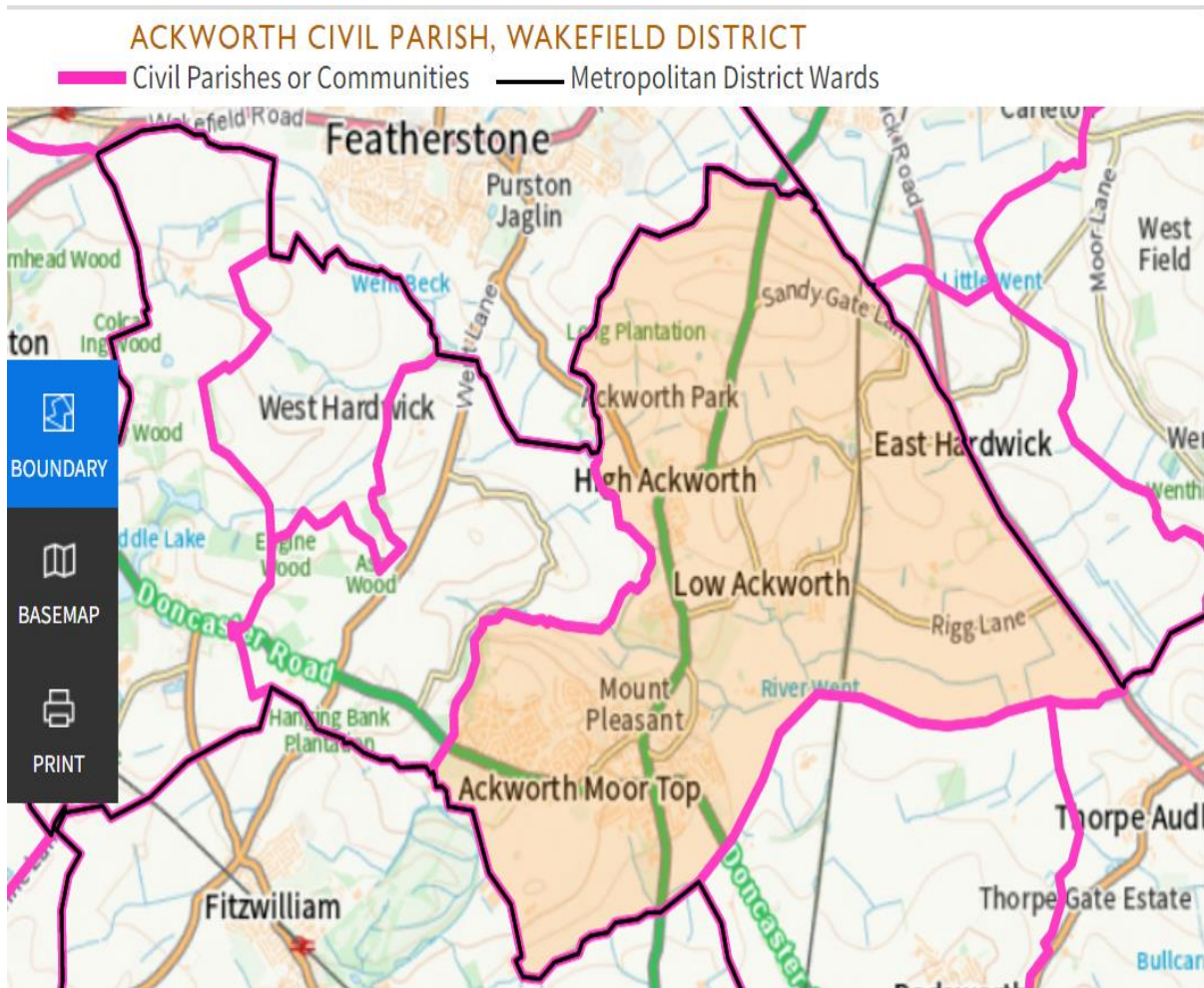


# Local Community Governance Review

1. The current Parish boundaries for Ackworth Parish Council include the following in the image highlighted in orange:

## ELECTION MAPS

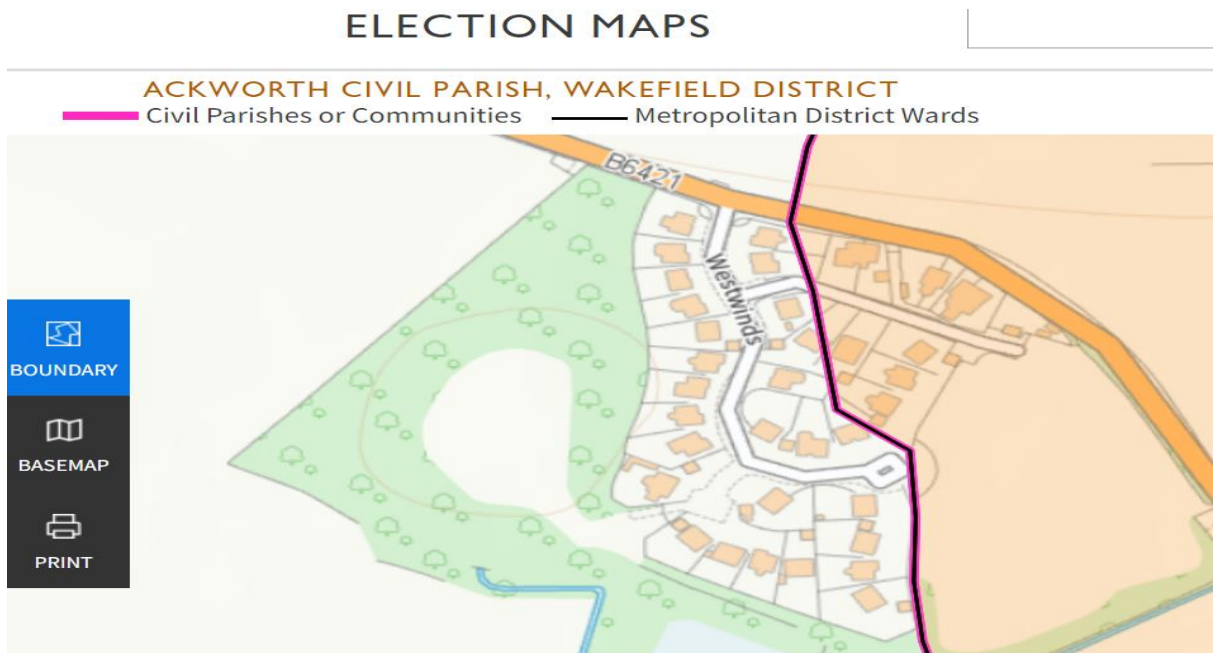


There are certain anomalies that could be looked into and are as follows:

