LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026

Made 9th October 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Horsham District Council ("the council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 28th September 2026.

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), 98(4) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of this article, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2027.

(3) Articles 9 and 10 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article,

(b) article 2,

(c) article 6,

(d) article 12,

(e) article 15(2), and

(f) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the new parish of Horsham and the parish of Rusper, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of Horsham;

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;

"map 1" means the map marked "Map 1 referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

"map 2" means the map marked "Map 2 referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

"map 3" means the map marked "Map 3 referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

"monitoring officer" means an officer designated under section 5(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;

"new parish" means the parish constituted by article 4 and altered by article 5;

"new parish council" means the parish council created by article 7;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;

"plan 1" means the plan marked "Plan 1 referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026";

"plan 2" means the plan marked "Plan 2 referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 4) Order 2026";

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;

"responsible financial officer" means an officer designated under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972;

"the Allotments Acts 1908 to 1950" means the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, the Allotments Act 1922, the Allotments Act 1925, the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1926 and the Allotments Act 1950; and

"the date of dissolution" means the date article 7 comes into force.

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Amalgamation of the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and constitution of a new parish of Horsham

4. (1) The existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham shall be amalgamated to constitute a new parish comprising the area outlined with a blue line on map 2.

(2) The name of the new parish shall be Horsham.

(3) In consequence of paragraph (1) of this article, the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham shall cease to exist.

Alteration of parish areas

5. The area hatched and designated by the letter "B" on map 3 shall cease to be part of the parish of Rusper and shall become part of the new parish of Horsham.

Calculation of budget requirement

6. For the purposes of regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 there is specified in relation to the new parish of Horsham the sum of £1,012,756.

Dissolution of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and creation of a new parish council for the new parish of Horsham

7. (1) The existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham shall be wound up and dissolved.

(2) There shall be a new parish council for the new parish of Horsham.

(3) The name of that council shall be "The Parish Council of Horsham".

Elections for the new parish of Horsham

8. Elections of all parish councillors for the new parish of Horsham shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Number of parish councillors for the new parish of Horsham

9. The number of councillors to be elected for the new parish of Horsham shall be twenty-five (25).

Wards of the new parish of Horsham and number of parish councillors for each ward

10. (1) The new parish of Horsham shall be divided into six (6) wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(2) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on map 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by dashed red lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of Schedule 1.

Annual meeting of parish council

11. The annual meeting of the new parish council in 2027 shall be convened by the monitoring officer of Horsham District Council. The meeting shall take place no later than 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected to the new parish council take office.

Electoral register

12. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

13. (1) The land and property described in column (1) of Schedule 2 shall transfer from Horsham District Council to the new parish council on the date specified in column (2) of Schedule 2.

(2) Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 shall apply with regard to land held or used by Horsham District Council for any purpose of the Allotments Acts 1908 to 1950.

(3) Regulations 7 and 8 of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 shall apply with regard to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities from the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham to the new parish council.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) of this article, regulations 7 and 8 of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 shall apply with regard to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities relating to the area transferred by article 5 from the parish council of Rusper to the new parish council.

(5) Nothing in regulations 7 and 8 of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 shall apply to the parish gates owned by the parish council of Rusper and situated along Rusper Road.

Transfer of staff

14. Any person employed by the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham immediately before the date of dissolution shall by virtue of this Order be transferred on the date of dissolution and on the same terms and conditions to the employment of the new parish council.

Transitional provisions

15. (1) The clerk and responsible financial officer for each of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham holding office immediately before the date of dissolution shall be authorised (individually or jointly) in consultation with the monitoring officer of Horsham District Council to take such steps as appear to them to be necessary or proper for the purposes of, or in consequence of, (i) the winding up and dissolution of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and (ii) the creation of the new parish council until such time as the new parish council appoints a clerk and designates a responsible financial officer.

(2) The monitoring officer of Horsham District Council shall be authorised to take such steps as appear to them to be necessary or proper for the purposes of, or in consequence of, (i) the winding up and dissolution of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and (ii) the creation of the new parish council until such time as the new parish council appoints a clerk and designates a responsible financial officer.

