

DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU ETC. ACT 2013

The Torfaen (Communities) Order 2026

Made - - - - - [27/05/2026]

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Torfaen County Council (“the Council”) has, in accordance with section 25 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”), submitted to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (“the Commission”) a report dated 2 December 2025 on its review of, and recommendations for changes to, community arrangements in the County of Torfaen.

The Commission has agreed to give effect to the Council’s recommendations with modifications which specify the community wards affected by the Council’s recommendations, which modifications have been agreed by the Council.

More than six weeks have elapsed since the Council’s recommendations were submitted to the Commission.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred on it by section 38(1) of the 2013 Act.

Title and commencement

1. - (1) The title of this Order is the Torfaen (Communities) Order 2026.

(2) This Order comes into force at the next local government election.

Interpretation

2. In this Order–

“Map ###” means the map deposited by the Commission with Torfaen County Council and reproduced for reference at the end of this Order in Schedule 1;

where a boundary is shown on a map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature;

a reference to an “existing” community or community ward is to the community or community ward as it existed on the day before this Order comes into force;

a reference to a “former” community or community ward is to a community or community ward which is abolished by this Order;

a reference to a “new” community or community ward is to a community or community ward which is created by this Order;

words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in Part 3 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013, except so far as a contrary intention appears.

Local government area changes

3. Changes are made in the local government area of the County of Torfaen in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon – changes in community and community ward boundaries

4. The existing communities of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon are abolished, and the existing community council of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon is dissolved.

Croesyceiliog – constitution of new community

5. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Croesyceiliog in the English and Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community of Croesyceiliog, together with the area of the former community ward of Llanyrafon West (from the former community of Llanyrafon), subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 1.

New community of Croesyceiliog – community ward arrangements

6. A new community ward is created in the new community of Croesyceiliog which is to be known as Croesyceiliog North in the English language and Gogledd Croesyceiliog in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Croesyceiliog North, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 2.

7. A new community ward is created in the new community of Croesyceiliog which is to be known as Croesyceiliog South in the English language and De Croesyceiliog in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Croesyceiliog South, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 2.

8. A new community ward is created in the new community of Croesyceiliog which is to be known as Llanyrafon West in the English language and Gorllewin Llanyrafon in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Llanyrafon West of the former community of Llanyrafon, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 2.

New community of Croesyceiliog – boundary changes and community ward changes

9. The part of the existing community ward of Northville in the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded yellow on Map 3:

a. is transferred to the new community of Croesyceiliog; and

b. forms part of the new community ward of Croesyceiliog North.

10. The part of the new community ward of Croesyceiliog South in the new community of Croesyceiliog shown shaded on Map 4 is transferred to the new community ward of Croesyceiliog North in the new community of Croesyceiliog.

11. The part of the new community ward of Llanyrafon West in the new community of Croesyceiliog shown shaded on Map 5 is transferred to the new community ward of Croesyceiliog South in the new community of Croesyceiliog.

12. The part of the new community ward of Croesyceiliog South in the new community of Croesyceiliog shown shaded on Map 6 is transferred to the new community ward of Llanyrafon West in the new community of Croesyceiliog.

New community of Croesyceiliog – community council and electoral arrangements

13. A council for the new community of Croesyceiliog is established which is to be known as Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon in the English language and Croesyceiliog a Llanyrafon in the Welsh language.

14. In the new community council of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon the number of councillors to be elected for the new community ward of –

- a. Croesyceiliog North is 6;
- b. Croesyceiliog South is 3;
- c. Llanyrafon West is 3.

Cwmbran Central – consequential change to electoral arrangements

15. The part of the existing community ward of Northville of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 7 is transferred to the community ward of Southville.

16. The existing community of Pontnewydd is abolished, and the existing community council of Cwmbran is dissolved.

Pontnewydd – constitution of new community

17. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Pontnewydd in the English and Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community of Pontnewydd, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 8.

New community of Pontnewydd – boundary change

18. The part of the existing community ward of Upper Cwmbran East in the existing community of Upper Cwmbran which is shown shaded on Maps 9 and 10 is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd.

New community of Pontnewydd - community ward arrangements

19. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pontnewydd which is to be known as Pontnewydd in the English and Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Mount Pleasant in the former community of Pontnewydd together with part of the area of the former community ward of Lowlands and Avondale in the former community of Pontnewydd, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 11.

20. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pontnewydd which is to be known as Pontrhydyrun in the English and Welsh language and which:

a. comprises part of the area of the former community ward of Lowlands and Avondale in the former community of Pontnewydd, together with the part of the existing community ward of Upper Cwmbran East in the existing community of Upper Cwmbran which is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd pursuant to article 18 above, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 11.

New community of Pontnewydd – further boundary changes

21. The part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd in the new community of Pontnewydd shown shaded on Map 12:

a. is transferred to the community of Cwmbran Central; and

b. forms part of the community ward of Northville.

22. The part of the existing community ward of St Dials of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 13:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd.

23. The part of the existing community ward of Northville of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 14:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd.

24. The part of the existing community ward of Northville of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 15:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd.

25. The part of the existing community ward of Upper Cwmbran East of the community of Upper Cwmbran shown shaded on Map 16:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd.

26. The part of the existing community ward of Upper Cwmbran East of the community of Upper Cwmbran shown shaded on Map 17:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontnewydd; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd.

27. The part of the new community ward of Pontnewydd in the new community of Pontnewydd shown shaded on Map 18:

- a. is transferred to the community of Upper Cwmbran;
- b. forms part of the community ward of Upper Cwmbran East

New community of Pontnewydd – community council and electoral arrangements

28. A council for the communities of Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llantarnam, Upper Cwmbran and the new community of Pontnewydd is established, which is to be known as Cwmbran in the English language and Cwmbrân in the Welsh language.

29. In the new community council of Cwmbran the number of councillors to be elected:

- a. For the community ward of Southville in the community of Cwmbran Central is 1;
- b. For the community ward of Northville in the community of Cwmbran Central is 1;
- c. For the community ward of St Dials in the community of Cwmbran Central is 2;
- d. For the community ward of Two Locks in the community of Cwmbran Central is 2;

- e. For the community ward of Fairwater in the community of Fairwater is 1;
- f. For the community ward of Greenmeadow in the community of Fairwater is 1;
- g. For the community ward of Ty Canol in the community of Fairwater is 2;
- h. For the community ward of Coed Eva in the community of Fairwater is 1;
- i. For the community of Llantaram is 2;
- j. For the new community ward of Pontnewydd in the new community of Pontnewydd is 3;
- k. For the new community ward of Pontrhydyrun in the new community of Pontnewydd is 1;
- l. For the community ward of Upper Cwmbran East in the community of Upper Cwmbran is 1;
- m. For the community ward of Upper Cwmbran West in the community of Upper Cwmbran is 1; and
- n. For the community ward of Thornhill in the community of Upper Cwmbran is 1.

Ponthir – abolition of community

30. The existing community of Ponthir is abolished, and the existing community council of Ponthir is dissolved.

Ponthir – constitution of new community

31. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Ponthir in the English language and Pont-hir in the Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community of Ponthir, together with the area of the former community ward of Llanyrafon East of the former community of Llanyrafon, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 19.

New community of Ponthir - community ward arrangements

32. A new community ward is created in the new community of Ponthir which is to be known as Ponthir in the English language and Pont-hir in the Welsh language and which –

a. comprises the area of the former community of Ponthir, subject to the further changes made in this Order; and

b. is shown on Map 20.

33. A new community ward is created in the new community of Ponthir which is to be known as Llanyrafon East in the English language and Dwyrain Llanyrafon in the Welsh language and which –

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Llanyrafon East of the former community of Llanyrafon, subject to the further changes made in this Order; and

b. is shown on Map 20.

34. The part of the new community ward of Llanyrafon East in the new community of Ponthir shown shaded yellow on Map 21 is transferred to the new community ward of Ponthir in the new community of Ponthir.

35. The parts of the new community ward of Ponthir in the new community of Ponthir shown shaded pink on Map 21 are transferred to the new community ward of Llanyrafon East in the new community of Ponthir.

New community of Ponthir – community council and electoral arrangements

36. A council for the new community of Ponthir is established which is to be known as Ponthir in the English language and Pont-hir in the Welsh language.

37. In the new community council of Ponthir the number of councillors to be elected for the new community ward of –

a. Ponthir is 5; and

b. Llanyrafon East is 2.

Pontymoile – abolition of community

38. The existing community of Pontymoile is abolished, and the existing community council of Pontypool is dissolved.

Pontymoile – constitution of new community

39. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Pontymoile in the English language and Pont-y-moel in the Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community wards of Cwmynyscoy and Pontypool of the former community of Pontymoile, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 22.

New community of Pontymoile – community ward arrangements

40. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pontymoile which is to be known as Pontypool in the English language and Pont-y-pŵl in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Pontypool of the former community of Pontymoile, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 23.

41. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pontymoile which is to be known as Cwmynyscoy in the English language and Cwm-ynys-cou in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Cwmynyscoy of the former community of Pontymoile, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 23.

Pen Tranch – abolition of community

42. The existing community of Pen Tranch is abolished.

Pen Tranch – constitution of new community

43. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Pen Tranch in the English language and Pen Transh in the Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community of Pen Tranch together with the area of the former community ward of Brynwern of the former community of Pontymoile, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 24.

New community of Pen Tranch – community ward arrangements

44. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pen Tranch which is to be known as Pen Tranch in the English language and Pen Transh in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Wainfelin of the former community of Pen Tranch together with the area of the former community ward of Brynwern of the former community of Pontymoile, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 25.

45. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pen Tranch which is to be known as Pontnewynydd in the English language and Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Pontnewynydd of the former community of Pen Tranch, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 25.

46. A new community ward is created in the new community of Pen Tranch which is to be known as Snatchwood in the English language and Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community ward of Snatchwood of the former community of Pen Tranch, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 25.

Panteg – abolition of community

47. The existing community of Panteg is abolished.

Panteg – constitution of new community

48. A new community is constituted, which is to be known as Panteg in the English language and Pant-teg in the Welsh language, and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community of Panteg, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 26.

New community of Panteg – community ward arrangements

49. A new community ward is created in the new community of Panteg which is to be known as Sebastopol in the English language and Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community wards of Sebastopol West and Sebastopol East in the former community of Panteg, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 27.

50. A new community ward is created in the new community of Panteg which is to be known as Griffithstown in the English language and Tref Gruffydd in the Welsh language and which:

a. comprises the area of the former community wards of Griffithstown East and Griffithstown West of the former community of Panteg, subject to the further changes specified in this Order; and

b. is shown by Map 27.

51. The part of the new community ward of Sebastopol in the new community of Panteg shown shaded yellow on Map 28 is transferred to the new community ward of Griffithstown in the new community of Panteg.

Pontypool – community council and electoral arrangements

52. A council for the communities of Abersychan, New Inn, Trevethin and the new communities of Pontymoile, Pen Tranch and Panteg is established, which is to be known as Pontypool in the English language and Pont-y-pŵl in the Welsh language.

53. In the new community council of Pontypool the number of councillors to be elected for:

- a. the community ward of Garndiffaith and Varteg in the community of Abersychan is 2;
- b. the community ward of Abersychan and Cwmavon in the community of Abersychan is 2;
- c. the community ward of Trevethin in the community of Trevethin is 2;
- d. the community ward of St Cadocs and Penygarn in the community of Trevethin is 1;
- e. the new community ward of Snatchwood in the new community of Pen Tranch is 1;
- f. the new community ward of Pontnewynydd in the new community of Pen Tranch is 1;
- g. the new community ward of Pen Tranch in the new community of Pen Tranch is 2;
- h. the community ward of New Inn Upper in the community of New Inn is 2;
- i. the community ward of New Inn Lower in the community of New Inn is 2;
- j. the new community ward of Cwmyrnyscoy in the new community of Pontymoile is 1;
- k. the new community ward of Pontypool in the new community of Pontymoile is 1;
- l. the new community ward of Griffithstown in the new community of Panteg is 2;

and

- m. the new community ward of Sebastopol in the new community of Panteg is 2.

Other community boundary changes

54. The part of the existing community of Llantarnam shown shaded on Map 29:
- a. is transferred to the community of Cwmbran Central; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Southville.
55. The part of the existing community ward of Two Locks of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 30 is transferred to the community of Llantarnam.
56. The part of the existing community ward of Two Locks of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 31 is transferred to the community of Henllys.
57. The part of the existing community ward of Coed Eva of the community of Fairwater shown shaded on Map 32:
- a. is transferred to the community of Cwmbran Central; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Two Locks.
58. The part of the existing community ward of Two Locks of the community of Cwmbran Central shown shaded on Map 33:
- a. is transferred to the community of Fairwater; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Coed Eva.
59. The part of the existing community ward of Greenmeadow of the community of Fairwater shown shaded on Map 34:
- a. is transferred to the community of Upper Cwmbran; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Thornhill.
60. The part of the existing community ward of Thornhill of the community of Upper Cwmbran shown shaded on Map 35:
- a. is transferred to the community of Fairwater; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Greenmeadow.
61. The part of the existing community of Henllys shown shaded on Map 36:
- a. is transferred to the community of Fairwater; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of Coed Eva;
62. The part of the new community ward of Pontypool in the new community of Pontymoile shown shaded on Map 37:
- a. is transferred to the community of Trevethin; and
 - b. forms part of the community ward of St Cadocs and Penygarn.
63. The part of the existing community ward of St Cadocs and Penygarn of the community of Trevethin shown shaded on Map 38:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontymoile; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontypool.

64. The part of the new community ward of Cwmynyscoy in the new community of Pontymoile shown shaded on Map 39:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pen Tranch; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pen Tranch.

65. The part of the new community ward of Pen Tranch in the new community of Pen Tranch shown shaded on Map 40:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontymoile; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Cwmynyscoy.

66. The part of the new community ward of Pen Tranch in the new community of Pen Tranch shown shaded on Map 41:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontymoile; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Cwmynyscoy.

67. The part of the new community ward of Pontypool in the new community of Pontymoile shown shaded on Map 42:

- a. is transferred to the new community of Panteg; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Griffithstown.

68. The part of the new community ward of Griffithstown in the new community of Panteg shown shaded on Map 43

- a. is transferred to the new community of Pontymoile; and
- b. forms part of the new community ward of Pontypool.

Sealed with the seal of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru on the **27 day of May 2026**

[27/05/2026]



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Jones'.

Karen Jones

Chair

Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, made in accordance with section 38(1) of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”), gives effect to recommendations made by Torfaen County Council (“the Council”). The Council reported in December 2025 on its review under section 25 of the 2013 Act of community boundaries.

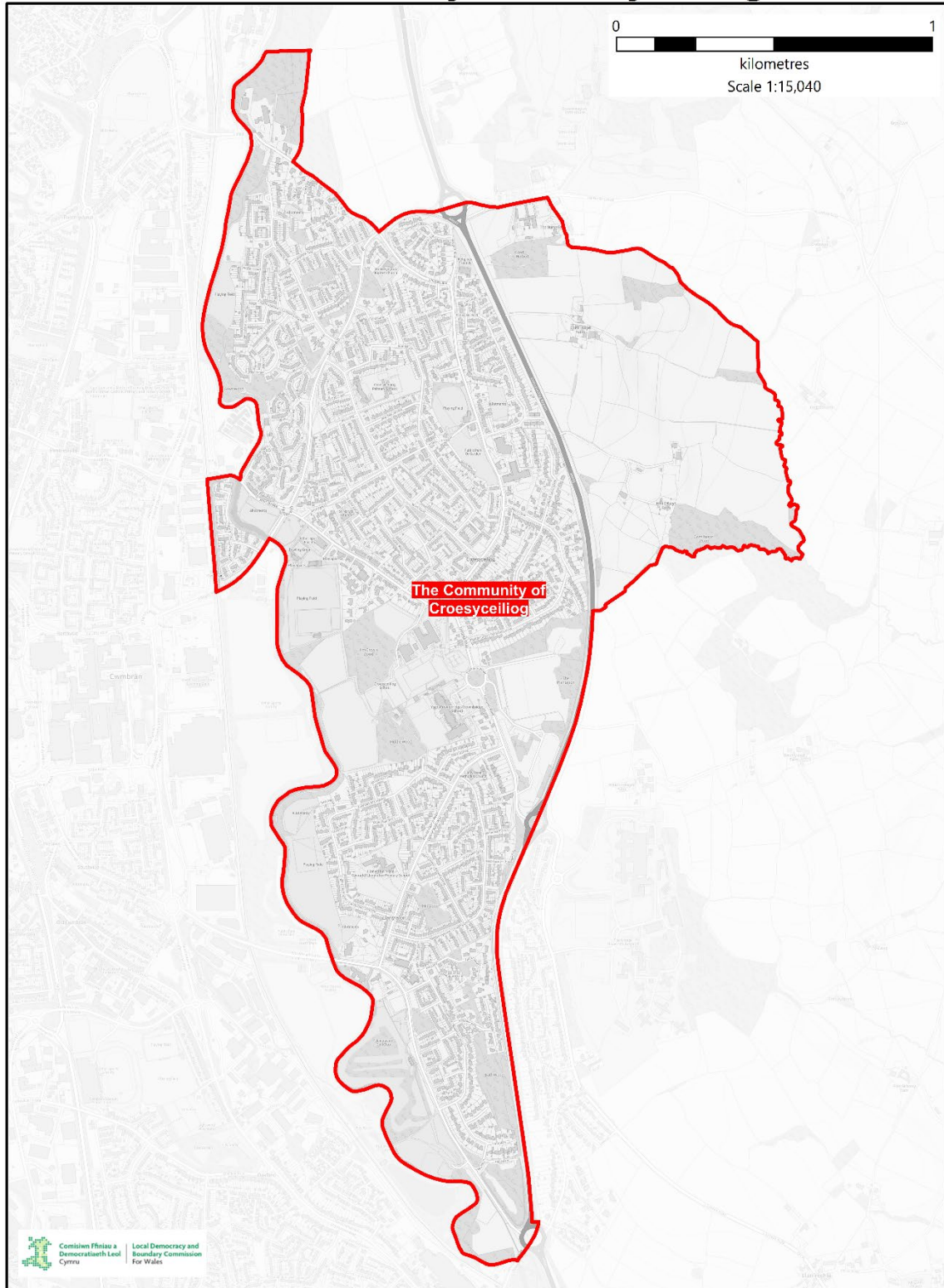
The report recommended a change to the boundaries of the communities of Torfaen. This order makes changes to the boundaries of those communities.

