area such as this. Also, the majority of the community councillors live or have lived in Coychurch Higher most of their lives in particular Heol-Y-Cyw, and most have had many years' of service in providing community support to the residents, creating a bond which would be lost and which would cause confusion to the residents if a merger was to take place. It is an anathema to all to think a merger would be proposed and that future decisions could be taken by individuals that do not live in or understand the local residents or the requirements of living in a rural community.

Members assume that if a merger were proposed, it would be for Pencoed and CHCC to merge not least due to the fact that the BCBC ward of Pencoed and Penprysg encompasses the whole of the CHCC area, but Members believe this would be disastrous for the residents of Coychurch Higher. Members are adamant about the importance of CHC retaining its identity and that Heol-y-Cyw and Rhiwceiliog are not swallowed up and forgotten about as part of a larger/merged Pencoed and CHCC Council. Additionally what benefit would it be to Pencoed TC or to CHCC? Certainly, there would be no financial benefit to CHCC, knowing that Pencoed TC recently advertised for an assistant Clerk then

withdrew the advert due to lack of funds and with CHCC's small precept, there would be no financial benefit to either party. Also, given the larger number of seats of Pencoed TC against the number of CHCC seats, the rural community will end up having very little voice in any decision making. This would lead to the rural community being marginalised to meet the requirements of the town council which could, in turn, damage the relationship with the rural community and we are not prepared to allow this to happen.

CHCC might be a small council, but it is a hardworking and effective council who has been proactive and successful in gaining many thousands of pounds in grants and in securing funding for local projects. For example, work is about to start on a landscaping project in Heol-Y-Cyw, with a cost of around £50,000. We have a Millennium Garden which is regularly used and we maintain the footpaths in CHC. We hold charitable competitions, have recently held a photography competition, have an annual Carol Service, and annual poppy displays to mark Remembrance Day, and all for the enjoyment of our residents. We arranged and manage our own website at very little cost the CHCC.

To reiterate, if CHCC were merged with any other council, there is little doubt that all of the above would be overshadowed and possibly neglected due to the problems that face more populated communities taking precedence.
With no sign of the local active travel plan being implemented anywhere near CHC/Heol-y-Cyw, our residents would find accessing meetings and engaging with representatives almost impossible.

This tiny community has already lost its school, it's post office and shop and has to deal with a constantly threatened bus service. It would be almost cruel to dissolve one of the last remaining valuable assets available to the people of this ward.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Merthyr Mawr Community Council:

At a recent meeting of Merthyr Mawr Community Council, Members considered the issues raised and determined that they didn't want to see any changes.

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Melanie Evans:

I wish to respond to the boundary review of Town and Community Councils.

Whist I can appreciate the Council is seeking to merge Councils that have fewer than 1,000 electors following the English legislation introduced relating to Governance reviews.

We are in Wales, and in Wales the landscape is very different.

Some Communities are quite isolated and in those isolated Communities, Councils make the most of their small precept, delivering so much for their Community as they work in collaboration with residents and totally understand the needs of the Community.

An example of this would be Coychurch Higher Community Council (CHCC).

I am a Bridgend County Borough Councillor and a Pencoed Town Councillor.

I therefore declare a personal interest in this process.

The land mass area of CHCC is greater than that of Pencoed & Penprysg and is mainly rural, compared to the urban settlement that is Pencoed.

There are very few bus services passing through Heol-Y-Cyw, and no active travel routes outside of the village.

There are 7 Councillors representing 718 electors all of whom are extremely passionate about delivering for their Community, and there performance on deliverance for their Community is admirable given their small precept.

They are Trustees of the Welfare Hall, an excellent facility of which is well maintained and utilised enormously by residents, other bodies / organisations and CHCC.

I believe there not to be any gain should this village be warded and therefore suggest consideration be given for it to remain the same.

Although the number of electors falls under the desired 1,000 figure, I feel the geographical position and environment justifies CHCC remaining as it is now.

However, should you wish to ensure Communities are above 1,000 electors, maybe consideration could be given to merging CHCC with Coychurch Lower Community Council (CLCC) thus creating a new Coychurch Community Council.

Having examined the information and recognising the TOR, it would seem after planned and proposed development growth together with the existing electorate, this solution would provide approx. 1,910 electors potentially giving sufficient resources to develop projects going forward.

I would also suggest further consideration and discussion be given to how many Councillors represent the proposed electorate.

E.G Pencoed / Penprysg proposed electorate after growth combined with existing electorate in TOR would equate to 8,711 electors.

The suggested number of Councillors to represent the electorate is 15 Councillors under the NLAC seat model.

Therefore a single Councillor would be responsible for approx. 581 electors.