Order date

16. 1st April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of Horsham District Council on the 9th day of October 2026

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Authorised Signatory



SCHEDULE 1

article 10

WARDS OF THE NEW PARISH OF HORSHAM

NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

Column (1)	*Column (2)*
Name of Ward	*Number of Councillors*
Denne	Four (4)
Forest	Five (5)
Holbrook	Five (5)
Mowbray	Three (3)
Roffey	Five (5)
Trafalgar	Three (3)

SCHEDULE 2

article 13(1)

LAND AND PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL TO THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HORSHAM

Column (1)	*Column (2)*
Land and property to be transferred	*Date*
All that land shown edged in red on plan 1 and marked "Park Barn", being part of Horsham Park, Horsham and registered at HM Land Registry under title number WSX293788 (subject to such rights and easements being reserved and/or granted and such other ancillary matters being agreed as the monitoring officer of Horsham District Council shall determine acting reasonably and properly)	1st July 2027
All that land shown edged in red on plan 2 and marked "Needles Neighbourhood Centre", being part of land and buildings at Granary Way, Shandy's Close, Blackbridge Lane and Arunside, Horsham registered at HM Land Registry under title number WSX253285 (subject to such rights and easements being reserved and/or granted and such other ancillary matters being agreed as the monitoring officer of Horsham District Council shall determine acting reasonably and properly)	1st July 2027

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Horsham District Council for the amalgamation of the parishes of Horsham and North Horsham within the district of Horsham to constitute a new parish of Horsham, and the creation of a new parish council for the new parish of Horsham. It also gives effect to recommendations made by Horsham District Council for the alteration of the parish areas of Rusper and Horsham within the district of Horsham.

The new parish of Horsham will be constituted and altered with effect from 1st April 2027. The electoral arrangements will apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Article 4 provides for the amalgamation of the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and the constitution of the new parish of Horsham.

Article 5 provides for the alteration of the parish areas of Rusper and Horsham.

Article 6 specifies the budget requirement in relation to the new parish of Horsham.

Article 7 provides for the dissolution of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and the creation of a new parish council for the new parish of Horsham.

Article 8 provides for parish elections for the new parish of Horsham in 2027.

Article 9 specifies the number of parish councillors for the new parish of Horsham.

Article 10, Schedule 1 and map 1 establish the names and areas of the wards of the new parish of Horsham and the number of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 11 provides for the convening of the first annual meeting of the new parish council of Horsham.

Article 12 obliges the electoral registration officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the changes made by the Order.

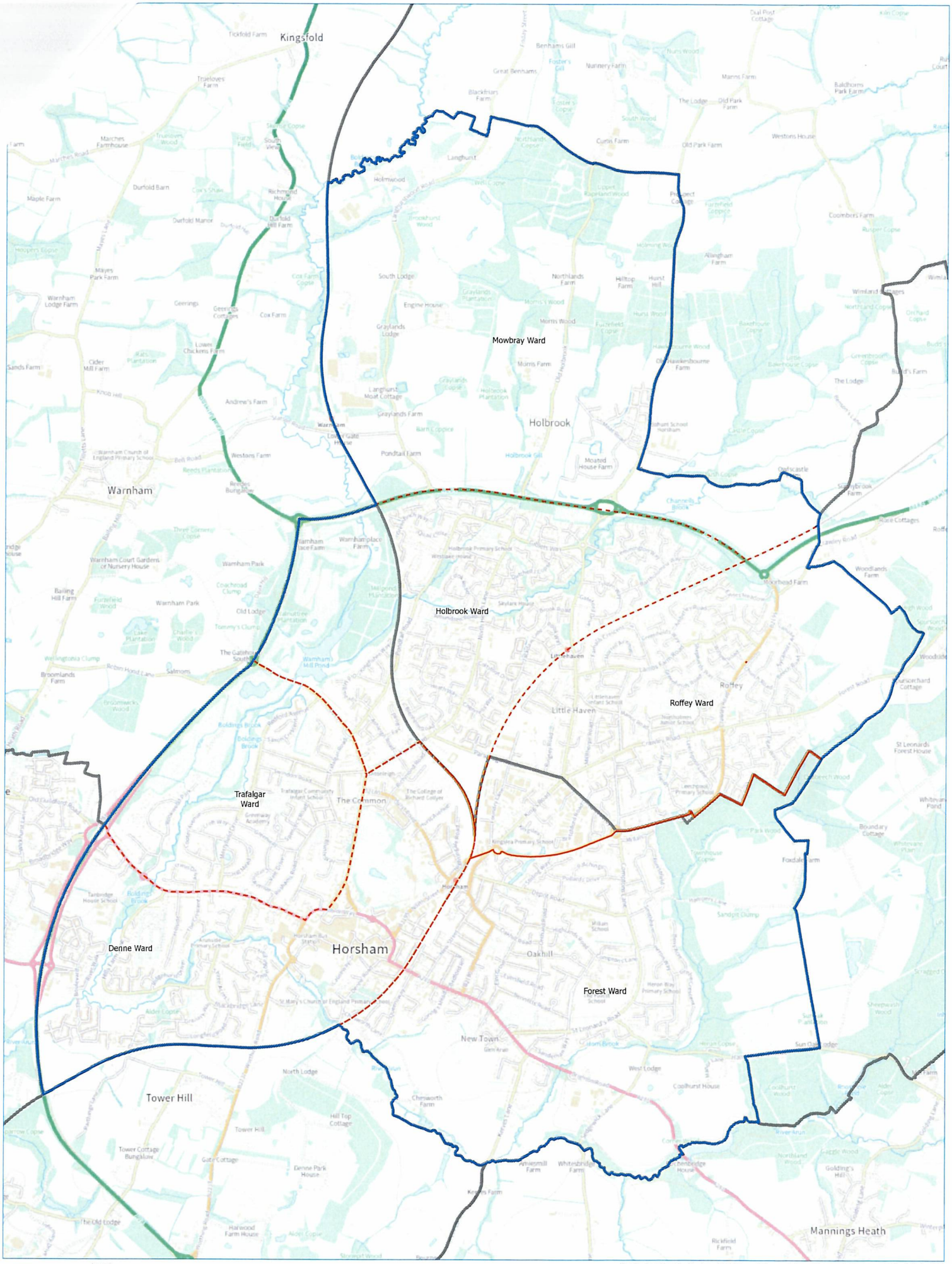
Article 13 and Schedule 2 provide for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities to the new parish council of Horsham.