Prints of the boundary maps to which this Order relates are deposited and may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Torfaen County Council **and at the offices of the Welsh Government at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ (Local Government Democracy Division)**

Schedule 1

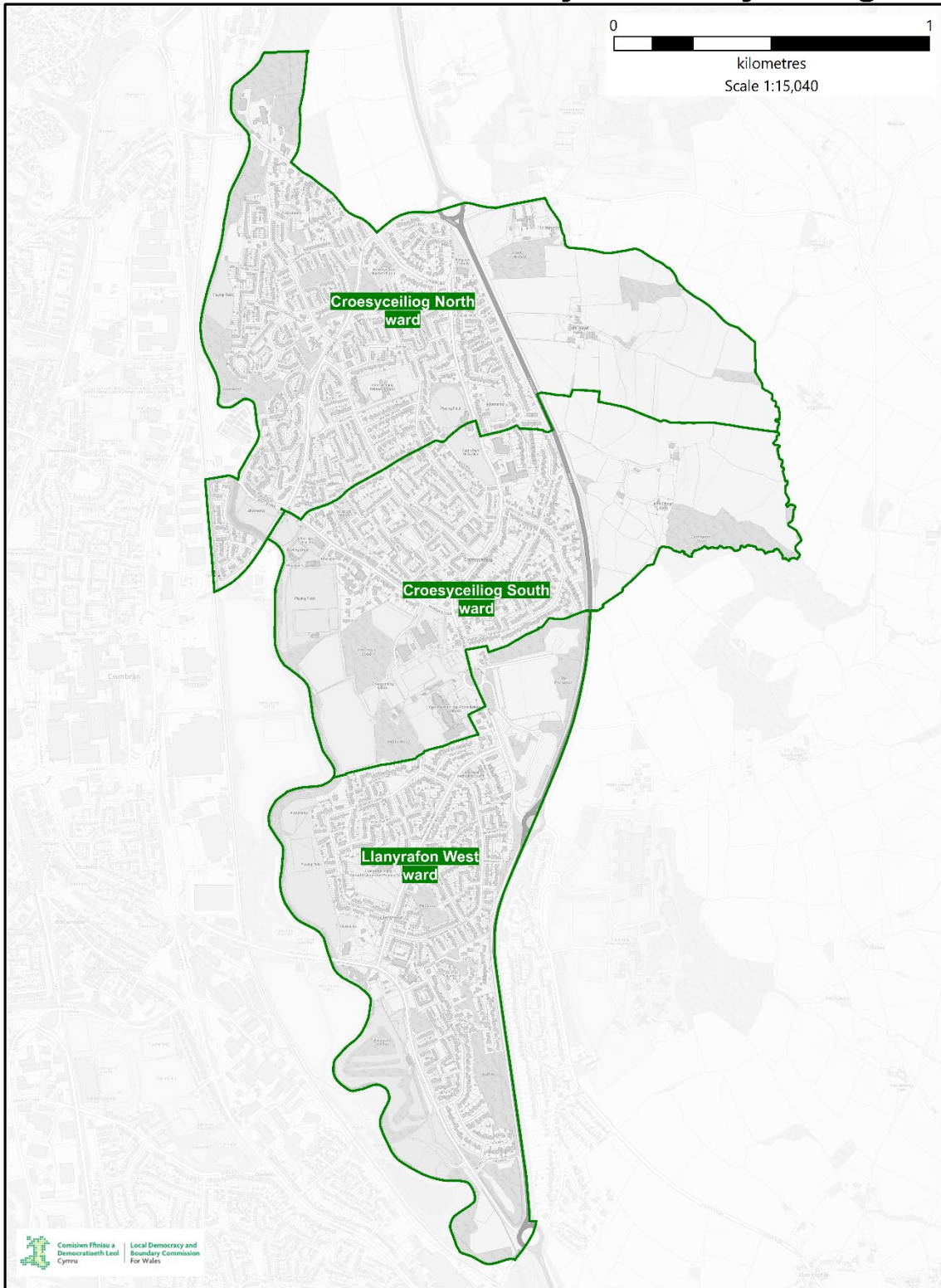
Map 1

The Community of Croesyceiliog



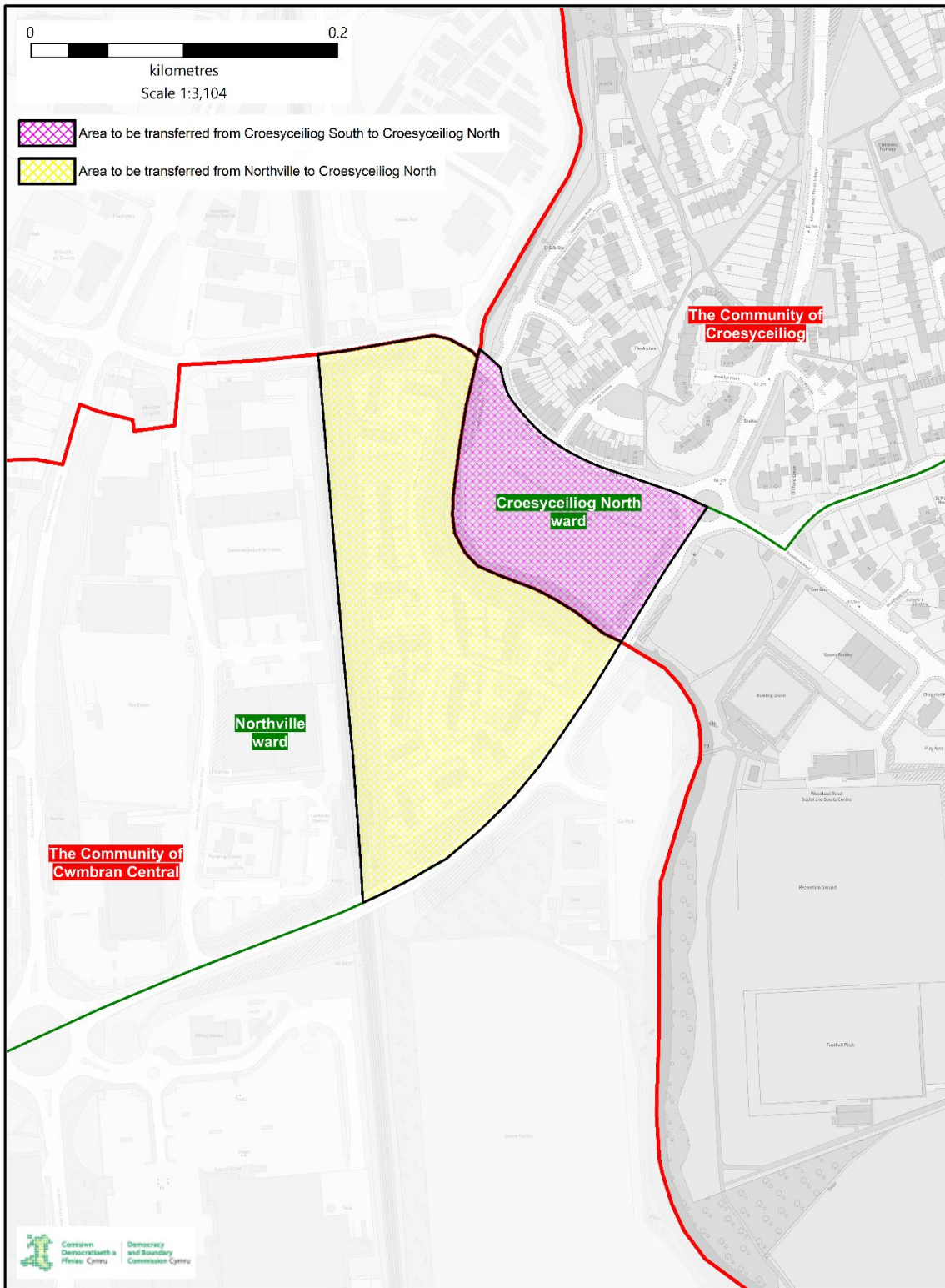
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The Wards of the Community of Croesyceiliog



Map 3

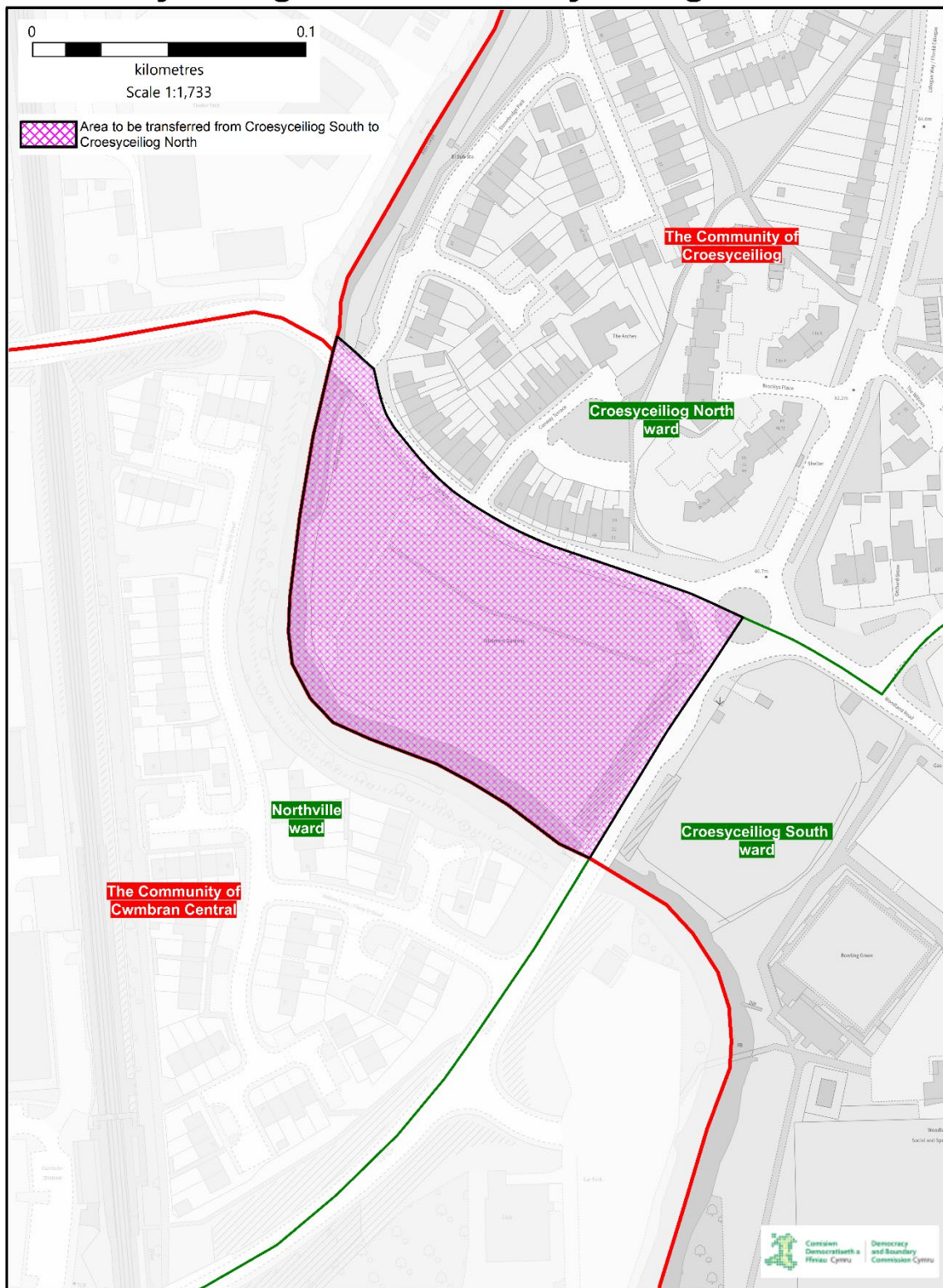
Northville to Croesyceiliog North area



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Map 4

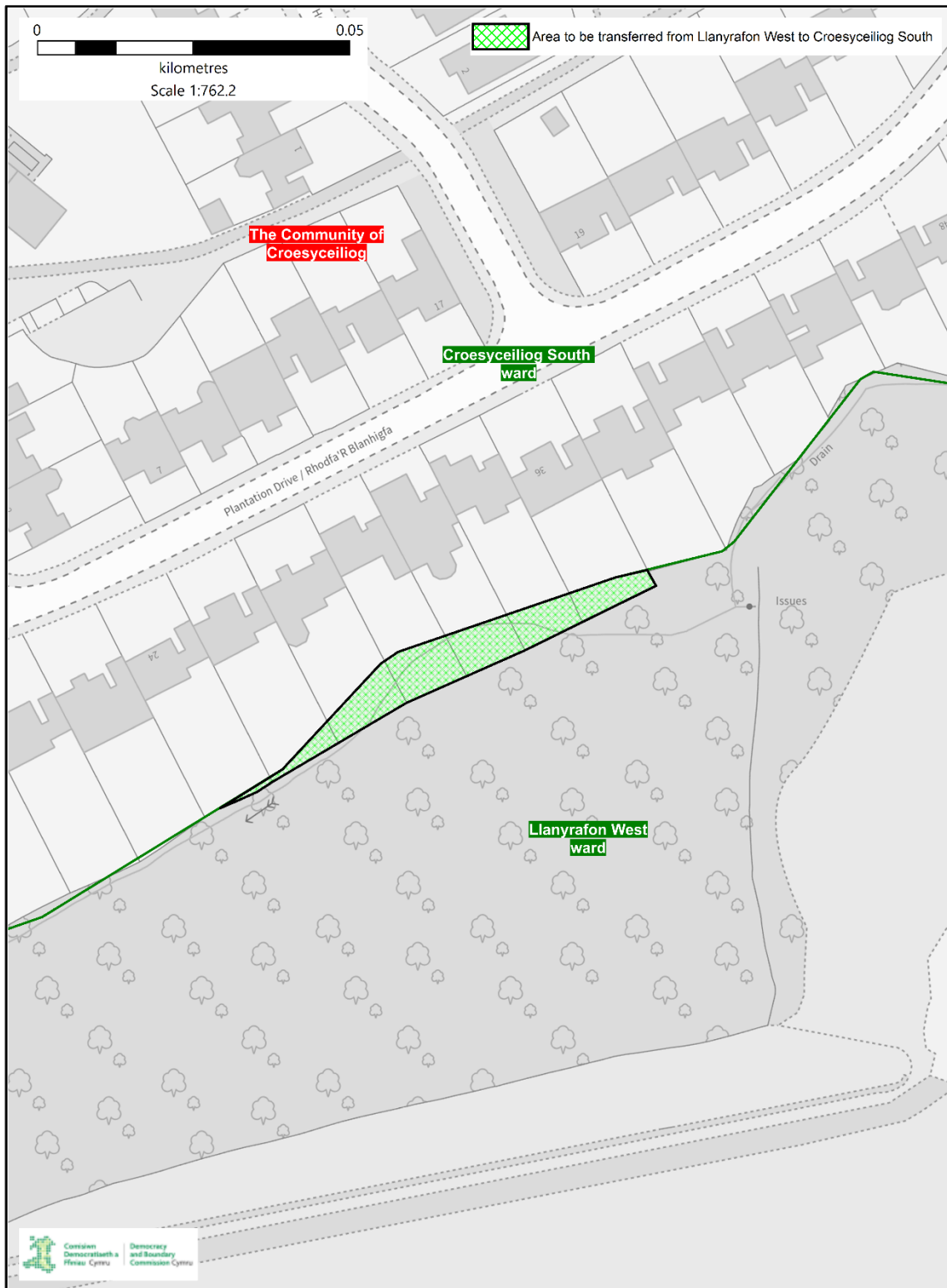
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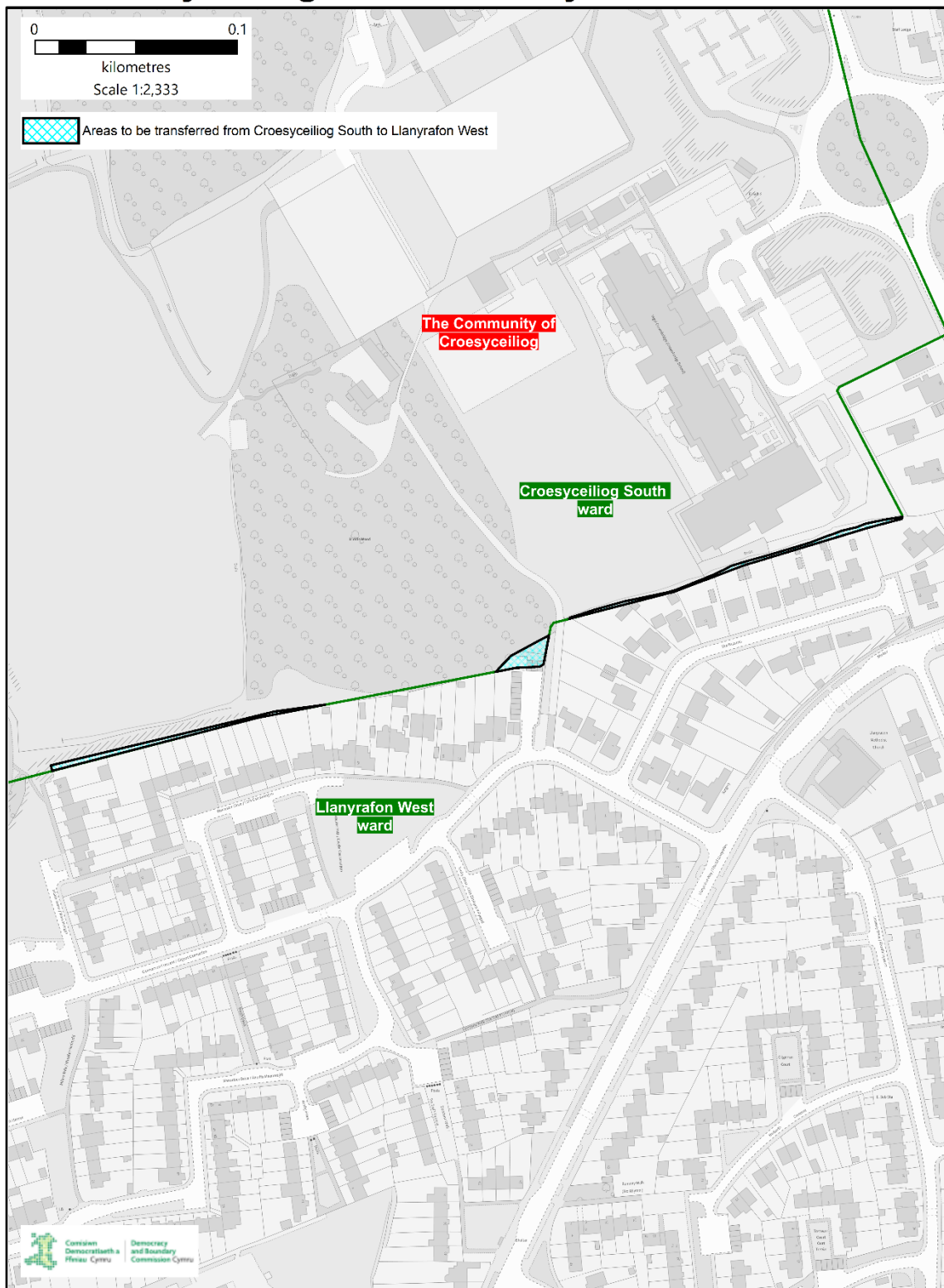
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Llanyrafon West to Croesyceiliog South area