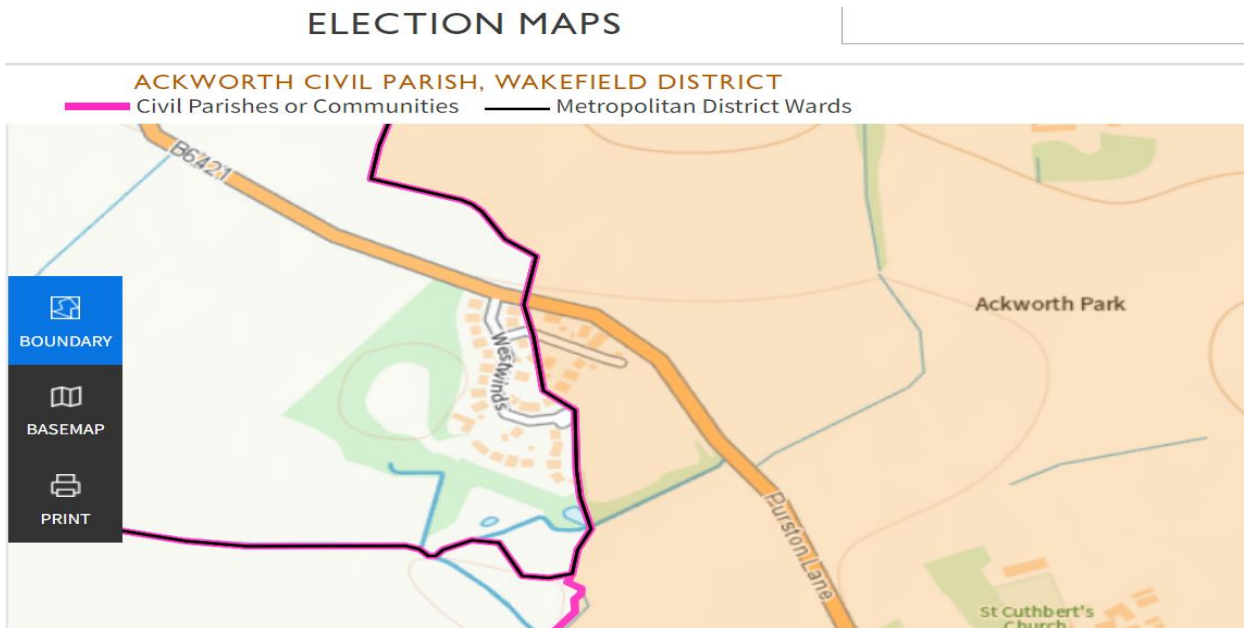
- 2. The street and estate of Westwinds which is closest to High Ackworth and is off Purston Lane - B6421 is currently split between Featherstone Town Council and Ackworth Parish Council. It is also split between Ward 1 – Ackworth, North Elmsall and Upton and Ward 6 – Featherstone at a Wakefield District level too.