Article 14 provides for the transfer of staff to the new parish council of Horsham.

Article 15 provides for transitional arrangements in connection with (i) the winding up and dissolution of the existing parish councils for the existing parishes of Horsham and North Horsham and (ii) the creation of the new parish council of Horsham.

Article 16 provides for the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Map 1 (as defined in article 2) shows the area and wards of the new parish of Horsham. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Horsham District Council.



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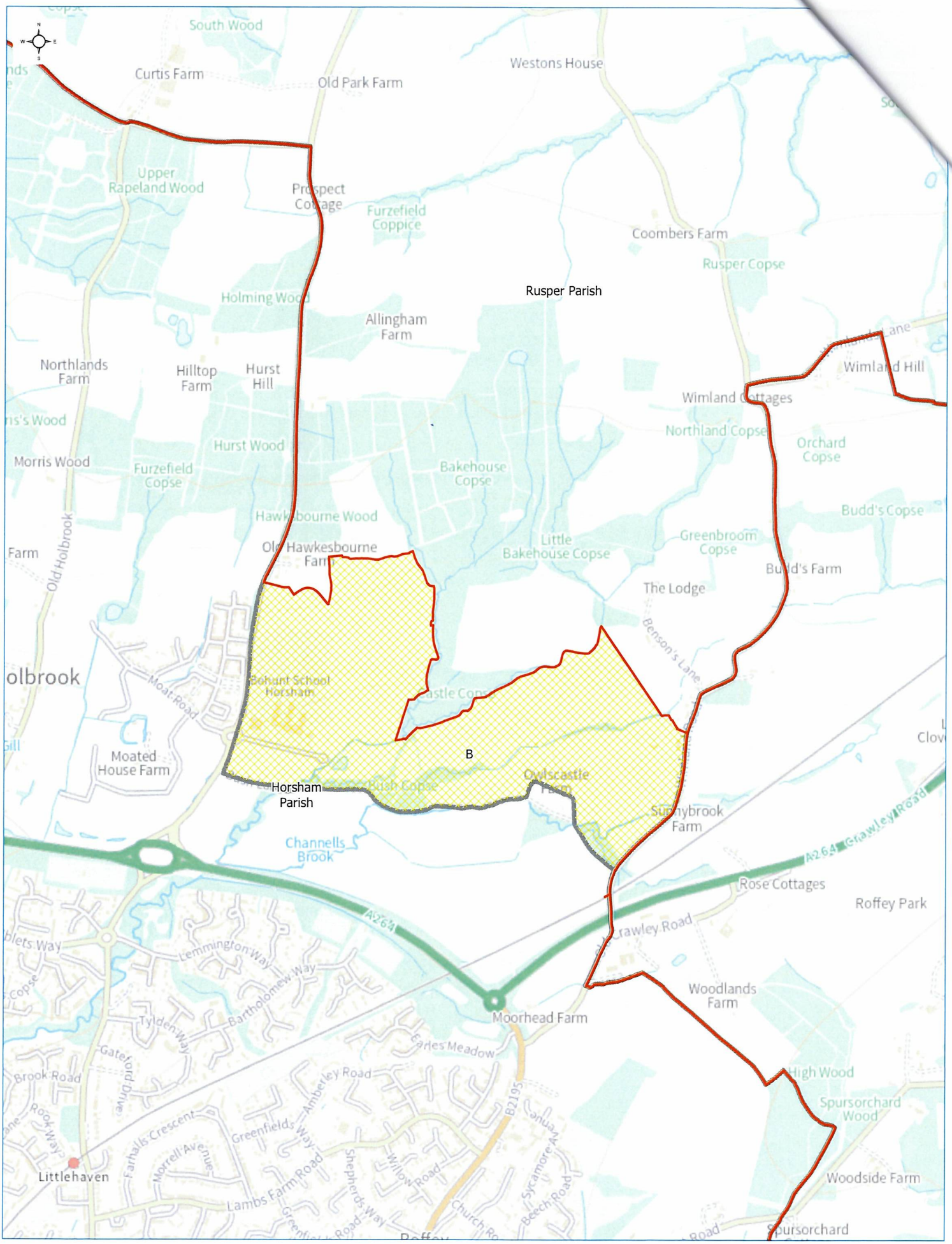
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- Wards
- Horsham parish
- Current parishes