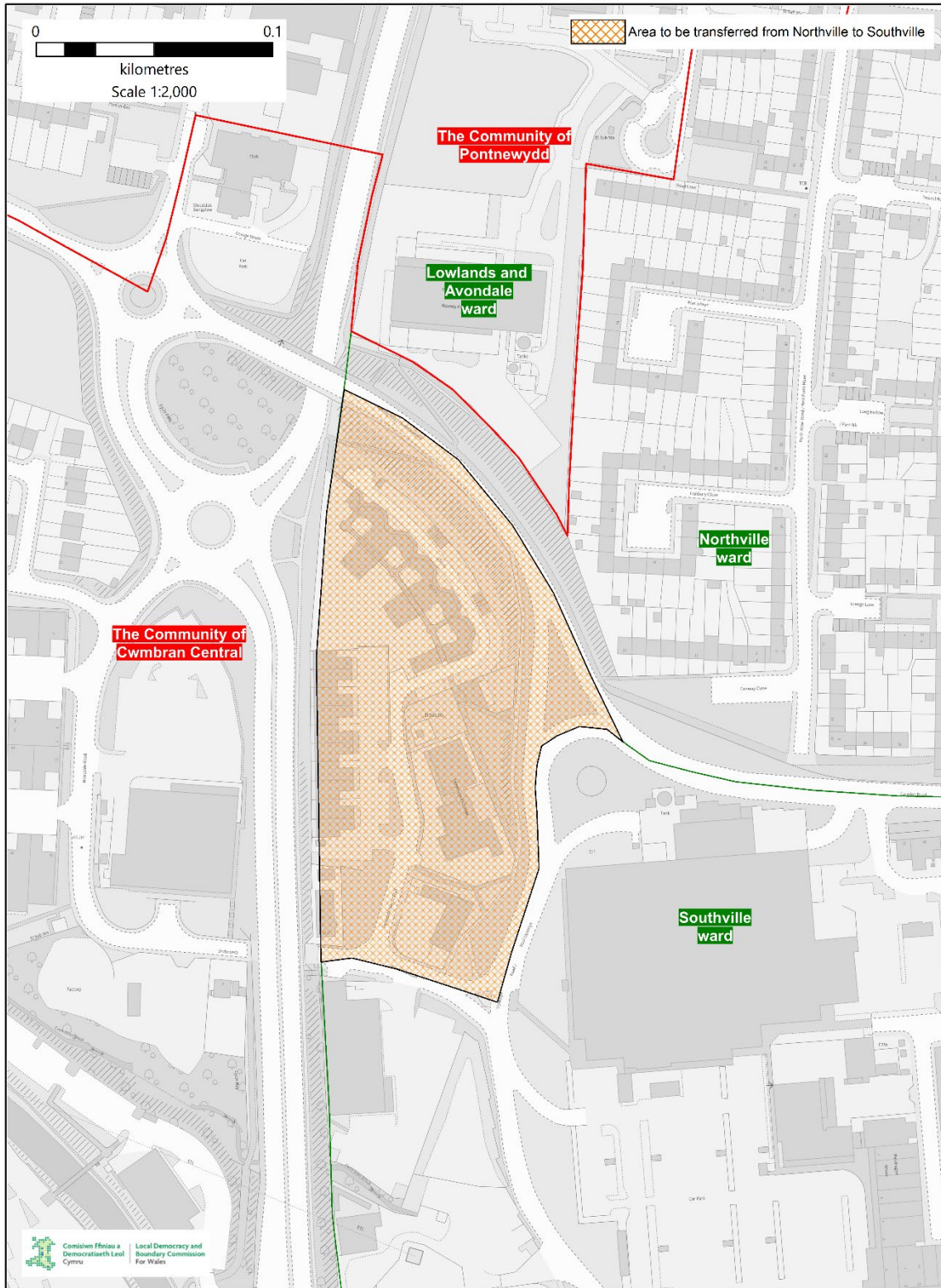
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Croesyceiliog South to Llanyrafon West areas



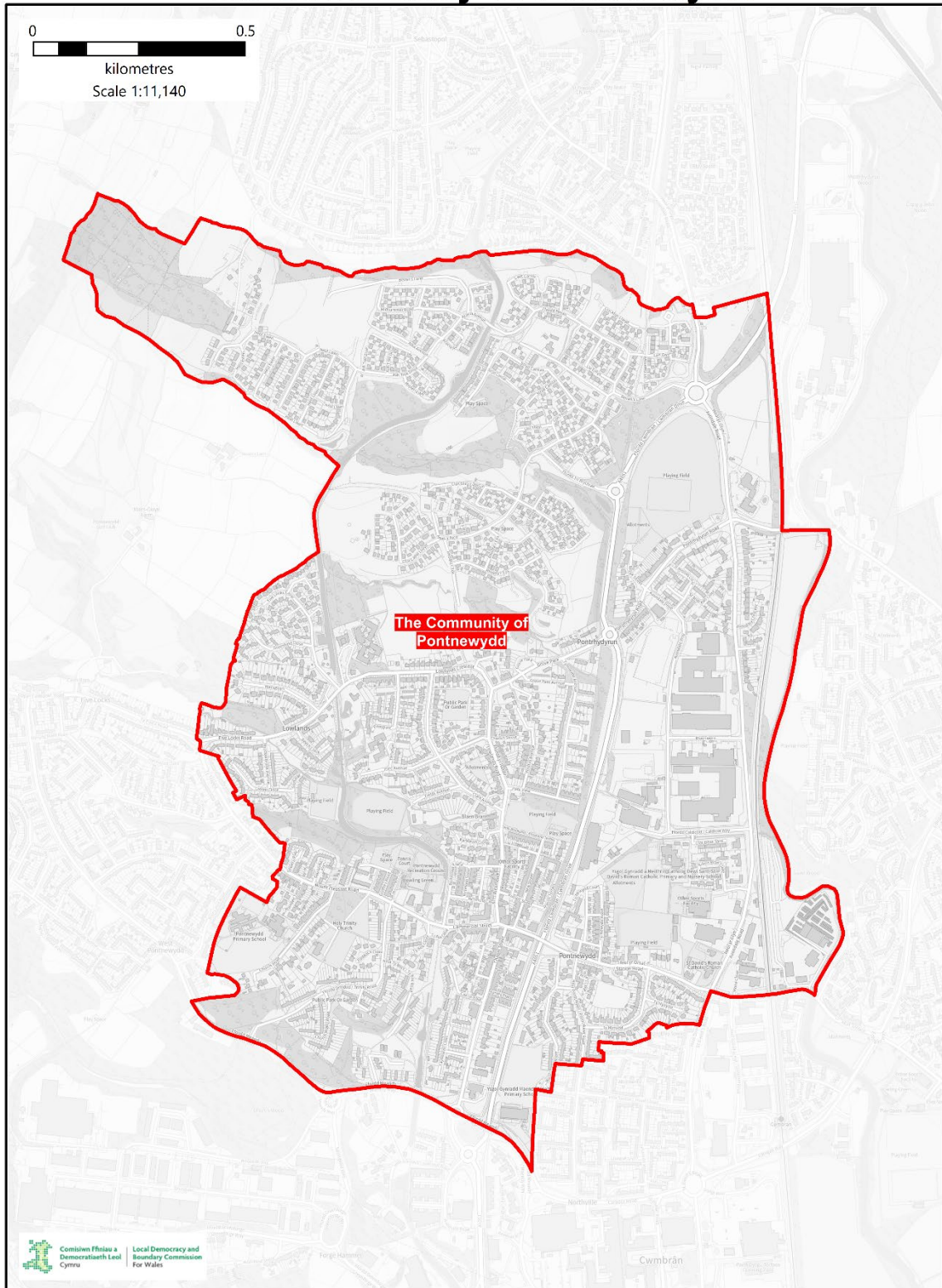
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Northville to Southville area



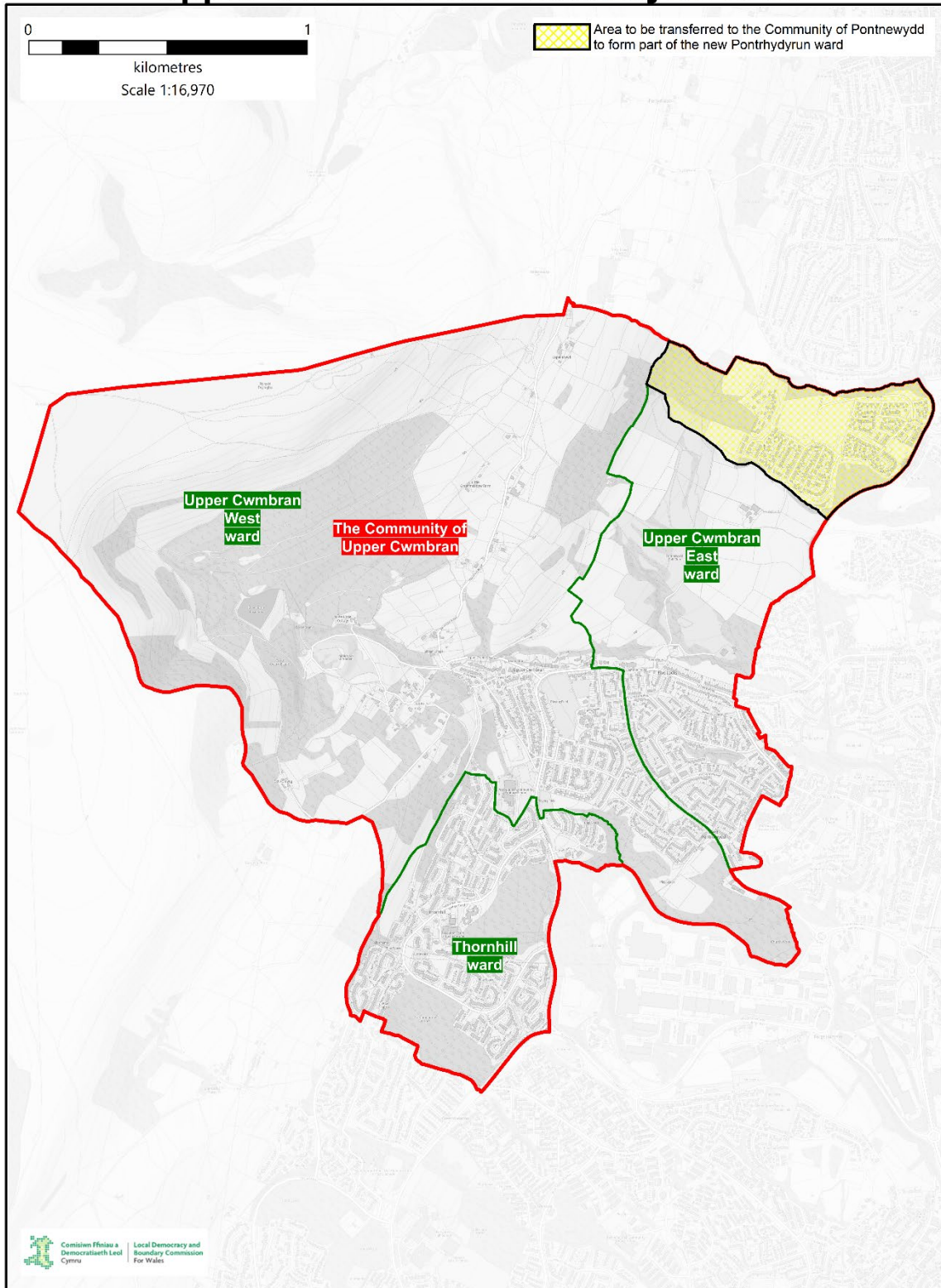
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The Community of Pontnewydd



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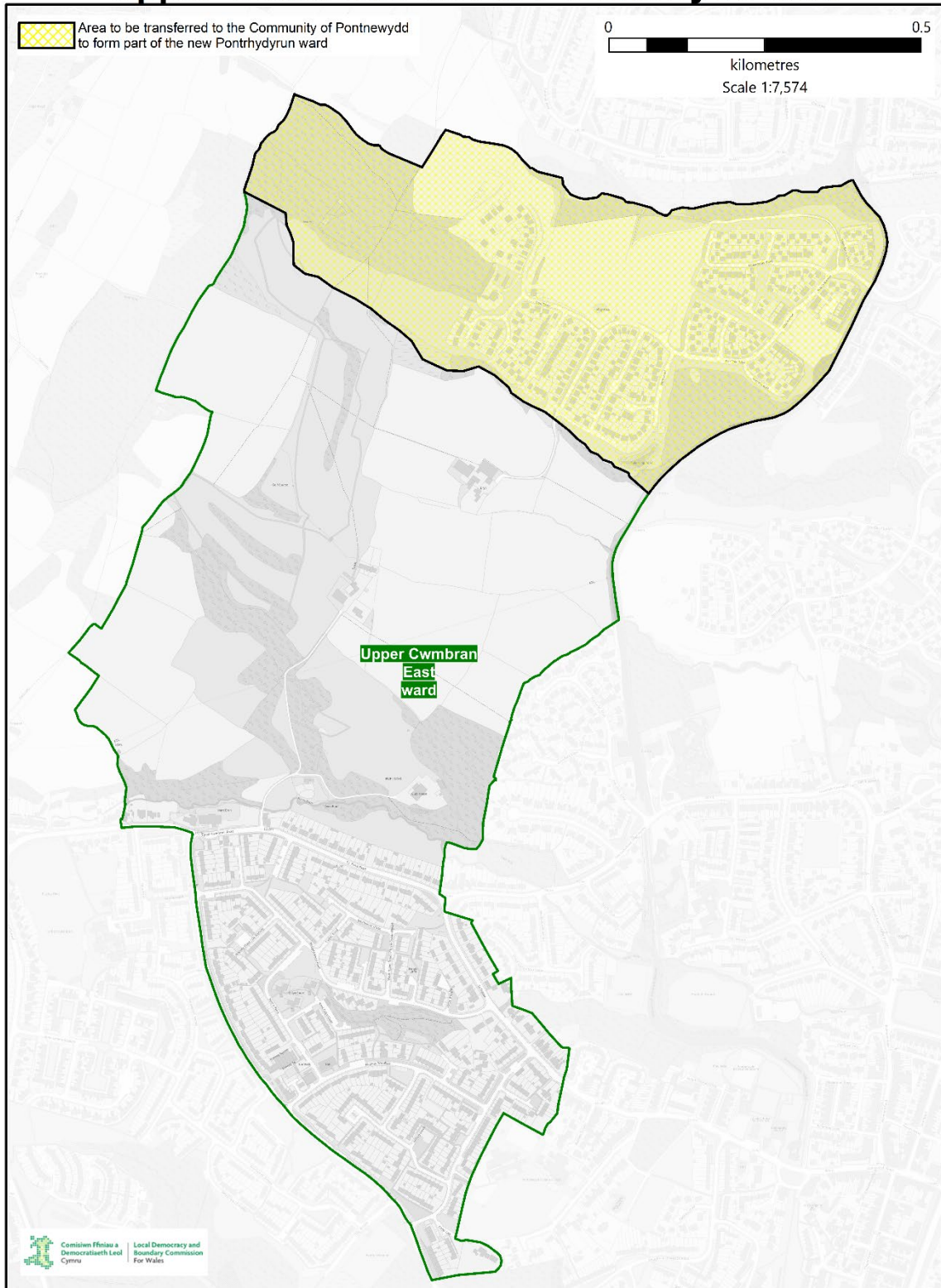
Upper Cwmbran to Pontnewydd area