We would suggest that the boundary be moved to include the whole of the Westwinds estate into Ackworth Parish Council and also for this to be included in the same District Ward as the whole of Ackworth Parish Council in Ward 1.

Please see the detailed image with the Westwinds estate:

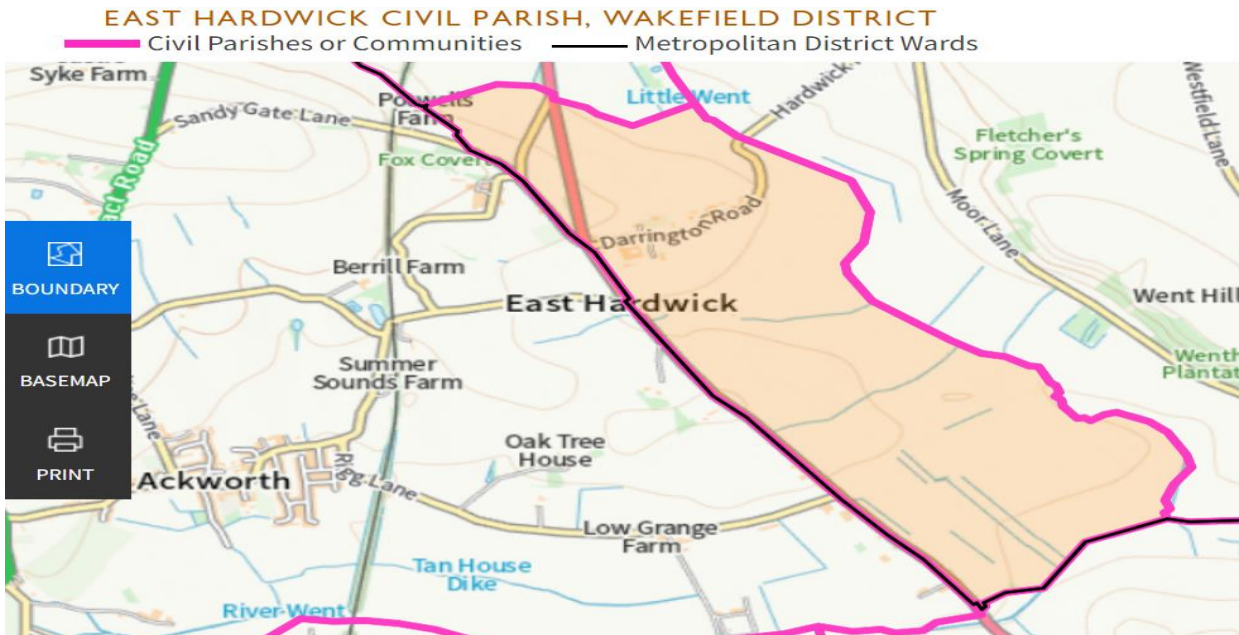


An image which is zoomed out more:

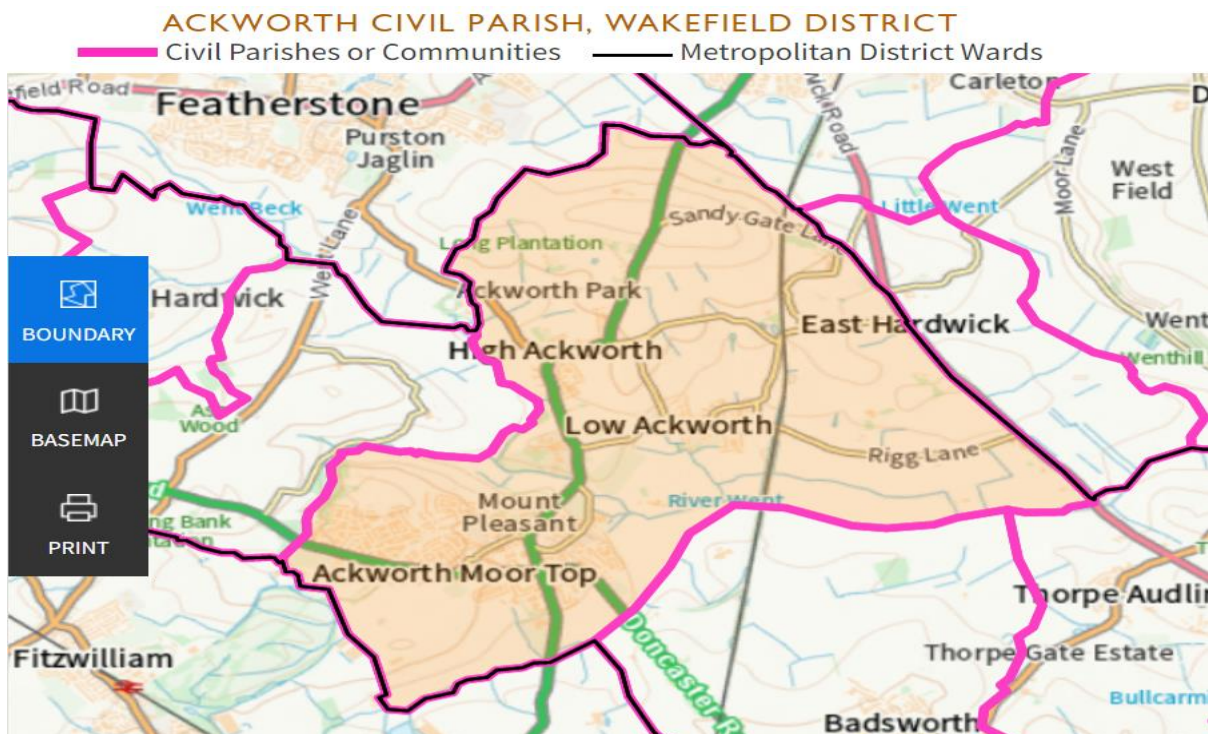


- The Parish of East Hardwick currently has a border that runs along the A639 – Hardwick Road with Ackworth Parish Council. There are houses on both sides of the road, some falling in one Parish and some the other. If East Hardwick was to cease being an independent Parish our suggestion would be for the Parish of East Hardwick to be considered and added to the boundaries of Ackworth Parish Council.

Please see the image below of East Hardwick Parish Council highlighted in orange.