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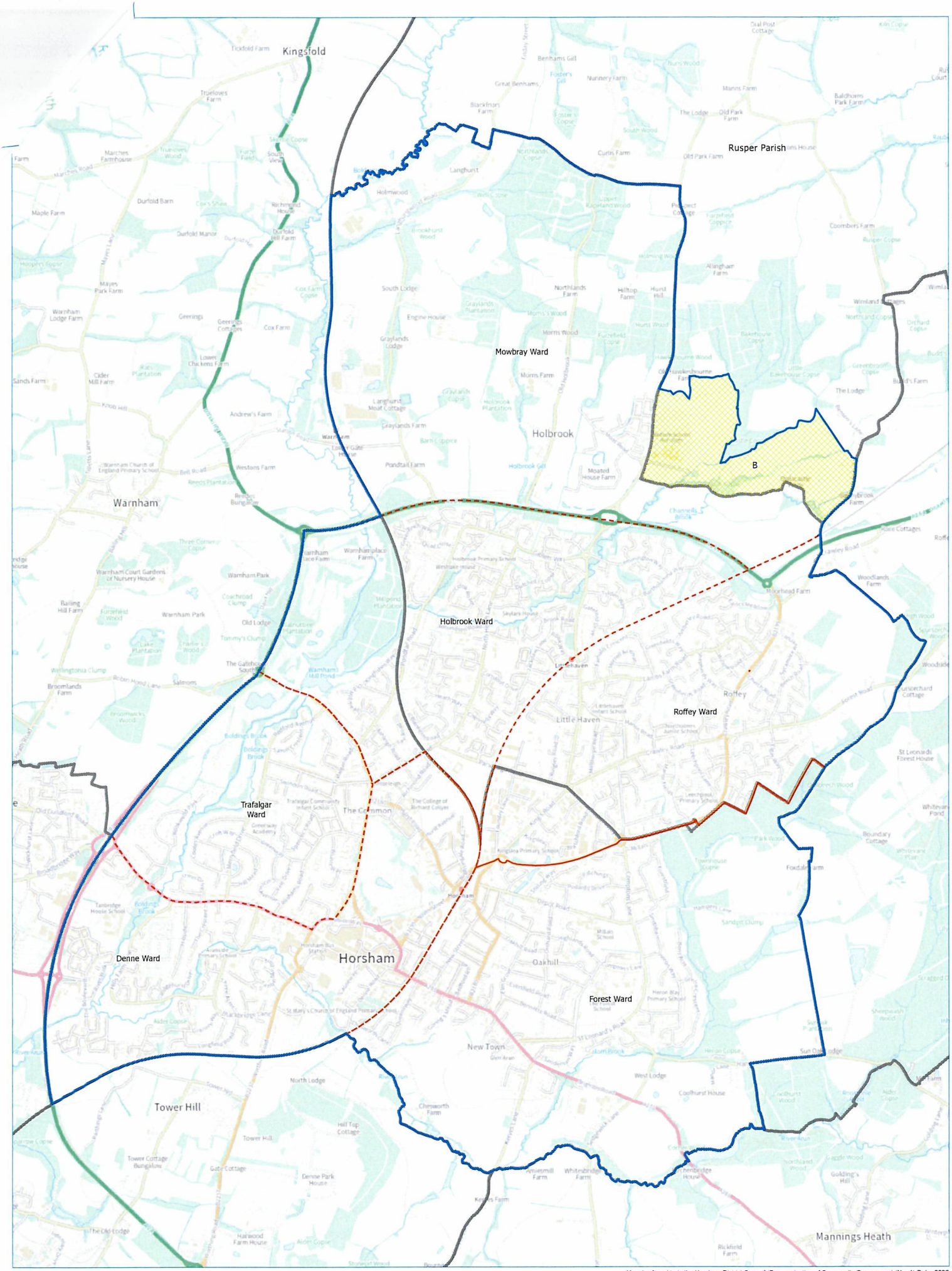
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- B: Area moved from Rusper to Horsham
- Parish
- Current parishes