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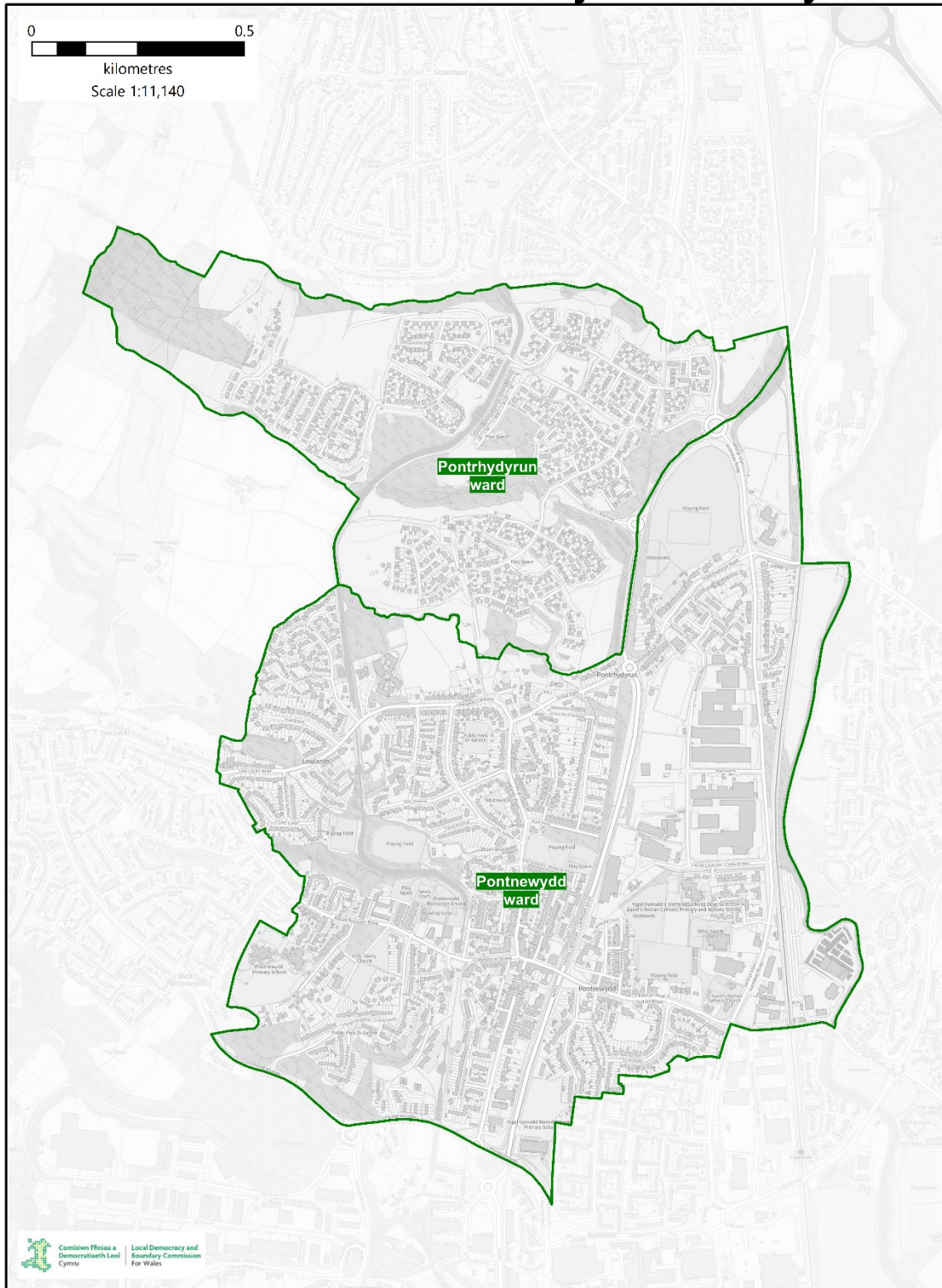
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Upper Cwmbran East to Pontnewydd area



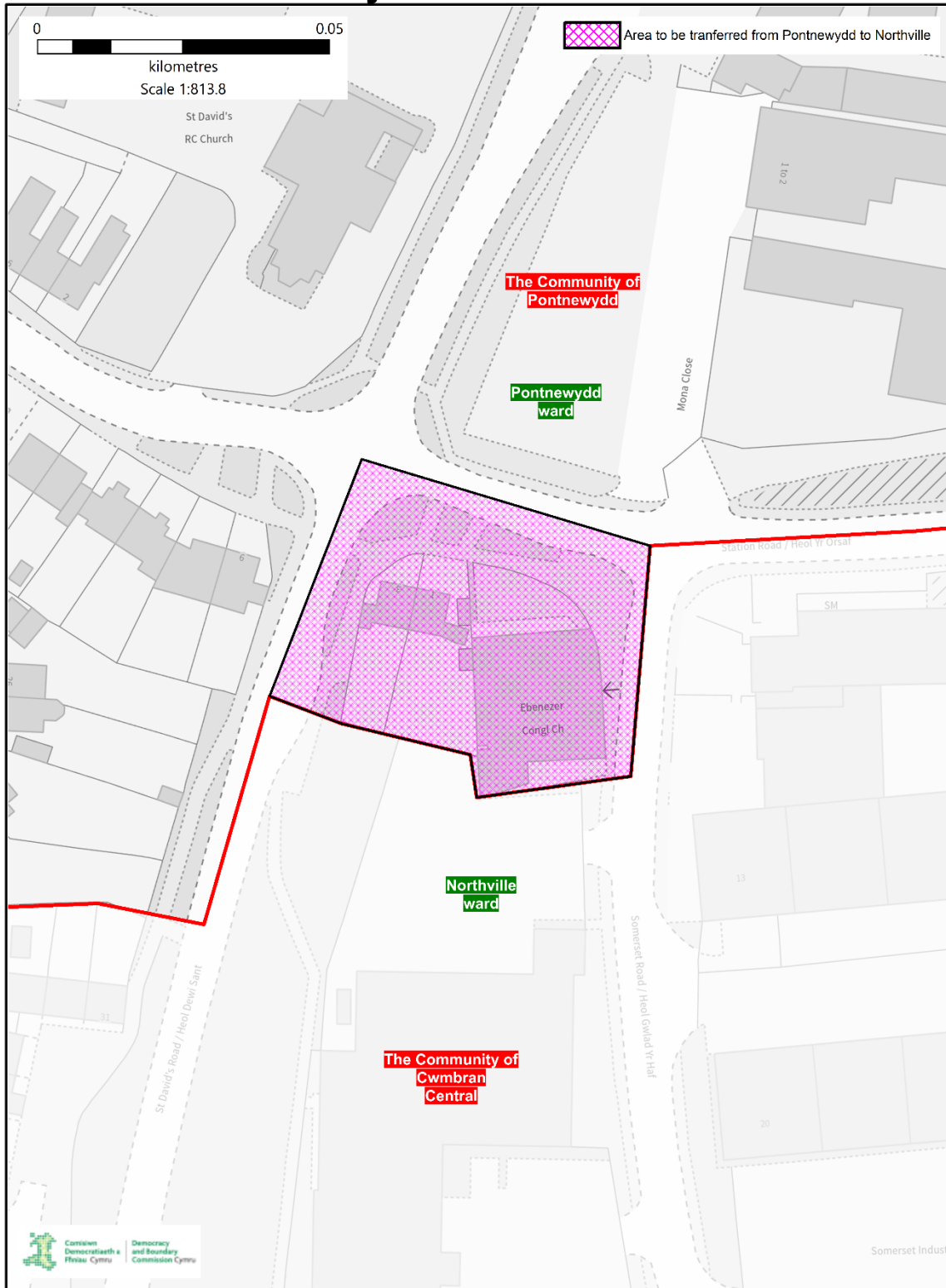
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The Wards of the Community of Pontnewydd



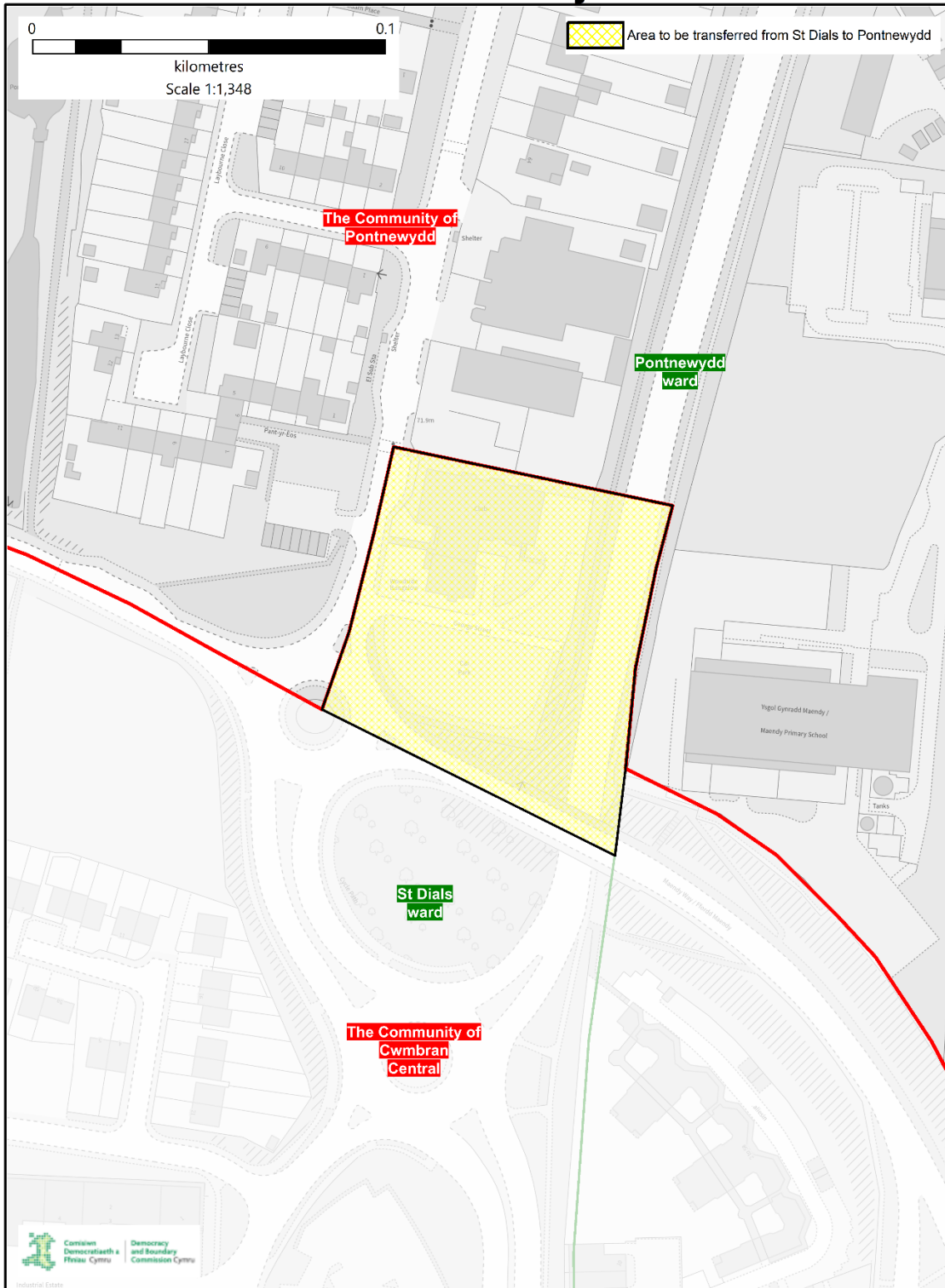
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Pontnewydd to Northville area



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St Dials to Pontnewydd area

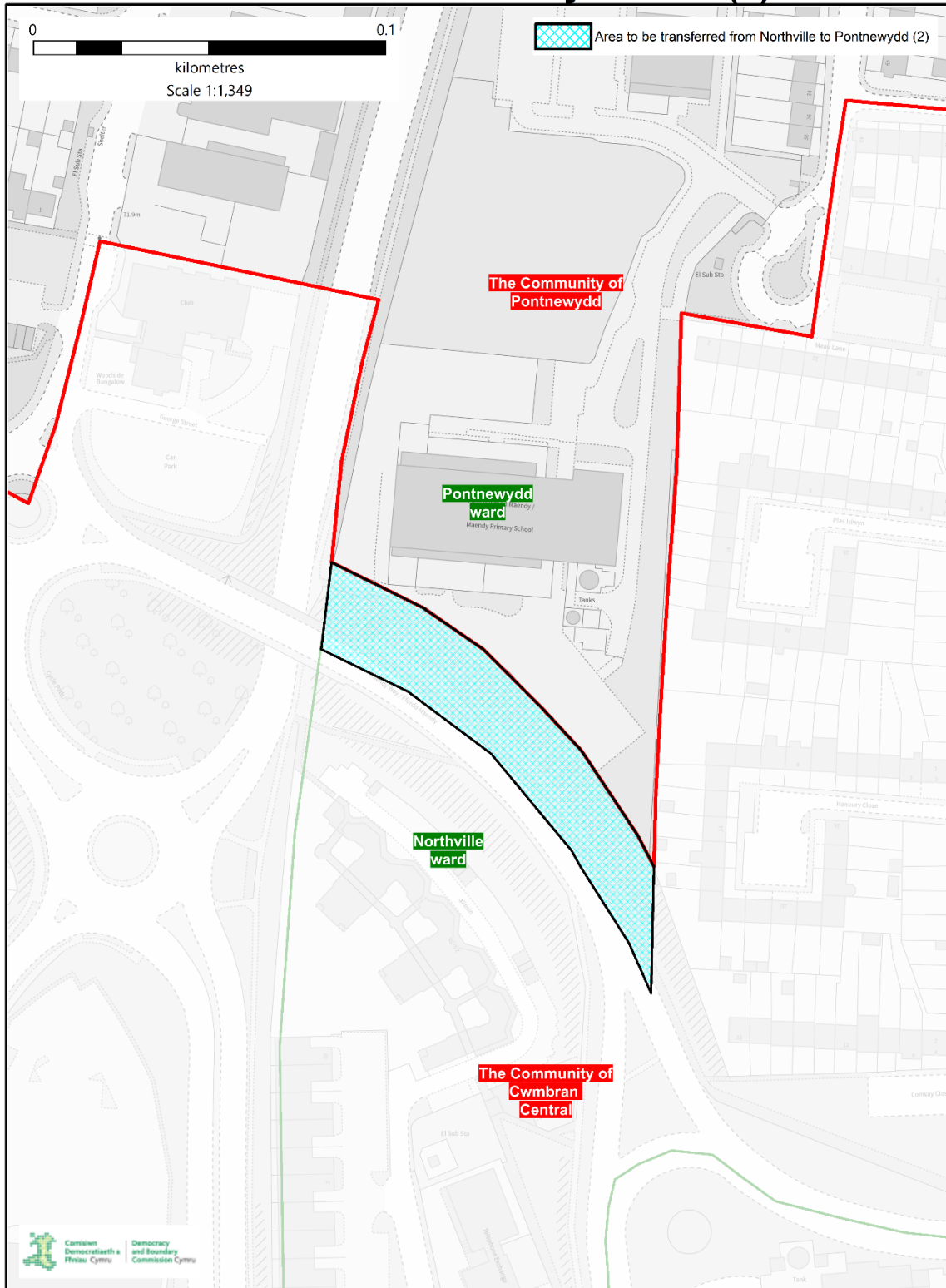


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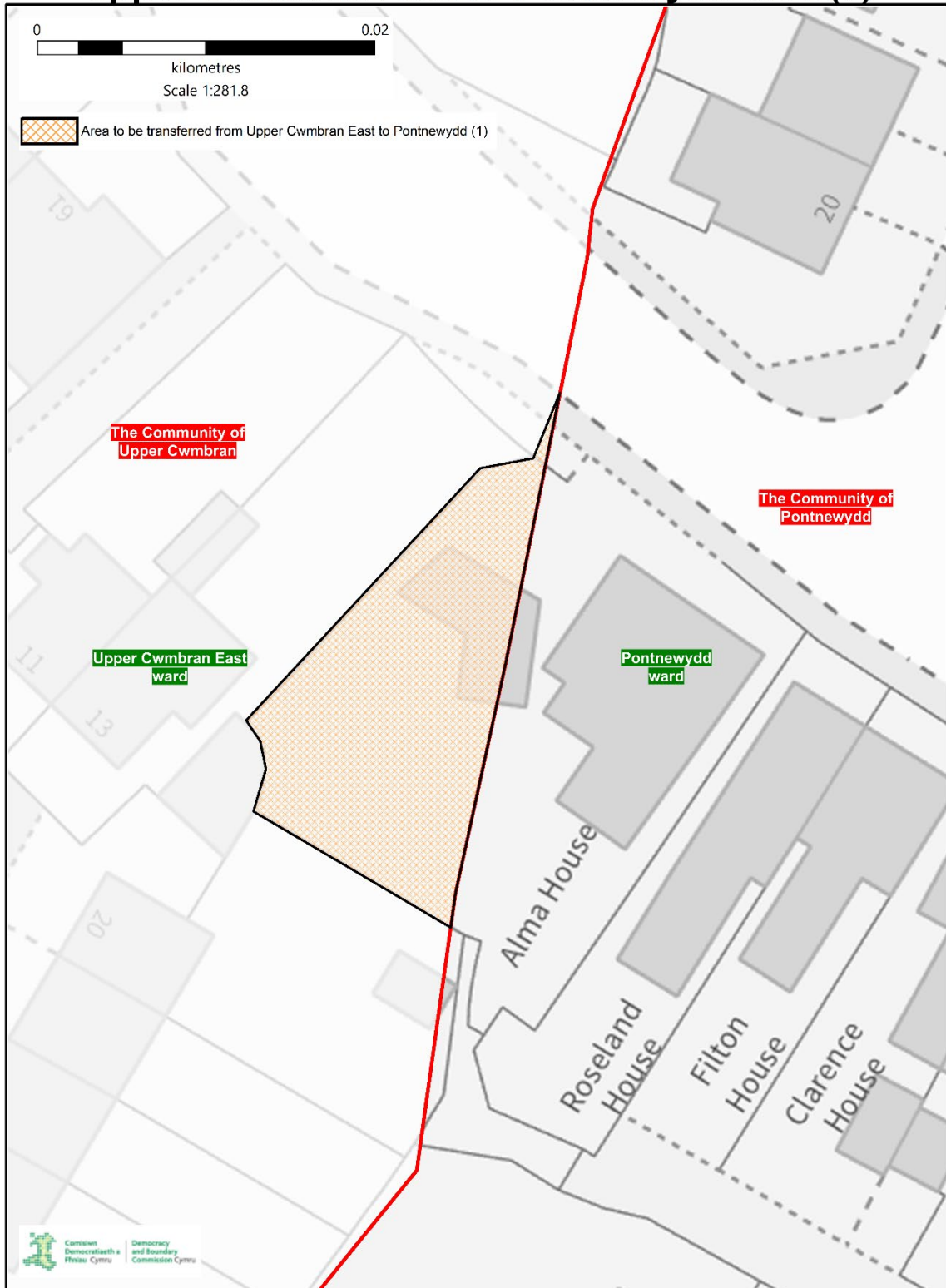