To manage workloads, performance and to ensure effectiveness and efficiency I believe further exploration is necessary regarding this topic.

My preference would be the use of the NLAC seat Model rather than the Ashton model, as looking at the Ashton Model it could be open to interpretation and therefore Councils could find themselves over subscribed with Councillors.

Comments received by email from Community Cllr R Hancock:

Having examined the information and recognising the ToR I would like to invite the Council to consider merging Coychurch Higher Community Council with Coychurch Lower Community Council to form the new Coychurch Community Council with approximately eighteen hundred electors.
This would potentially give sufficient resources to develop projects going forward.

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Martin Hughes:

Having considered the terms of reference of the Review, I would propose that consideration be given to the merger of Maesteg Town Council with Llangynwyd Middle Community Council, so to form a Council which would cover the whole of the Llynfi Valley.

I note that under current arrangements, there are 193 electors for each councillor in Llangynwyd Middle, compared to 764 in Maesteg. I would suggest that the new Council would comprise of 20 councillors, with each representing an average of 766 electors. Currently, there are 29 councillors covering the proposed new Council area, with about one-half of the seats in Llangynwyd Middle remaining vacant.

The proposed changes should result in reduced administrative overheads per elector, and would help to strengthen the Valley and Town's unique identity within the respective communities.

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Heidi Bennett:

My personal reflections follow and these are offered as an individual and not necessarily representative of other NHCC Councillor views.

In relation to the above consultation, I have no proposals to change the existing arrangements for NHCC. Powers enable us to collaborate across existing boundaries for economies of scale or joint work where it best meets the needs of the communities.

The current number of 12 Councillors covering both Aberkenfig and Penyfai provides fair and equitable levels of representation and links to the suggested number for the size of electorate.

Whilst the name of the Council does not reflect the villages it serves, NHCC as a 'name' is steeped in history and any confusion could be overcome with wider awareness and community engagement, which is currently proposed by the Council.

The boundary lines extend into quite rural areas, but that has always been the case. If areas of Fountain / Park slip were to be placed in other 'community council' jurisdiction, it may be more suitable but would not impact much in my view.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Ynysawdre Community Council:

In response to the boundary review consultation, Ynysawdre Community Council recommends we should merge with St Brides Minor Community Council.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Garw Valley Community Council:

The Garw Valley Community Council has considered the review and all members unanimously agreed that there is no need for any changes to the councillor numbers, wards, name etc. It should remain as it is.

Comments received by email from Clerk to St Bride's Minor Community Council:

St Brides Minor Community Council has considered the review and all members unanimously agreed that St Brides Minor Community Council and Ynysawdre Community Council should become one council and its name should be St Brides Minor and Ynysawdre Community Council.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Coity Higher Community Council:

Coity Higher Community Council has considered the review and all members unanimously agreed that as this council has already received a recent review of the number of councillors, ward boundaries etc. that there is no need for any further changes.

Comments received by email from member of public:

As part of your consultation process, I am expressing my personal view that Merthyr Mawr Community Council should remain as it is in its present state and not amalgamate with any other Council.

Although the electorates number only 234, the boundaries cover a large rural area which includes the environmentally sensitive sand dunes which is a SSSI, SAC and National Nature reserve. The village of Merthyr Mawr is of huge historic value and a conservation area. Island Farm, prisoner of war camp is SINK and home to the rare lesser horseshoe bat. It is important that these areas are preserved, not only for electorates, but for the wider community, for tourism and for future generations.

There is a network of public footpaths, and the coastal path runs through it. These foot paths are surveyed and maintained every year, through the Merthyr Mawr Community Council.

Some of our Councillors have a long association with this area and their expertise and knowledge is of significant importance to the decision-making process at the Council meetings. Every Councillor has his own area of expertise which is of value to the Council.

With the prospect of 850 homes planned at Island Farm, through the LDP, I consider it foolish for our Council to amalgamate with another council, which would not have the same level of commitment as Merthyr Mawr Community Council.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Pyle Community Council:

Pyle Community Council would like to submit the following proposals:

- *The Community Council's name should be changed to 'Pyle & Kenfig Hill Community Council', to identify that the Council represents both communities within the ward.*
- *The number of members on Pyle Community Council be raised from 9 to 11.*

Comments received by email from Clerk to Laleston Community Council:

As part of the ongoing review of electoral arrangements of all town and community councils within Bridgend, Laleston Community Council wish to submit the following proposals/changes for our ward areas:

Cefn Glas - one ward

Bryntirion - one ward

Broadlands - one ward

Laleston - one ward

Merge with Merthyr Mawr Community Council – one ward.

Comments received by email from Clerk to Llangynwyd Middle Community Council:

Llangynwyd Middle Community Council wishes to merge with Maesteg Town Council.