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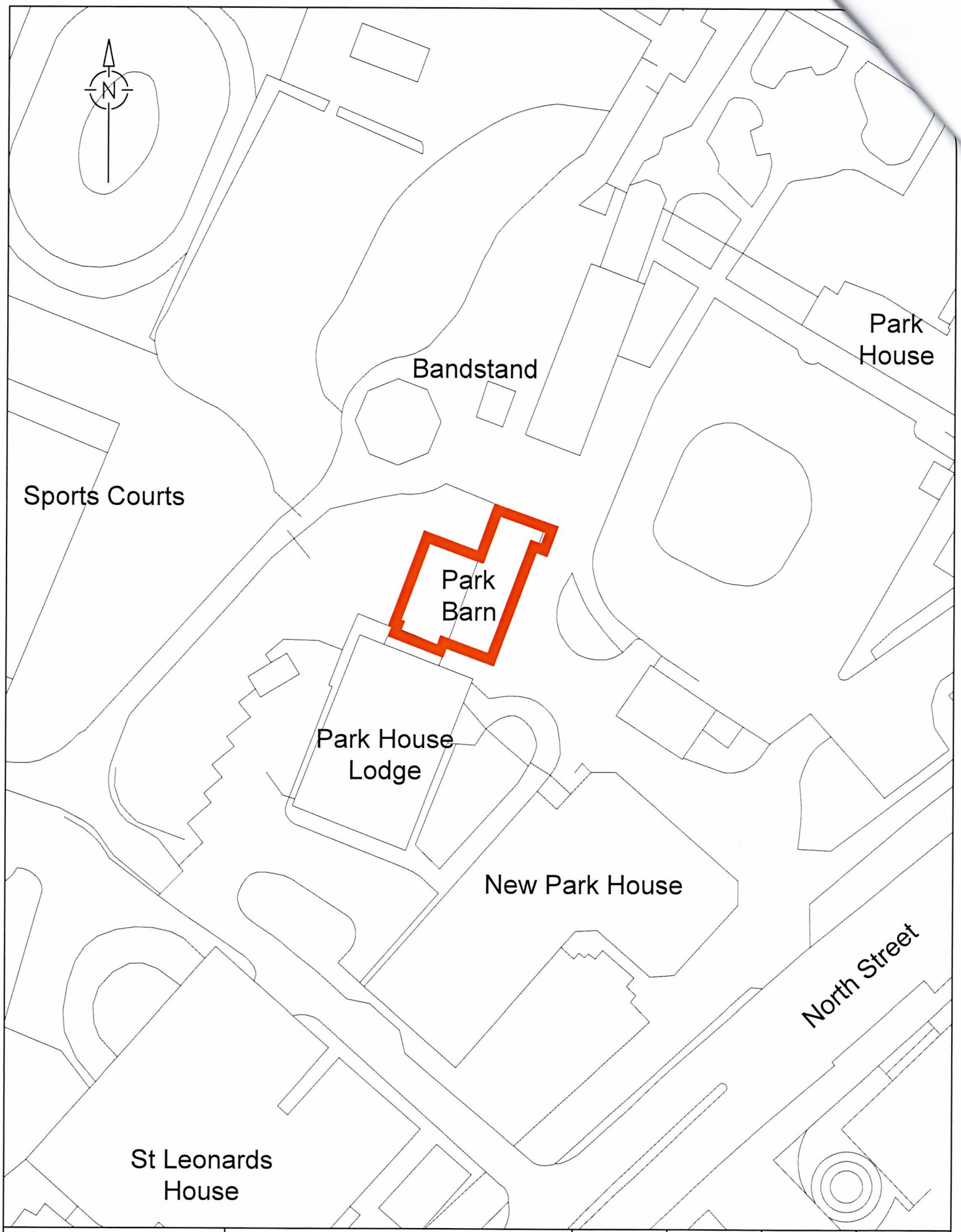
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- Horsham parish