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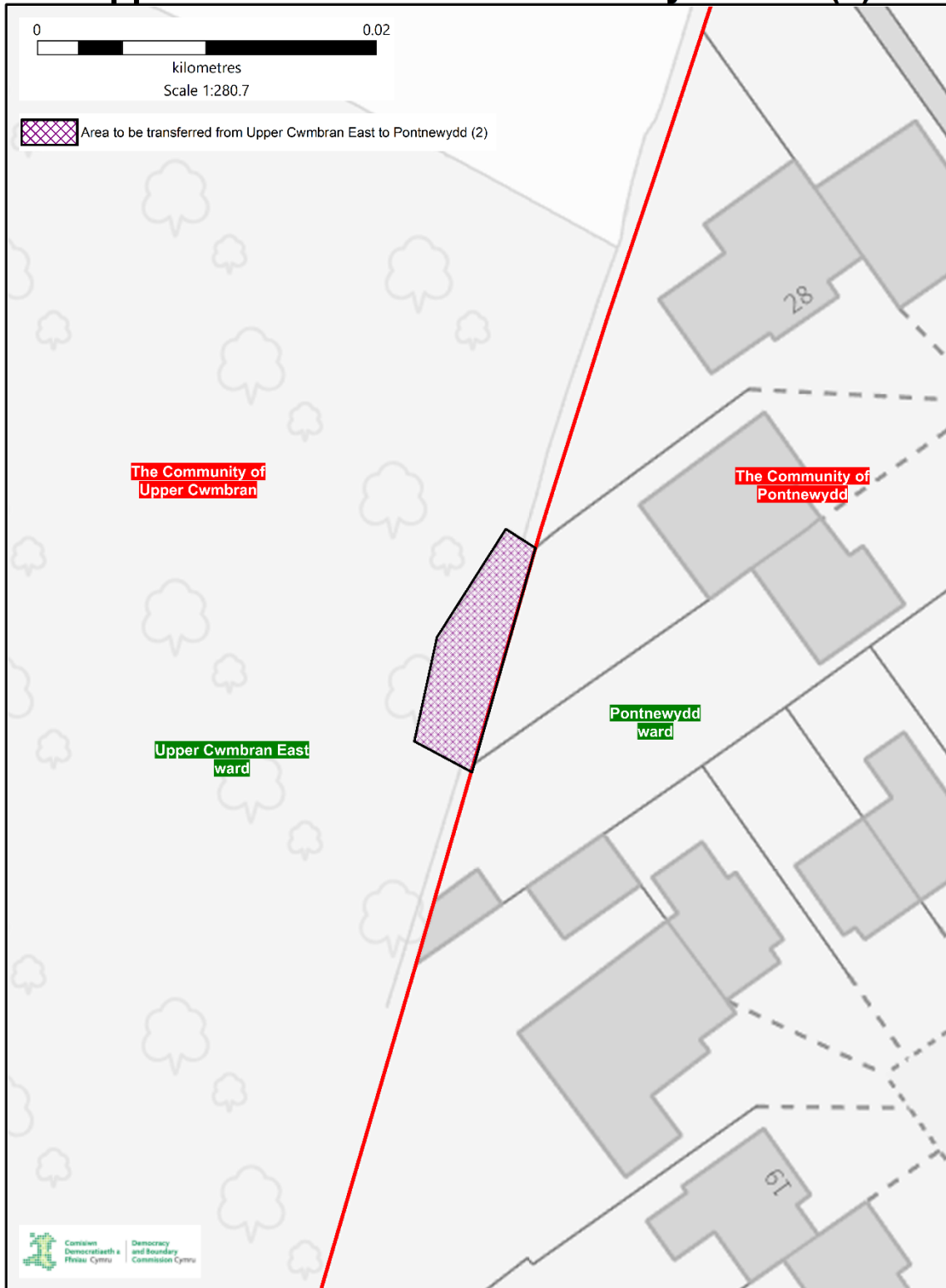
Northville to Pontnewydd area (2)



Upper Cwmbra East to Pontnewydd area (1)

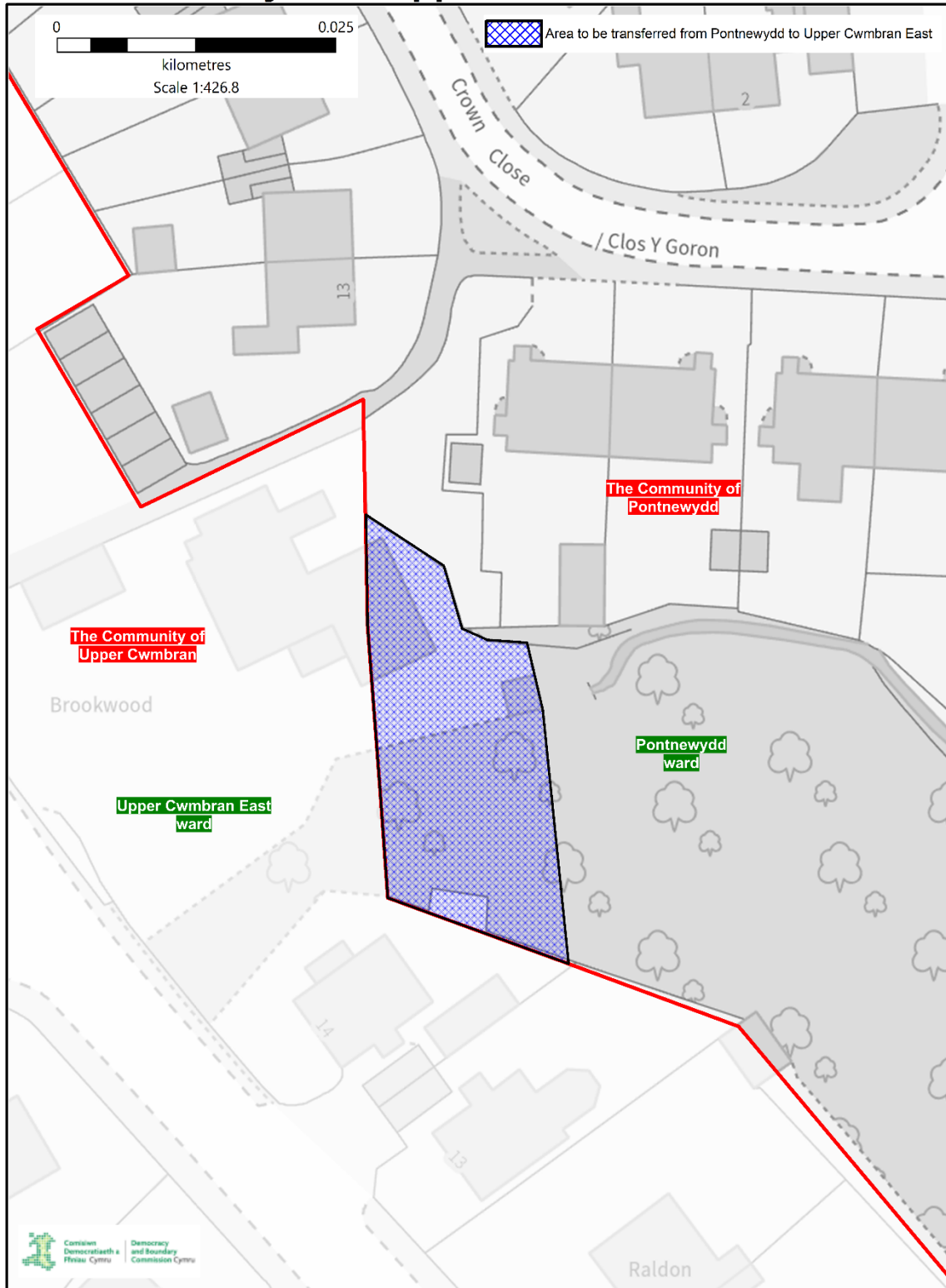


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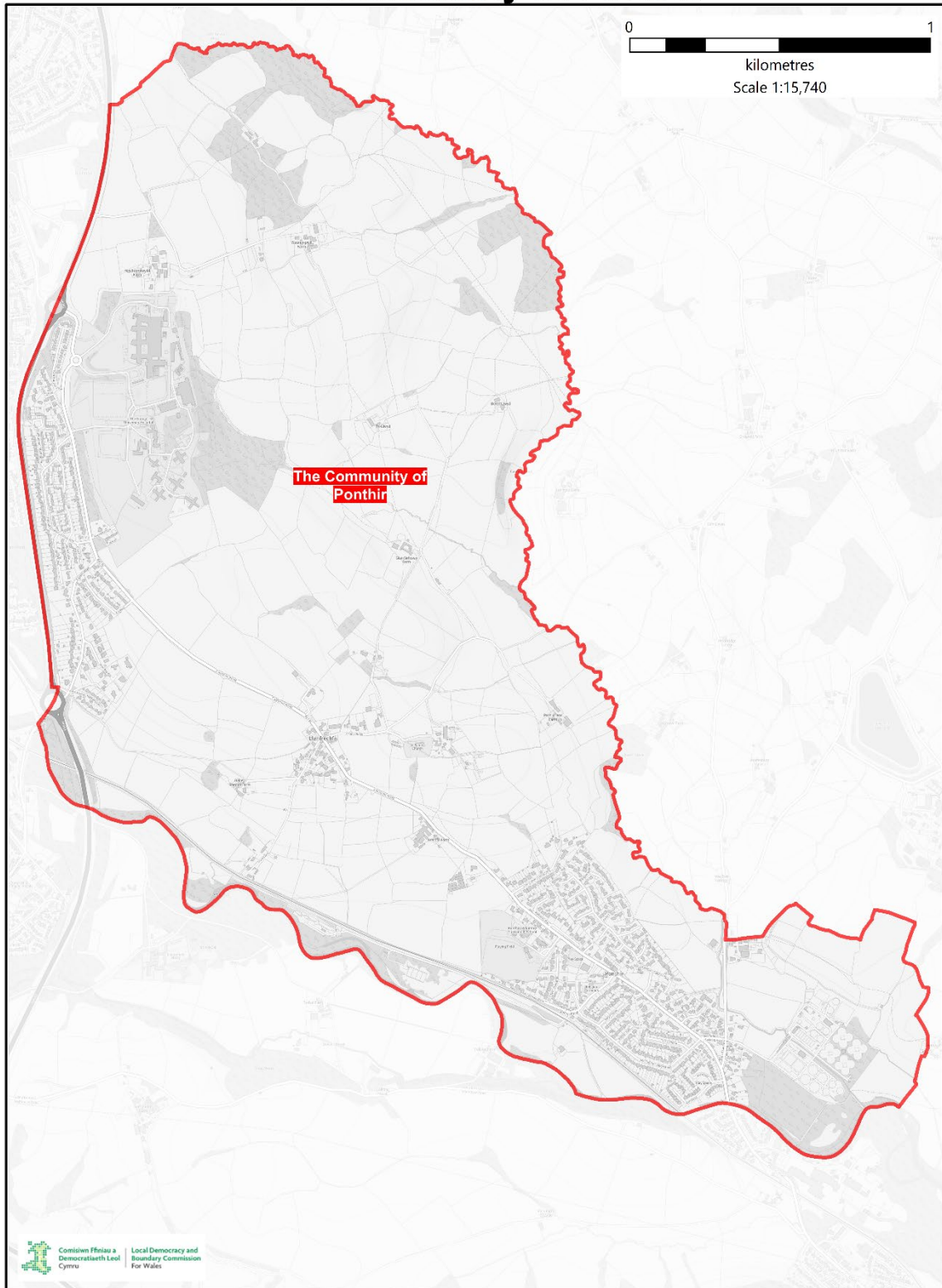
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Pontnewydd to Upper Cwmbrian East area



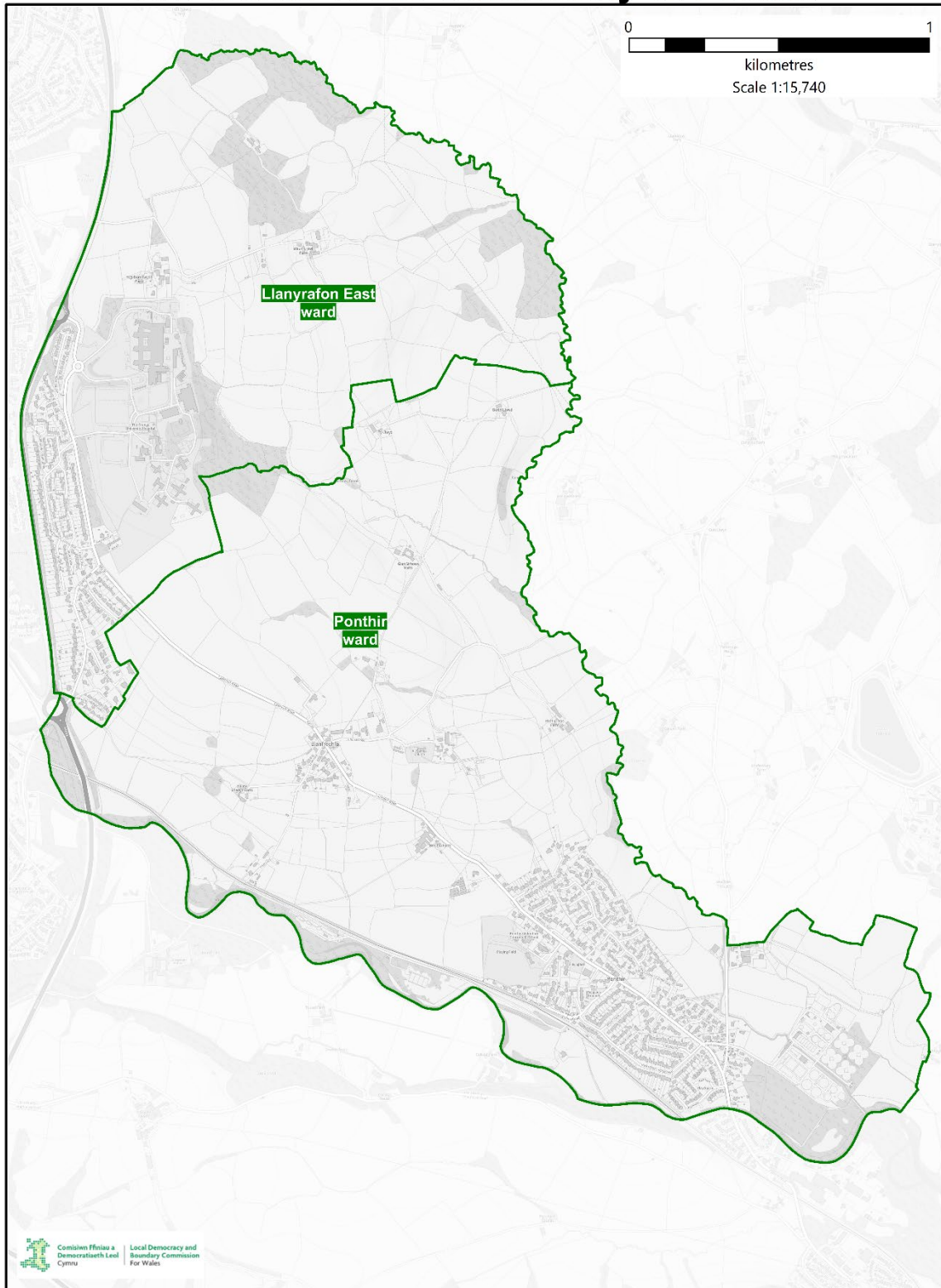
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The Community of Ponthir