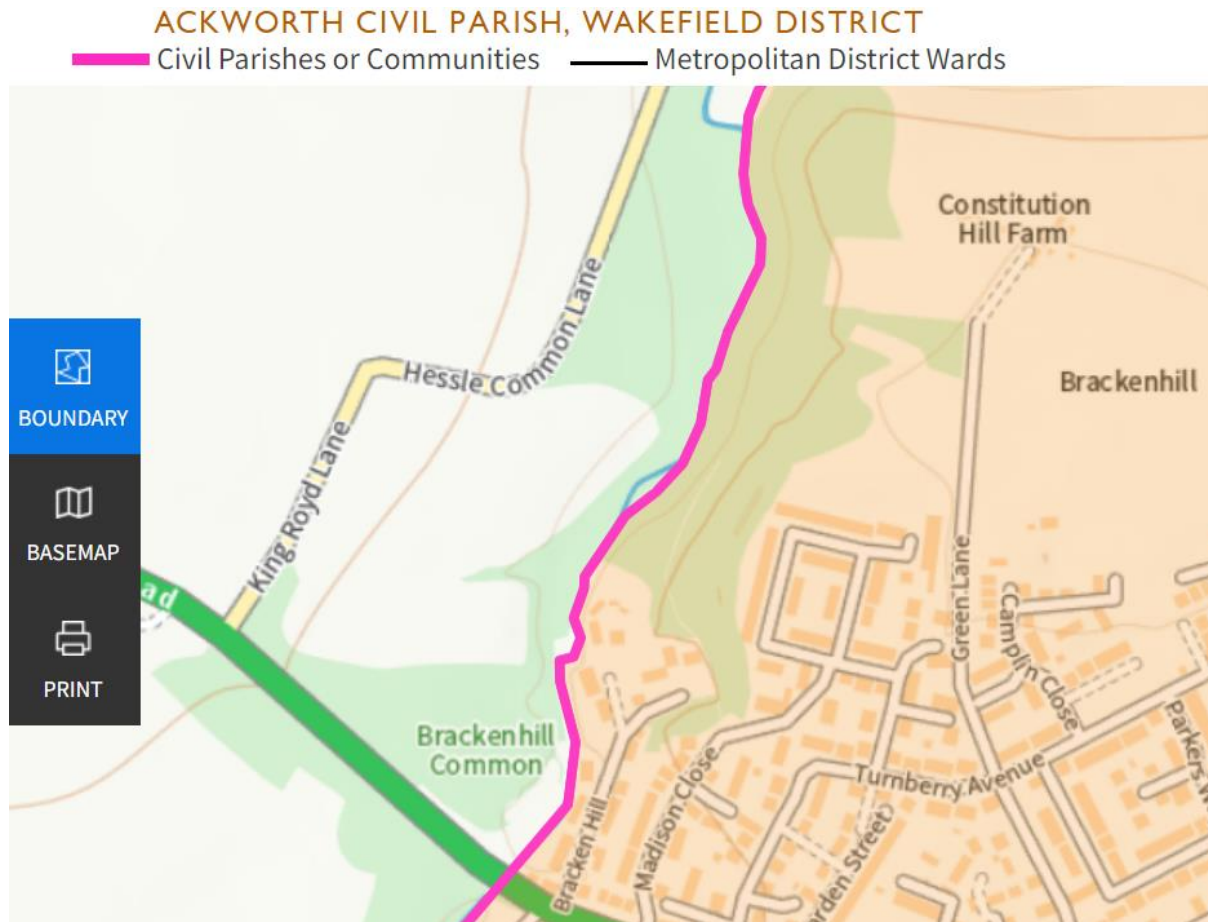
Please see the image below of Ackworth Parish highlighted in orange and the above image next to the highlighted Ackworth Parish in a zoomed out shot:



If East Hardwick Parish did cease and became a part of Ackworth Parish then again the suggestion would be for the Parish of East Hardwick to become part of Ward 1 – Ackworth, North Elmsall and Upton at the Wakefield District level.

4. Brackenhill Common currently falls in the Nostell Parish - Hessle and Hilltop and with Ackworth Parish being awarded some land from the Strata Estate, above Madison Close and to the West of Green Lane and East of the Hessle Beck. It would be a great amenity to have as a large green space that already joins together to fall wholly in one Parish.

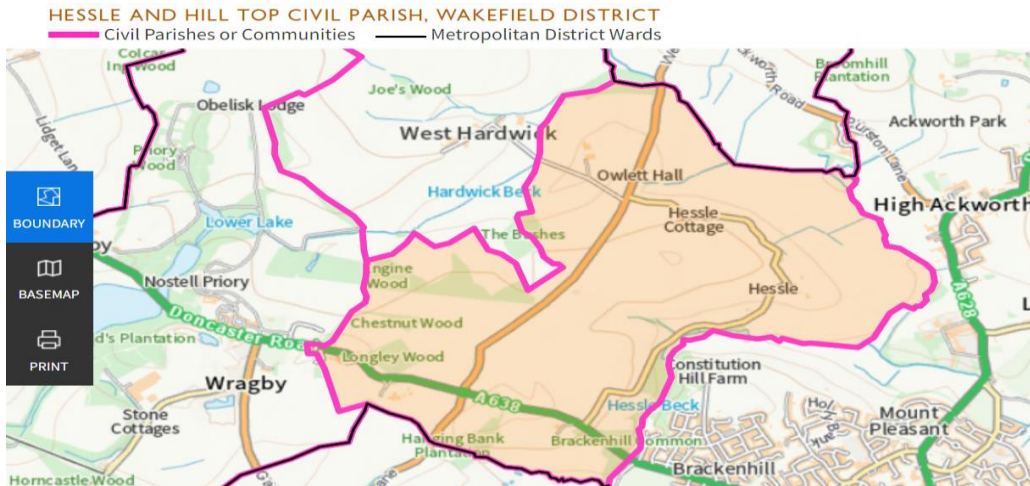
The image below clearly shows the streets mentioned and Brackenhill Common.