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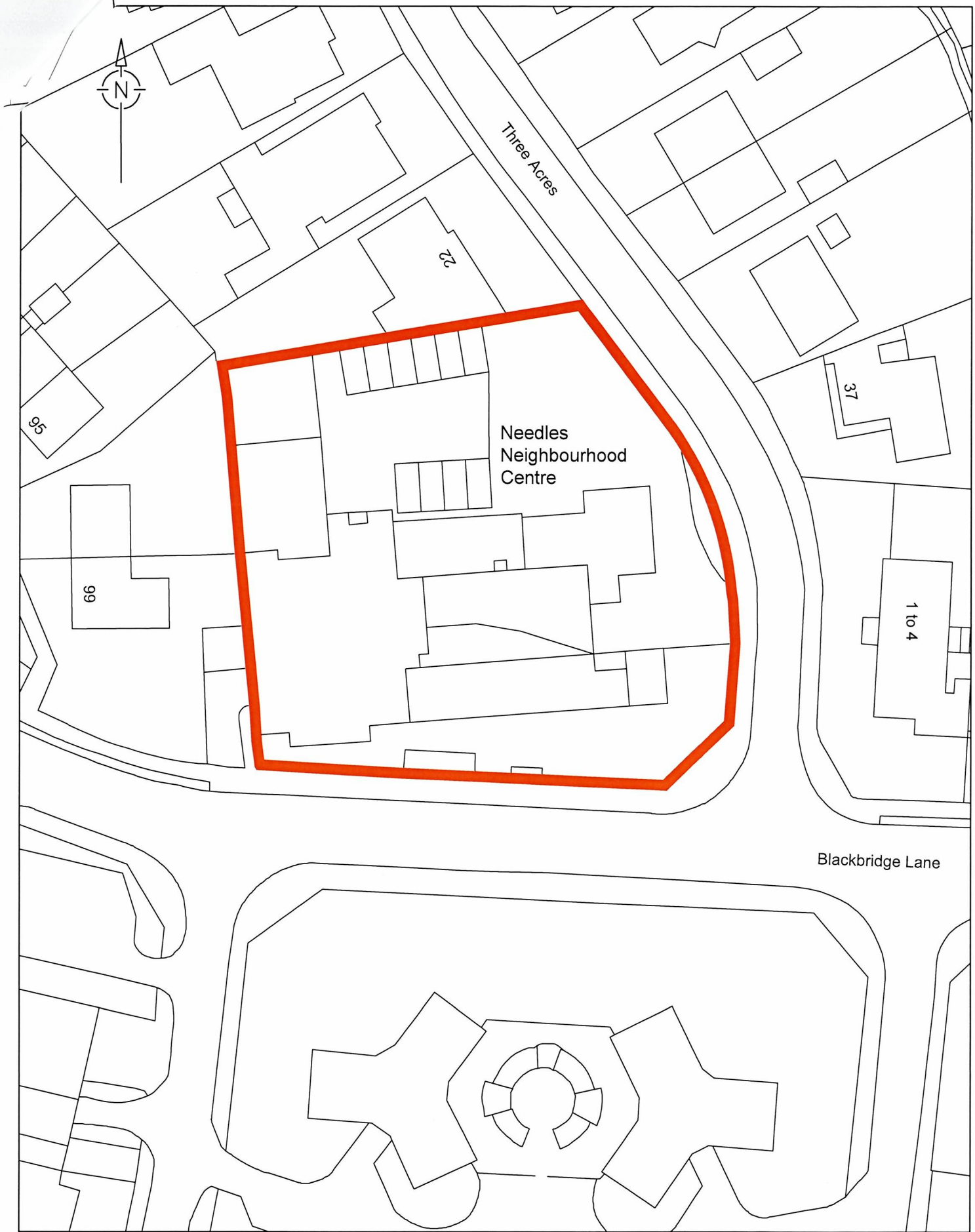
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