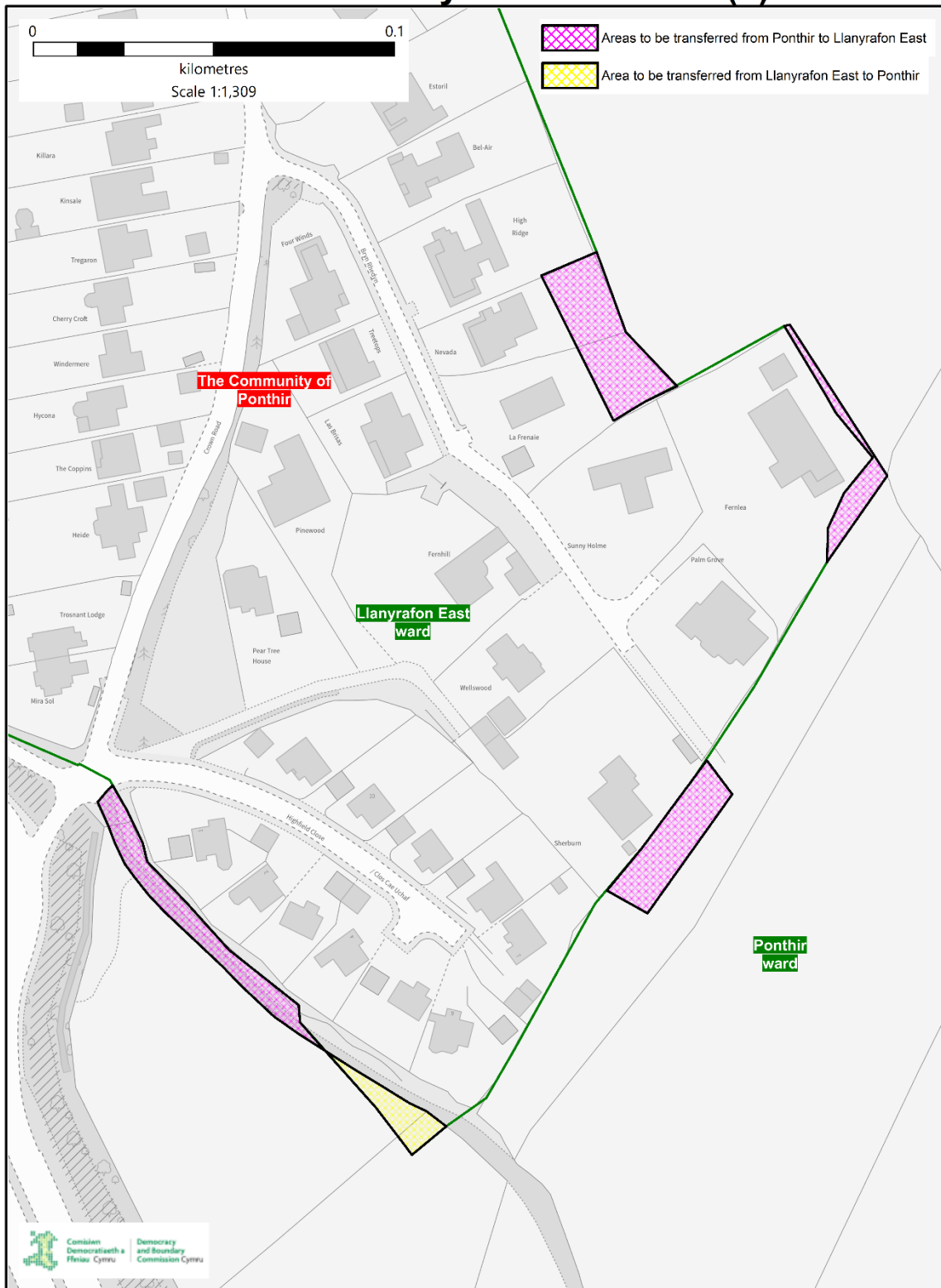


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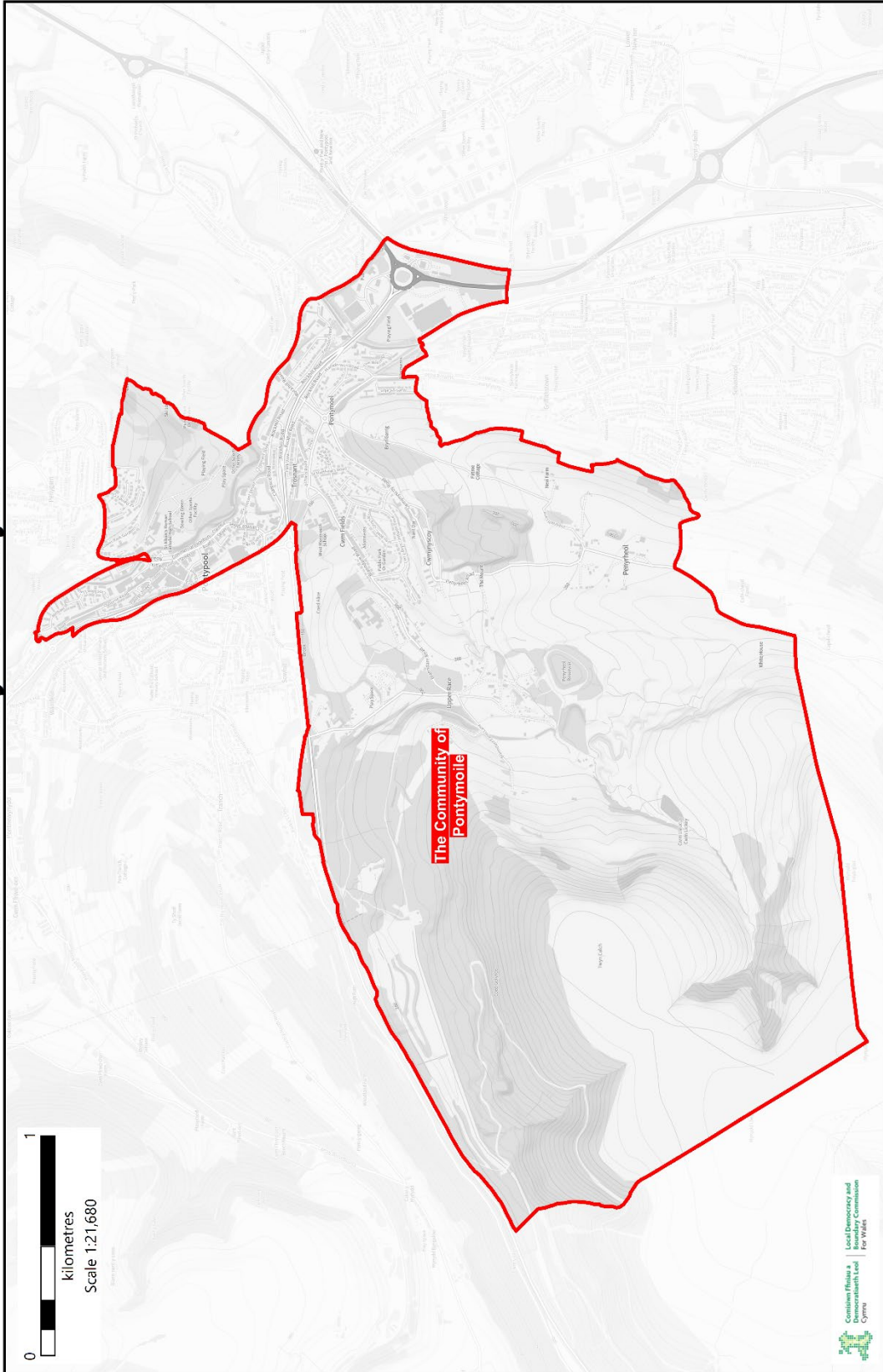
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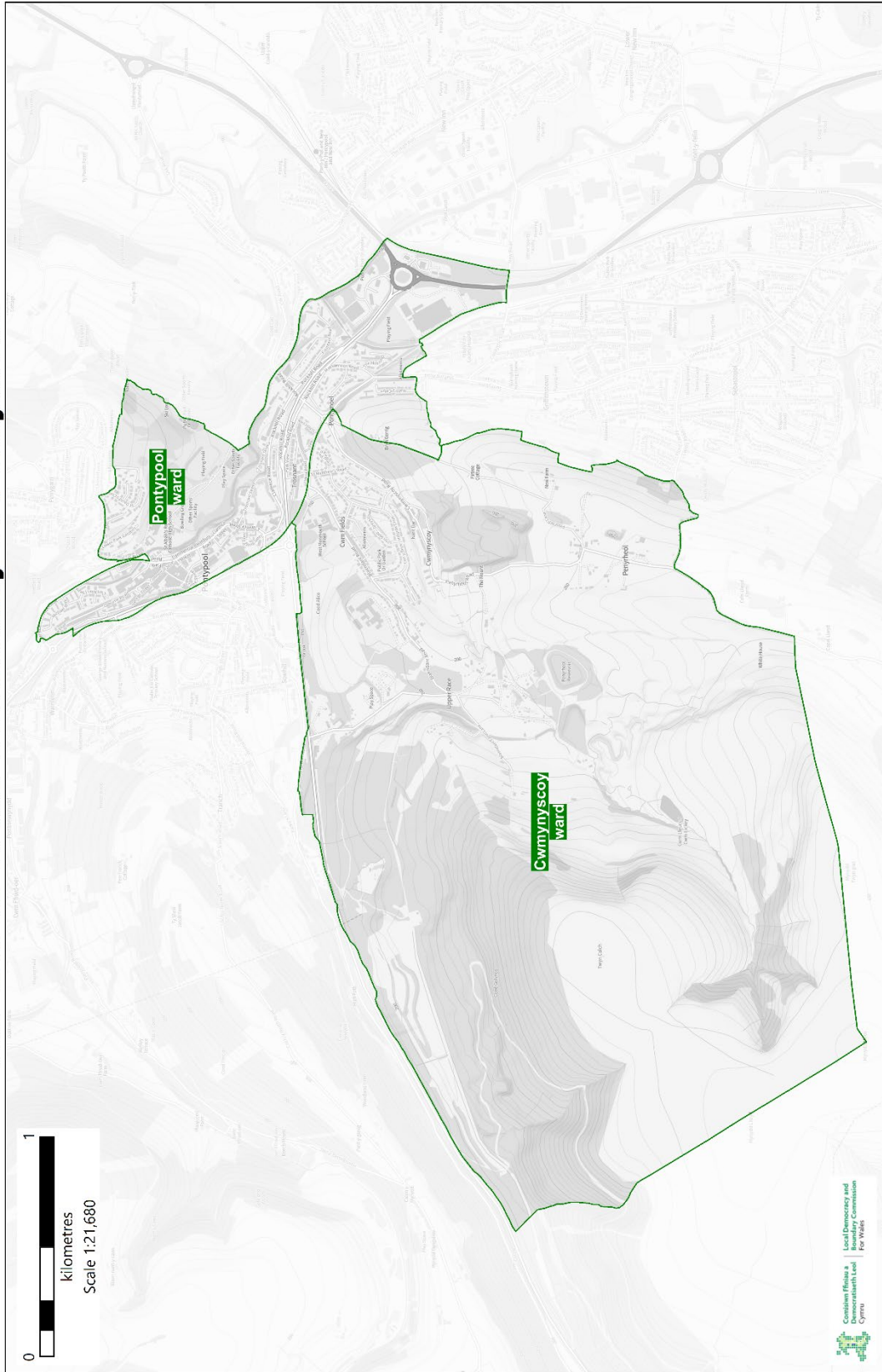


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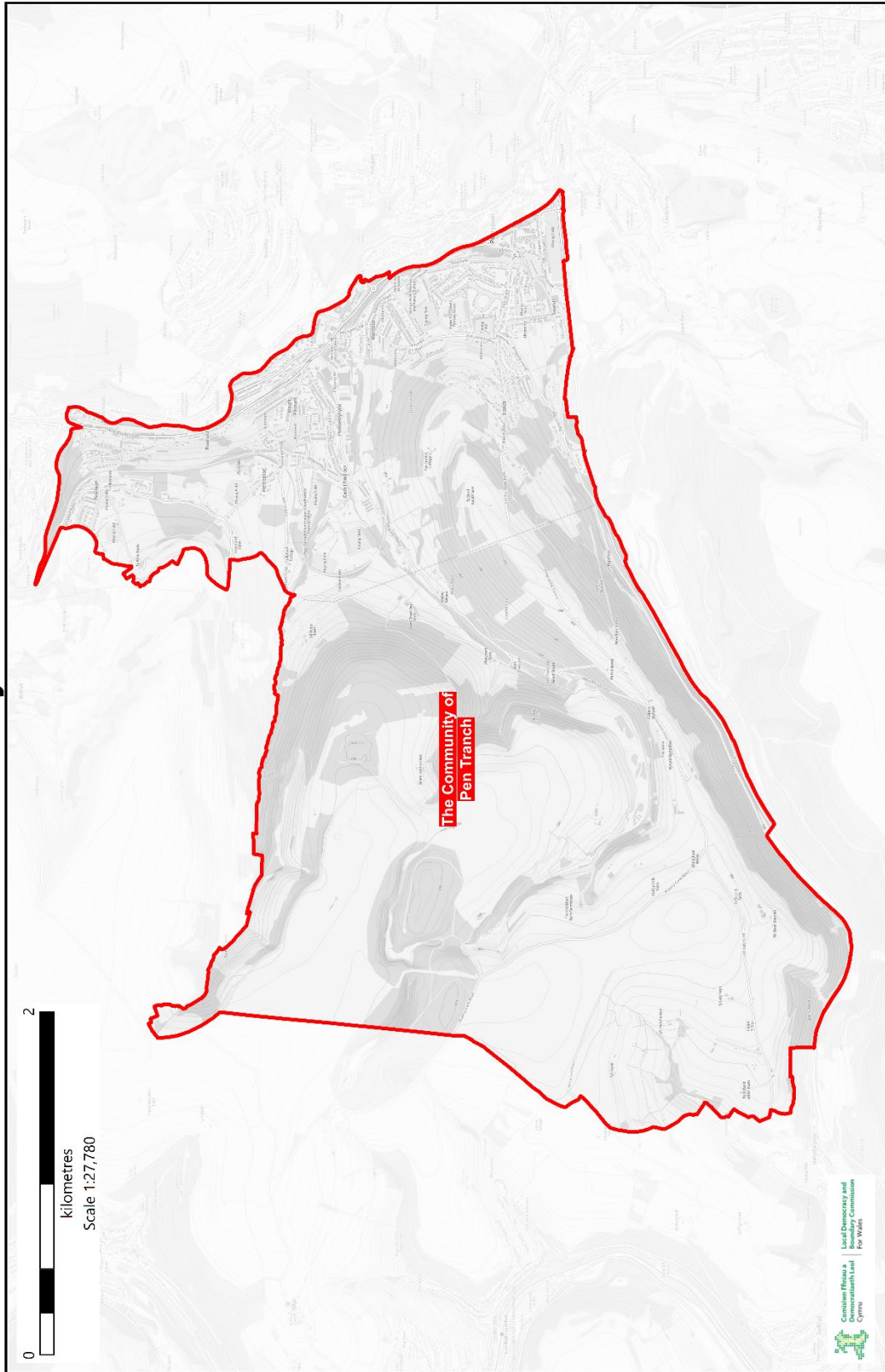