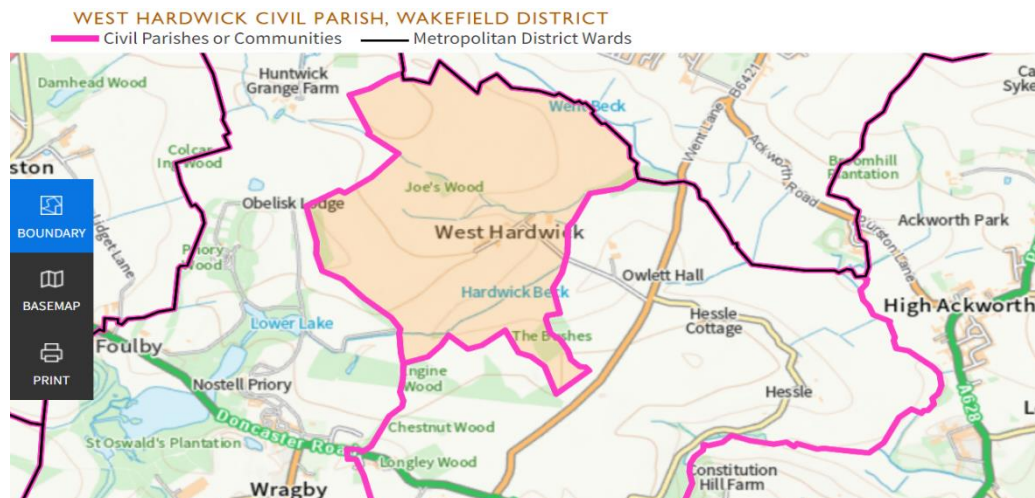
5. In general and this includes point 3 and East Hardwick Parish. If there are some Parish Councils that are being considered to be combined with other larger Parishes the others that would be considered by Ackworth Parish Council would be as follows:

a) Nostell Parish including all sections of Hessele and Hilltop – first image, West Hardwick – second image, and Huntwick with Foulby and Nostell – third image.

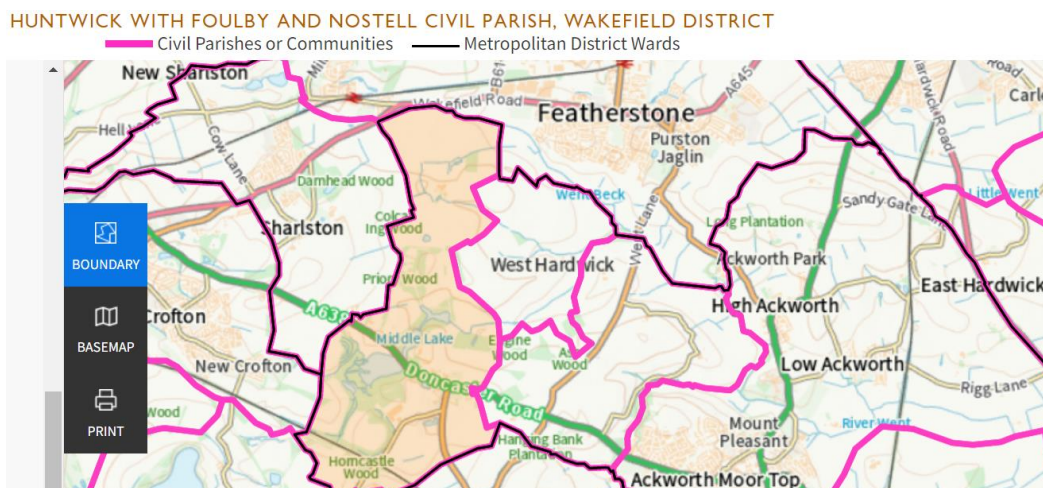
1<sup>st</sup> Image



2<sup>nd</sup> Image



3<sup>rd</sup> Image



6. General points to consider:

- a) Keep Parishes together as they have originally been created based on a community identities and all have heritage and history that needs to be protected.
- b) Parishes should be together in the same District Wards.
- c) Random streets and estates that fall between two Parishes and/or District Wards should be moved to be fully in one or the other.
- d) Parish Councils that regularly have contested elections should be respected.
- e) The creation of additional Wards within Parishes, depending on what is included or not, should be considered. An example of this could be a Brackenhill Ward for Ackworth Parish especially as an additional polling station was recently added for the 2021 elections.