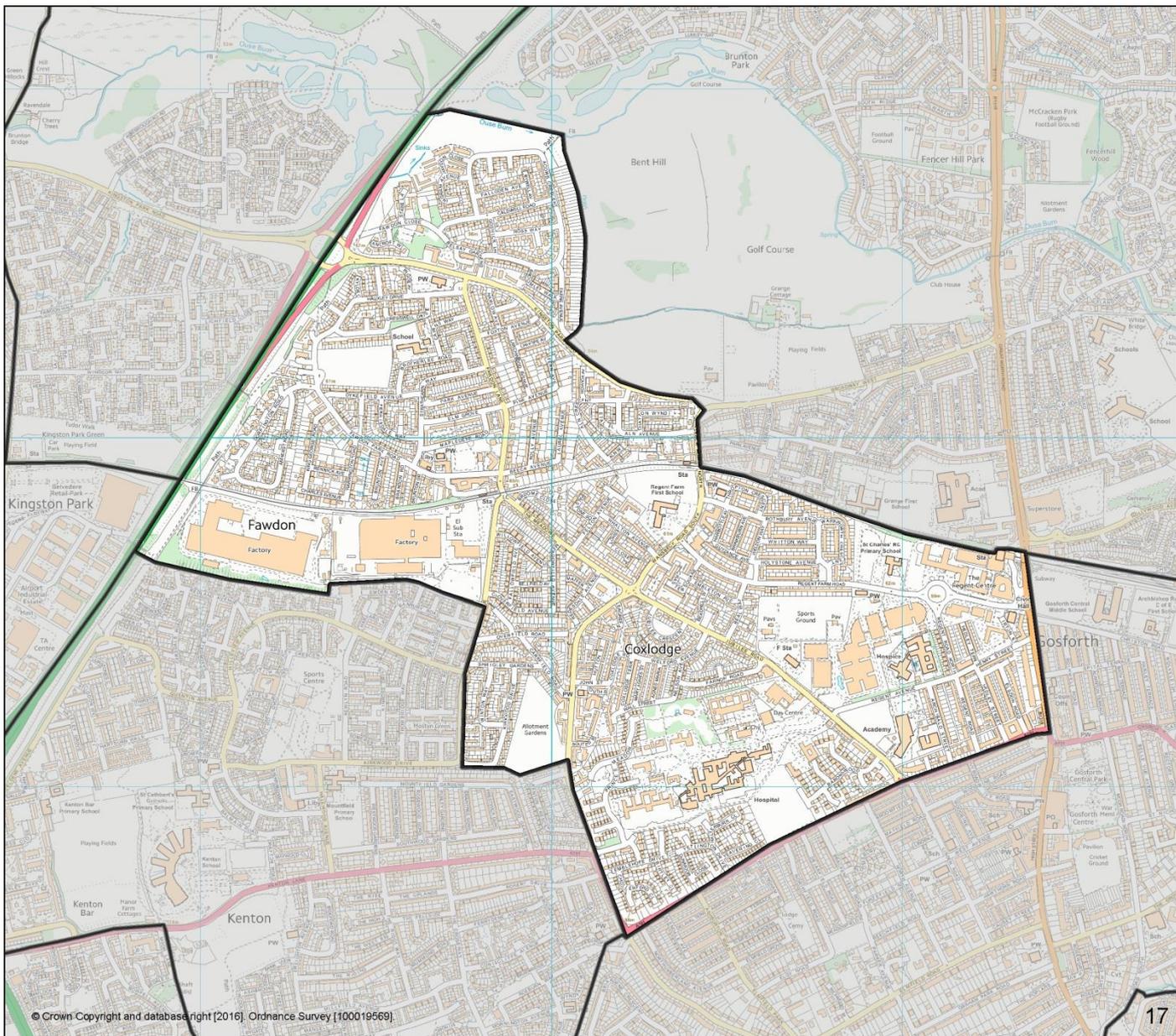


## Ward 17 – Fawdon and West Gosforth

2021 electorate: 7,895 (-5% variance)



Fawdon and West Gosforth ward is bounded by the A1 motorway to the west. From the north-west corner the boundary runs east along the Ouseburn and south to the rear of the properties on Acomb Crescent and Farne Avenue until it meets Kingston Park Road (encompassing the Red House Farm estate). From here it runs south-east, then south on Wansbeck Road North and then east along the Metro line until reaching the Great North Road. The boundary then runs south until the junction with Salters Road, where it heads west until meeting Kenton Road. It runs north on Kenton Road and turns off westward to the rear of the properties on Kenton Crescent. The boundary continues west to the rear of properties on Mountfield Gardens (excluded) and turns north on Edgefield Avenue, then west on Rowan Drive. The boundary runs south of the Fawdon factories until to meets the A1 motorway, completing the boundary.

Our initial proposal brought together communities from Fawdon, Kenton Bar, North Kenton and Red House Farm in to one ward. Residents and ward councillors strongly disagreed with splitting the communities of Kenton between three wards. Councillors outlined a viable alternative pattern for the three wards covering Fawdon, Kenton and Gosforth areas, bringing those communities who identify as belonging to Kenton in to one ward. This was supported by Constitutional Committee.

The resulting ward continues to incorporate communities within the current Fawdon ward of Red House Farm, Fawdon, Little Grange and Coxlodge, living in similar housing types, in the same ward. The boundary of the existing ward is extended eastwards to the Great North Road which brings in the communities of Hedley Farm, St Nicholas Park and Princes Meadows. There are pockets of local authority owned homes in Coxlodge but in the main, properties within this ward are owner-occupied. Residents in Coxlodge have historically seen themselves as being part of West Gosforth and this ward would re-establish this connection within one ward and the proposed name of Fawdon and West Gosforth also reflects this. There are several primary schools within the ward which all predominately feed Kenton School in the neighbouring Kenton ward, one of the largest schools in England. Residents access the services in Fawdon, Gosforth High Street and Regent's Centre, including Metro stations, public houses, shops and other services.