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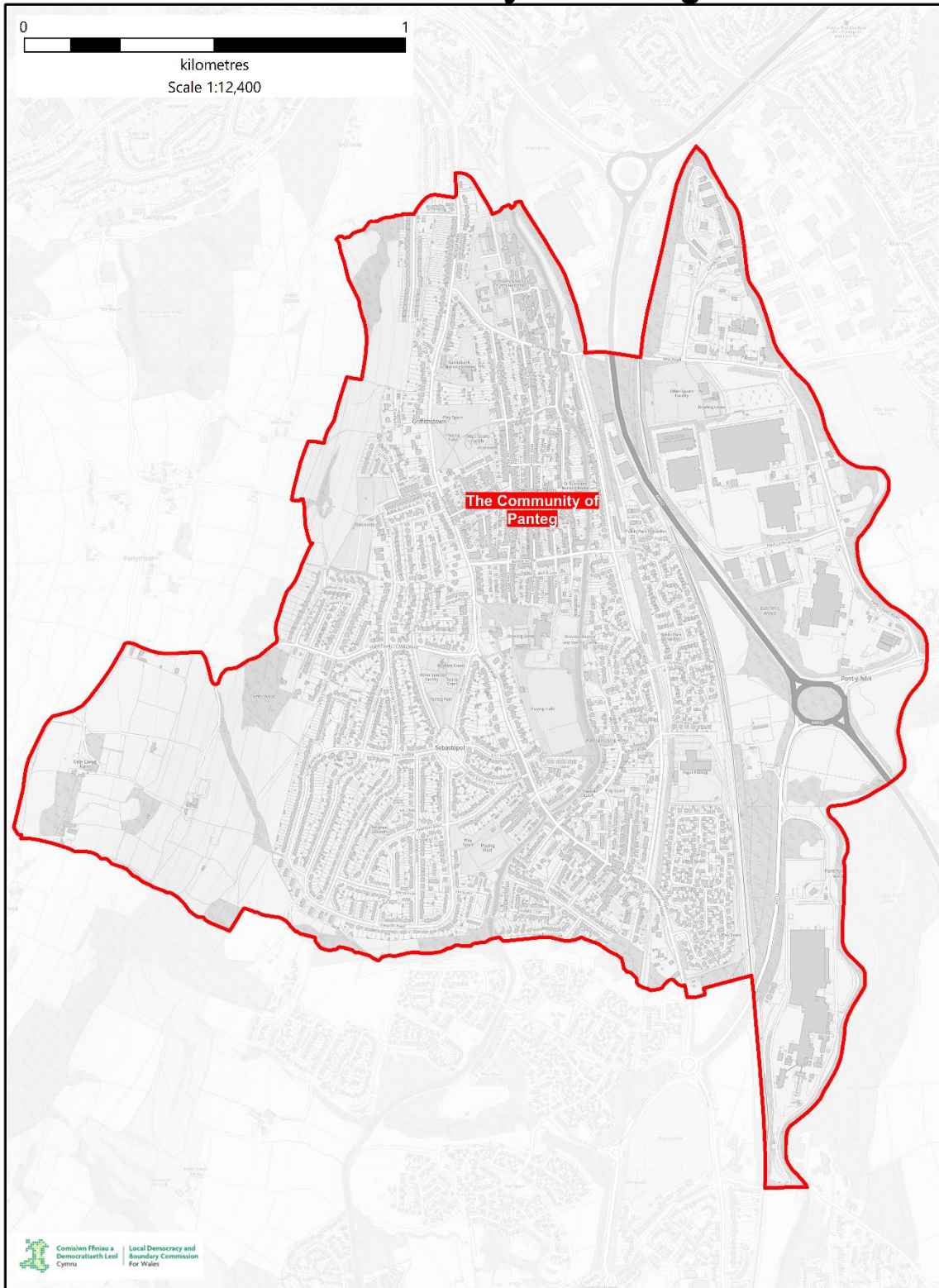
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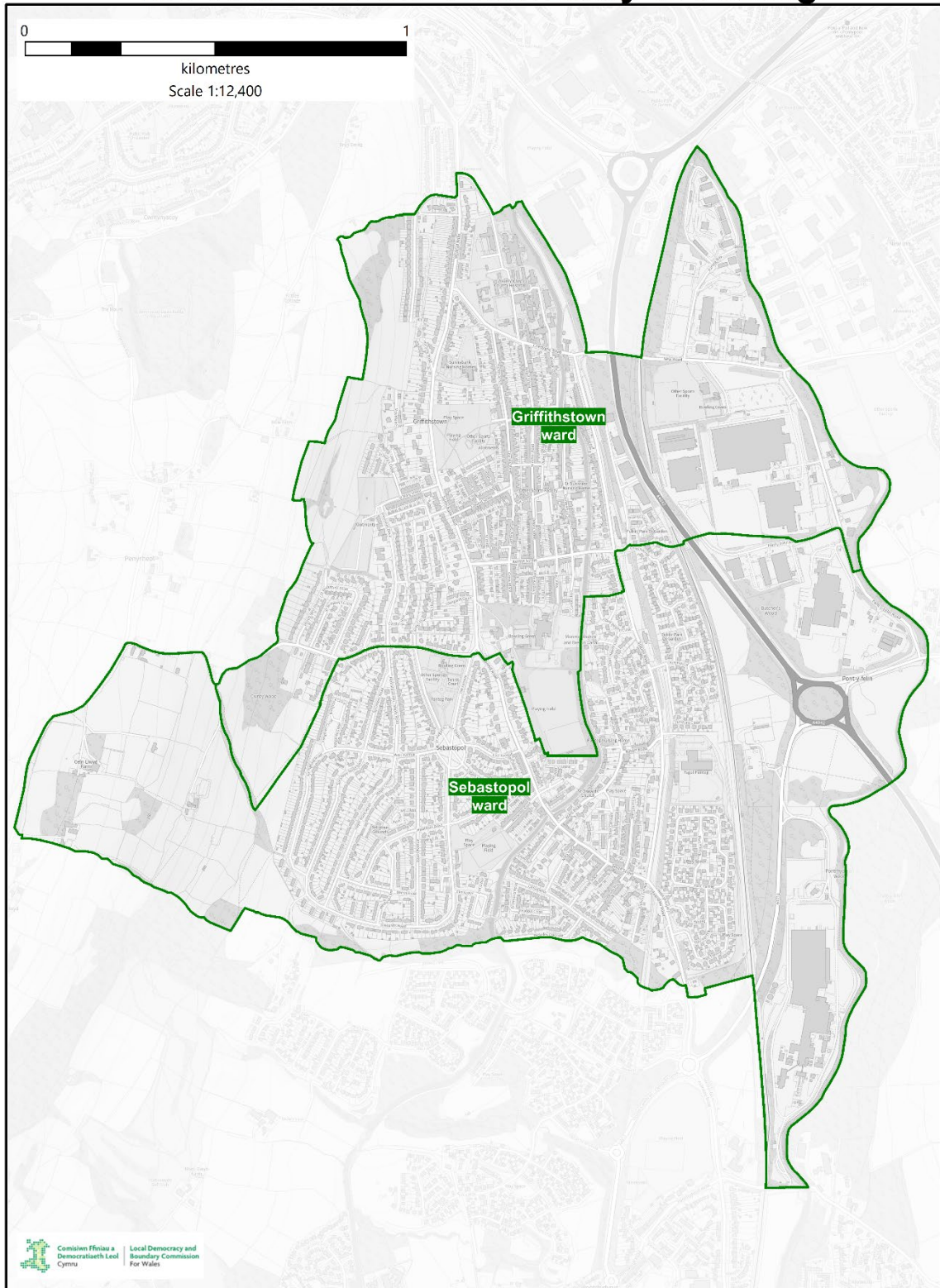


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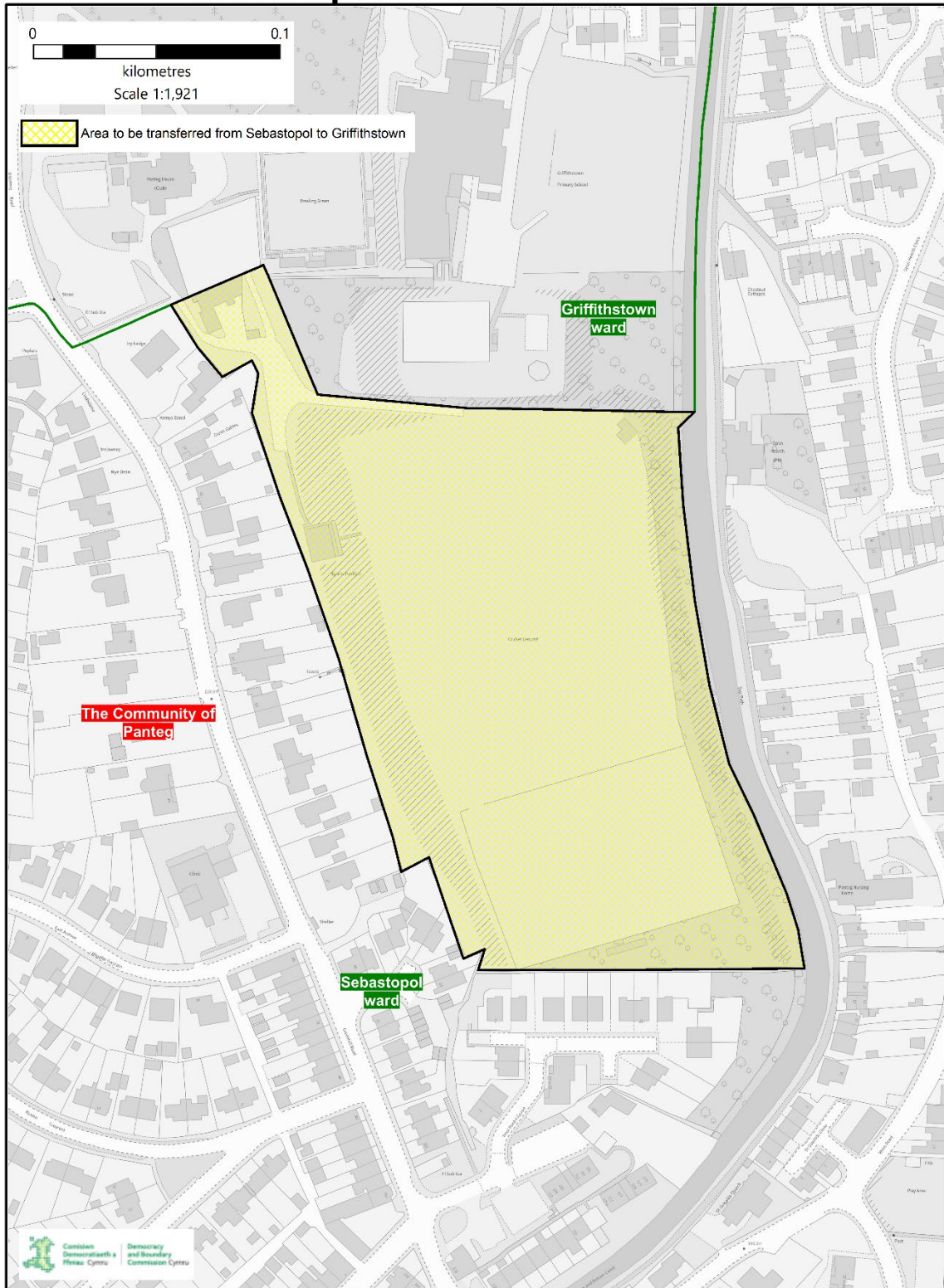
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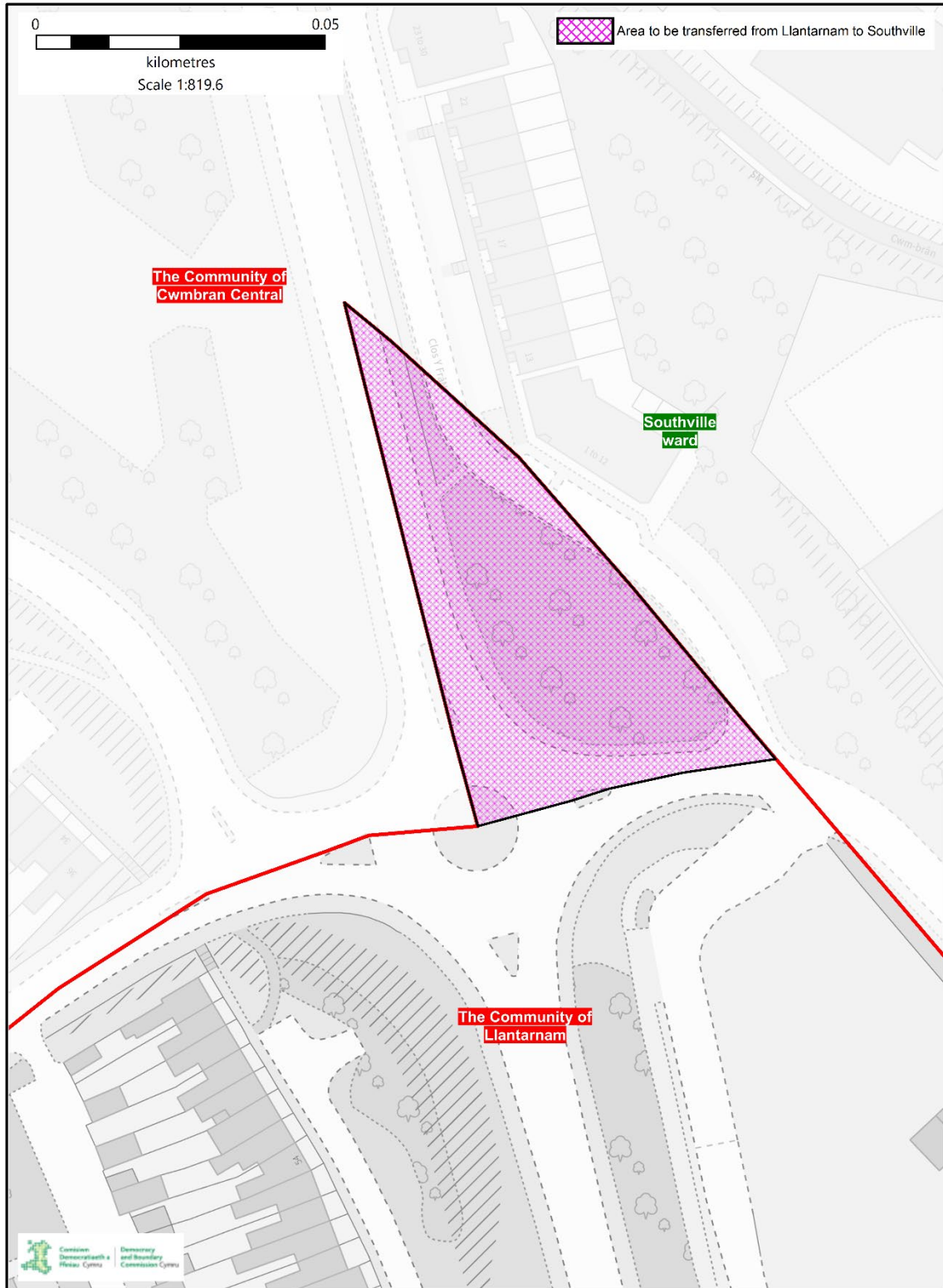