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell:

I believe the following changes should be made to the Town and Community Councils in the Borough.

- Coychurch Higher CC should merge with Pencoed Town Council
- Brackla CC should merge with Coychurch Lower
- St Bride's Minor CC and Ynysawdre CC should merge
- Newcastle higher, Llangynwyd Lower and Cefn Cribwr CCs should merge to create a new CC

- Llangynwyd Middle should merge with Maesteg Town Council
- Merthyr Mawr CC should merge with Laleston CC

On Laleston CC I think the wards should be as followed

Cefn Glas 1 (renamed Cefn Glas)

Cefn Glas 2 (renamed Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd)

Bryntirion

Laleston

Broadlands

Merthyr Mawr

These should be all separate wards, breaking up the Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthy Mawr ward on BCBC

The following Councils should remain the same.

- Pyle
- Cornelly
- Porthcawl TC
- Bridgend TC
- Coity Higher
- Garw Valley
- Ogmore Valley

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Ian Spiller:

Thank you for undertaking this review of community and town councils.

My response is based on my own BCBC ward of Laleston, Bryntirion & Merthyr Mawr and the community councils of Laleston and Merthyr Mawr.

I have sat on Laleston community council for 11 years and would like to make the following observations:

- *Broadlands is the largest community within the community council area, it is not represented in name, and is considerably underrepresented in numbers of councillors sharing 5 with Laleston and Bryntirion, whilst the smaller area of Cefn Glas 1&2 shared 8 between approx 1/3 of the population.*
- *Regardless of mergers the geographical areas should be equally (as best as possible) represented. To date there are approximately 10,000 electors in Laleston's area and based on the households: The split should be 4 Cefn Glas, 6 Broadlands, 1 Laleston, 2 Bryntirion (incorporating Morgan's Meadow) with each area having its own identity.*
- *My opinion is that Laleston & Merthyr Mawr community councils should be merged with the new communities at the circus field, Craig y Parcau and island farm, along with Merthyr Mawr being represented. As 2 semi-rural communities this would make the most sensible merger. This would also follow the BCBC ward boundaries creating stronger community ties.*

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr John Spanswick:

There are two specific points I would like to make in relation to the ward of Brackla.

1. *The existing boundary of the whole ward doesn't cover the whole of the Brackla Hill site which includes the historic bunkers (known as the 8X) as these fall into the Coity ward adjacent to Brackla Industrial Estate. I believe that this area should be part of Brackla even though it would have nil effect on the electorate numbers, it would be more geographically and historically correct.*
2. *The ward I represent (Brackla West Central) has an electorate of 2,615 whereas the adjacent ward of Brackla West only has 1,963 and the other wards have 1,779 and 2,232 respectively. Therefore I believe there needs to be an adjustment to the ward of Brackla west Central to bring it closer to the others and an increase in Brackla West. This could in part be achieved by moving the streets of Maes Dewi Pritchard, Ridgeway (adjacent to Shepherds Vets) and possibly Meadow Walk into the ward of Brackla West.*

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Tim Thomas:

Brackla and District Community Council

Merging the existing boundaries of Brackla Community Council with Coychurch Lower Community Council

Pencoed and District Town Council

Merging the existing boundaries of Pencoed Town Council with Coychurch Higher Community Council.

Llynfi Valley Community Council

Merging the existing boundaries of Maesteg Town Council with Llangynwyd Middle and Llangynwyd Lower Council.

Cornelly, Cefn Cribwr and Pyle Community Council

Merging the boundaries of Cornelly, Cefn Cribwr and Pyle Community Council to make one unified council.

Valleys Gateway Community Council

Merging the wards of Ynysawdre Community Council (Tondu and Brynmenyn), St Brides Minor Community Council (Sarn, Bryncoch and Bryncethin) and with the ward of Aberkenfig (from Newcastle Higher Community Council) This would be coterminous with the Borough ward but would also put the community of Tondu into one community council as it is currently in Ynysawdre and Newcastle Higher.

Bridgend District Council

Existing Bridgend Town Council to be merged with Coity Higher, Laleston, Merthyr Mawr and Penyfai. Merthyr Mawr is far too small and Penyfai is in the Bridgend Senedd Constituency in a community council area mostly in the Ogmore Senedd Constituency

Porthcawl Town Council

To remain the same

Ogmore Valley Community Council

To remain the same

Garw Valley Community Council

To remain the same

Chapter 4. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

1. All observations on these draft proposals should be sent to:

Electoral Services
Bridgend County Borough Council
Civic Offices
Angel Street
Bridgend
CF31 4WBL

Or by email to:

cgr@bridgend.gov.uk

no later than 31/03/2025.

2. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Council's webpage: www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/elections/boundary-reviews/