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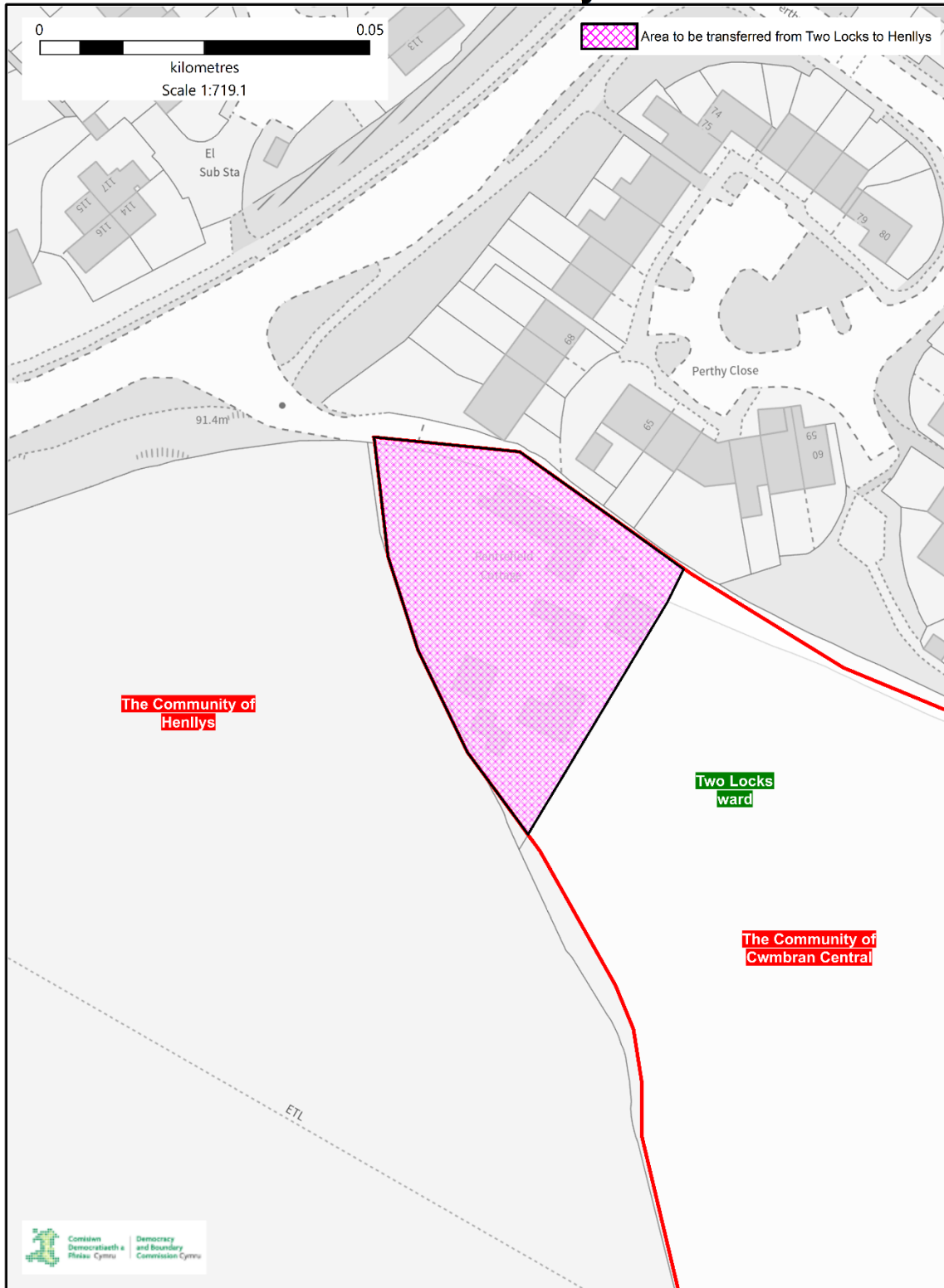
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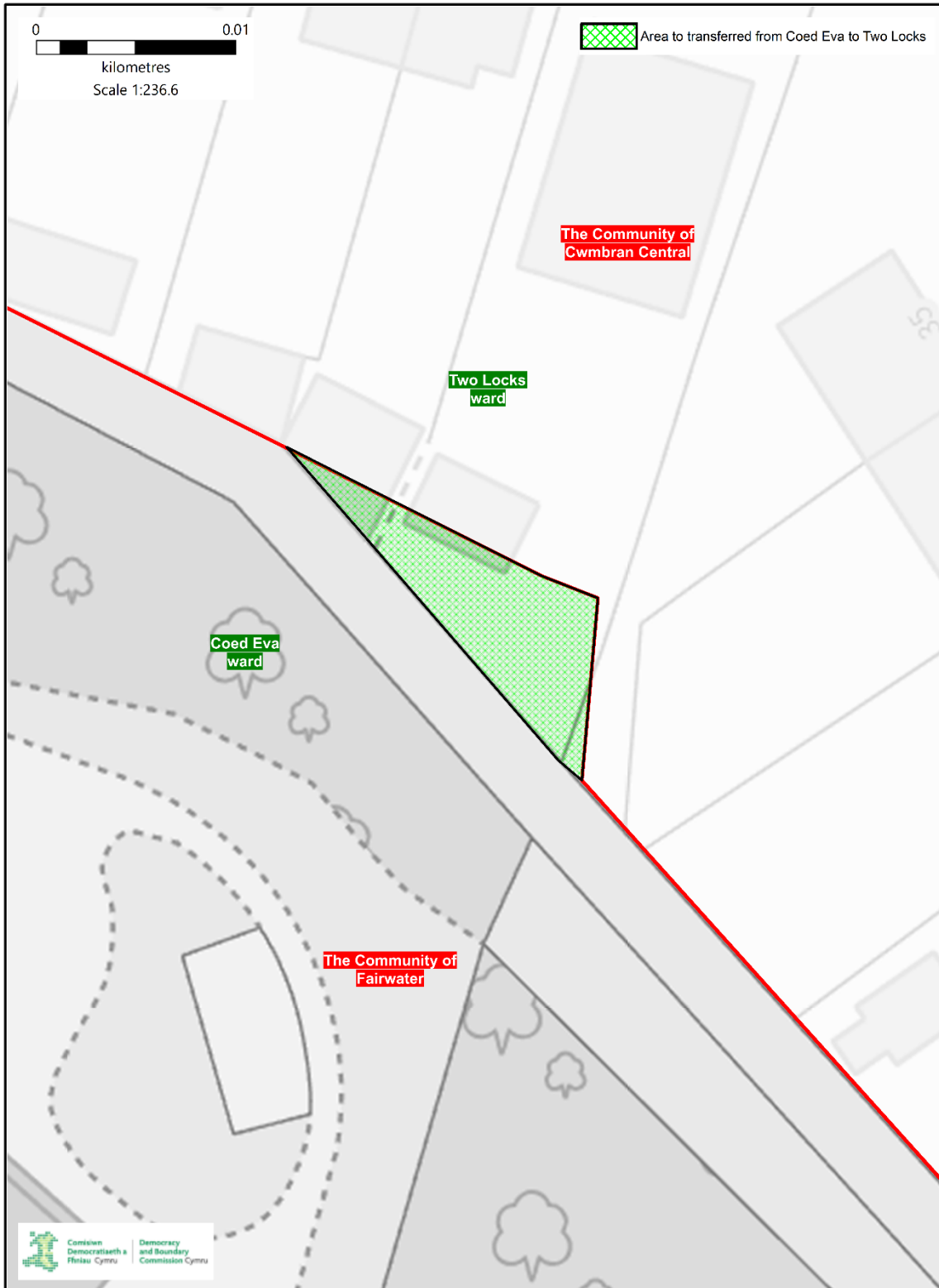
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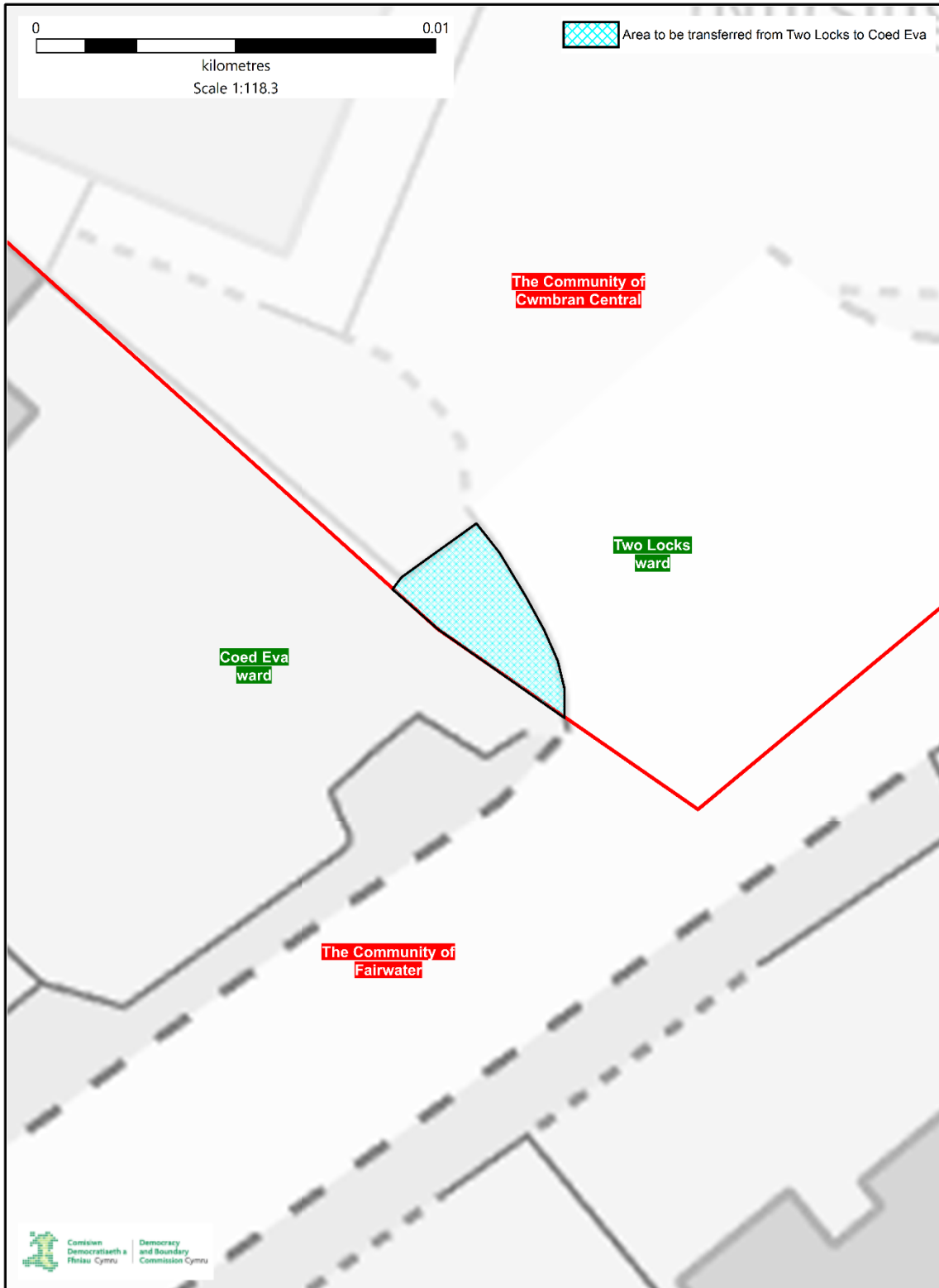
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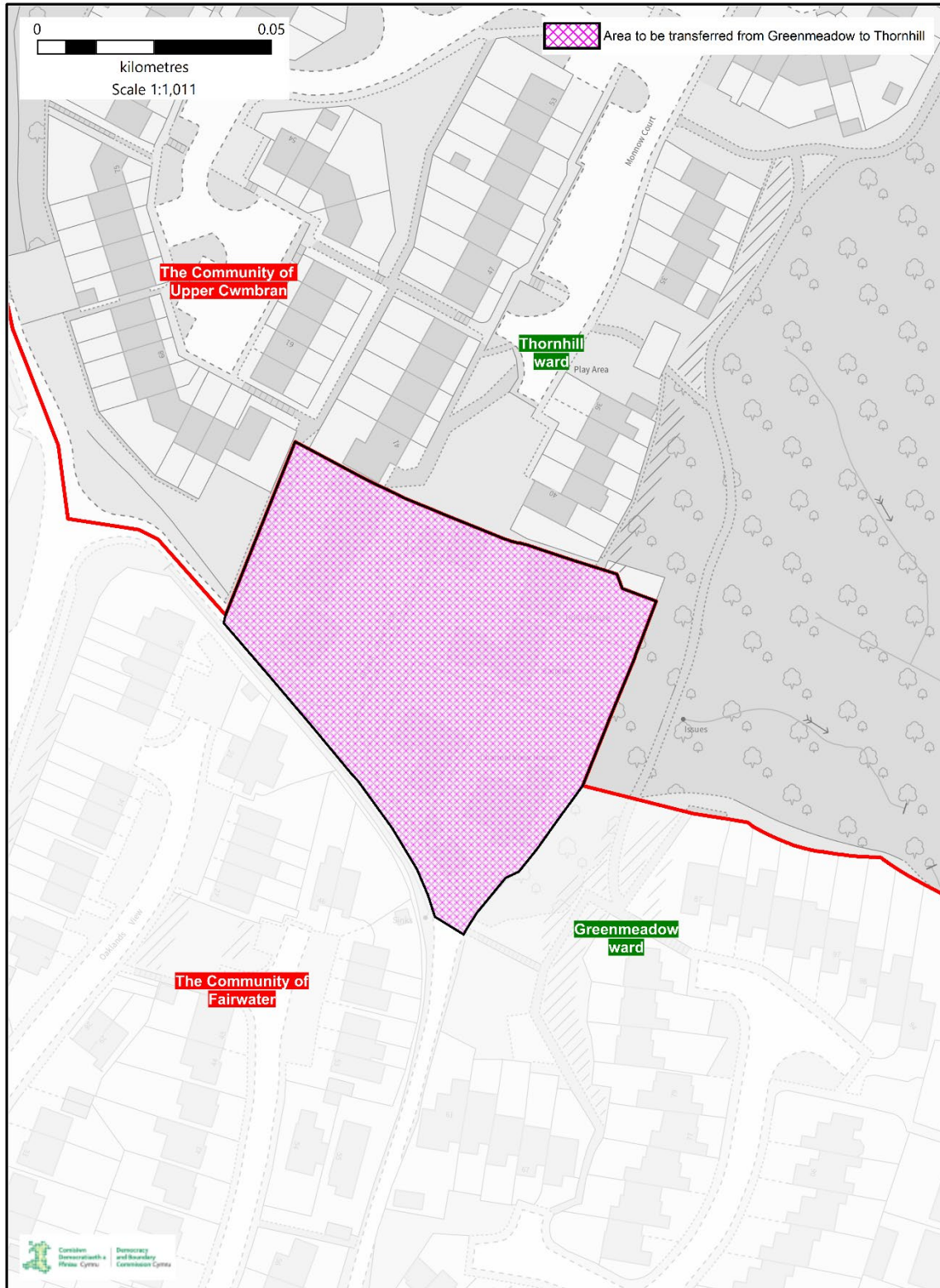
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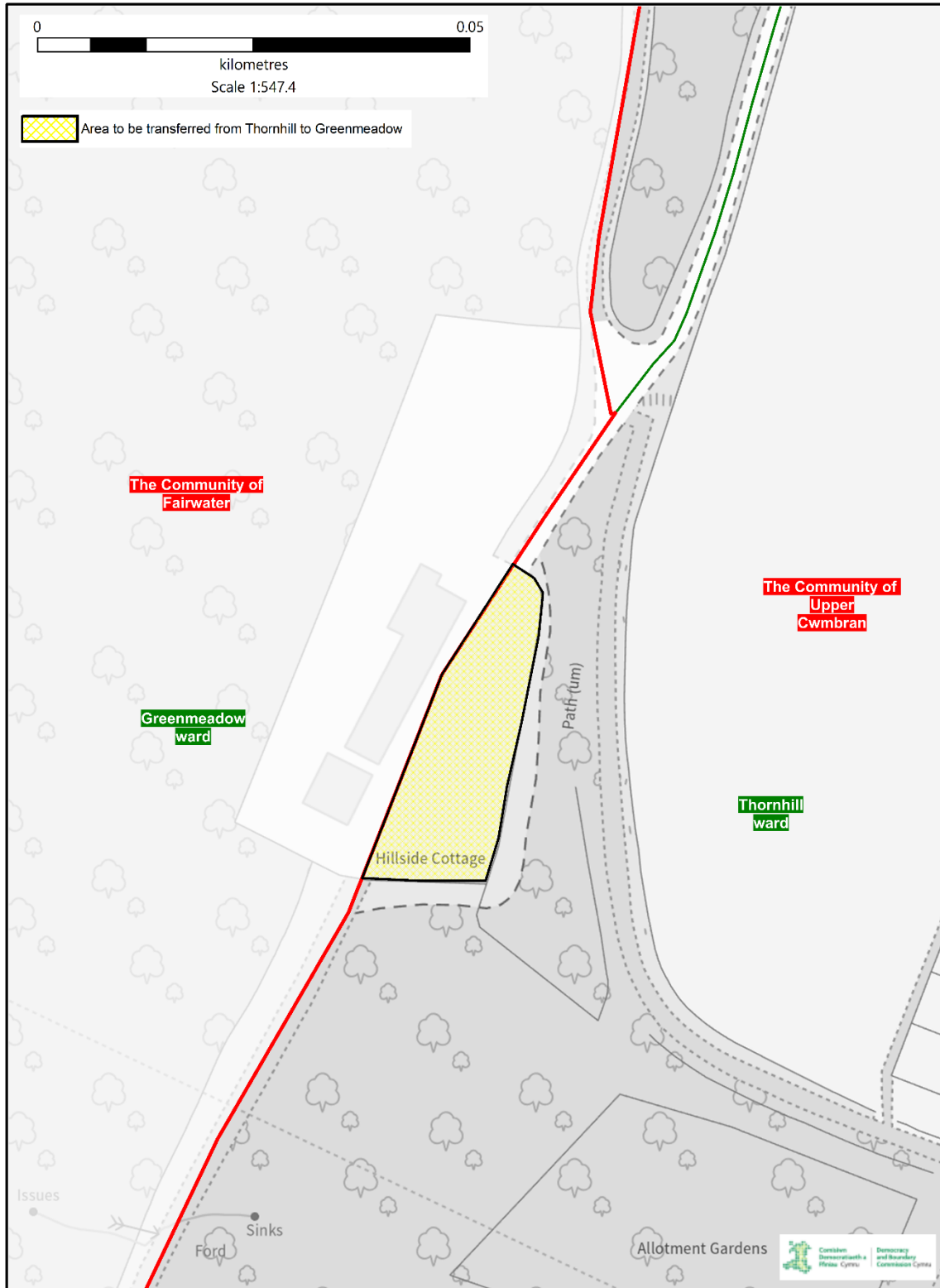
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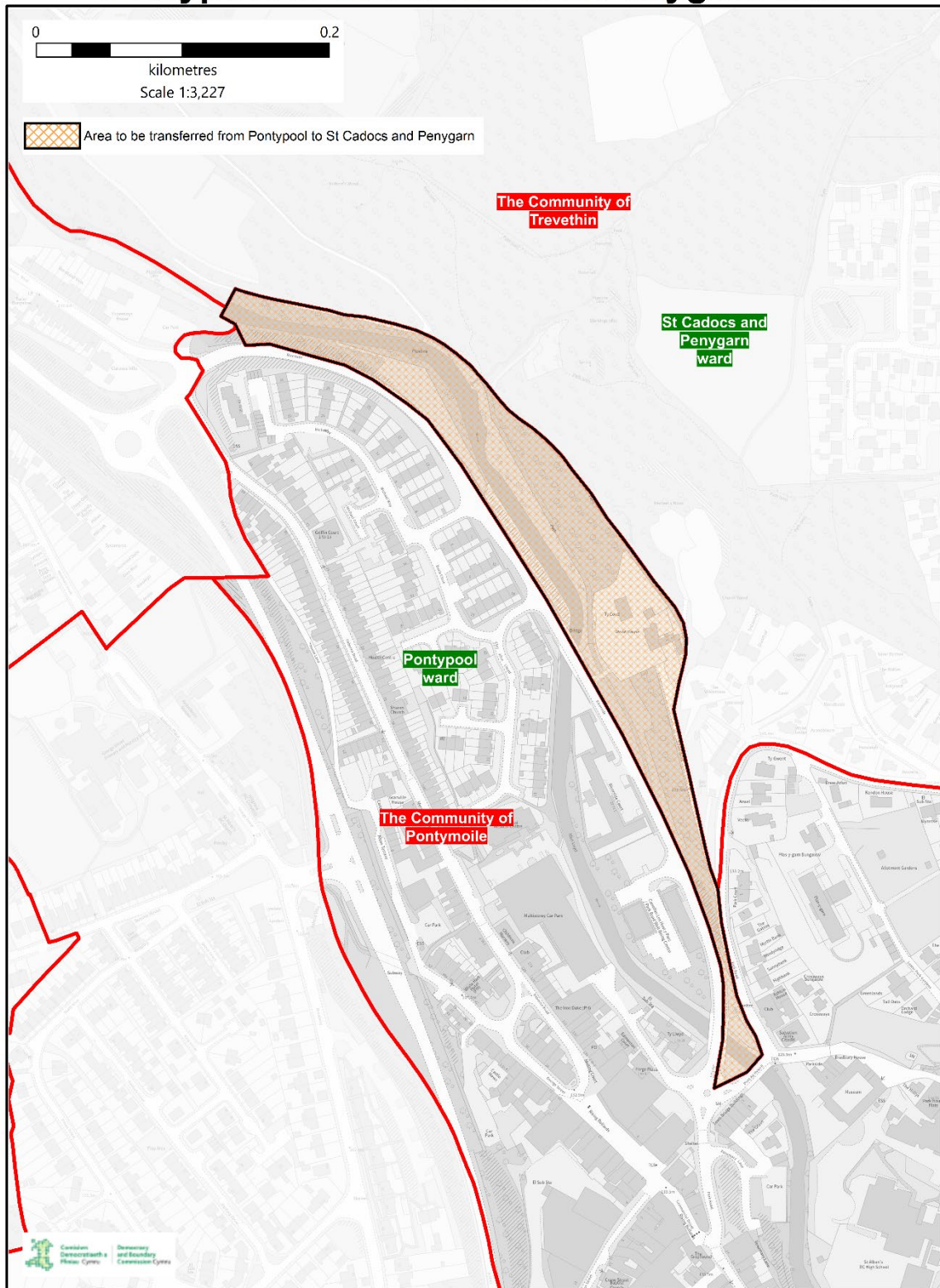


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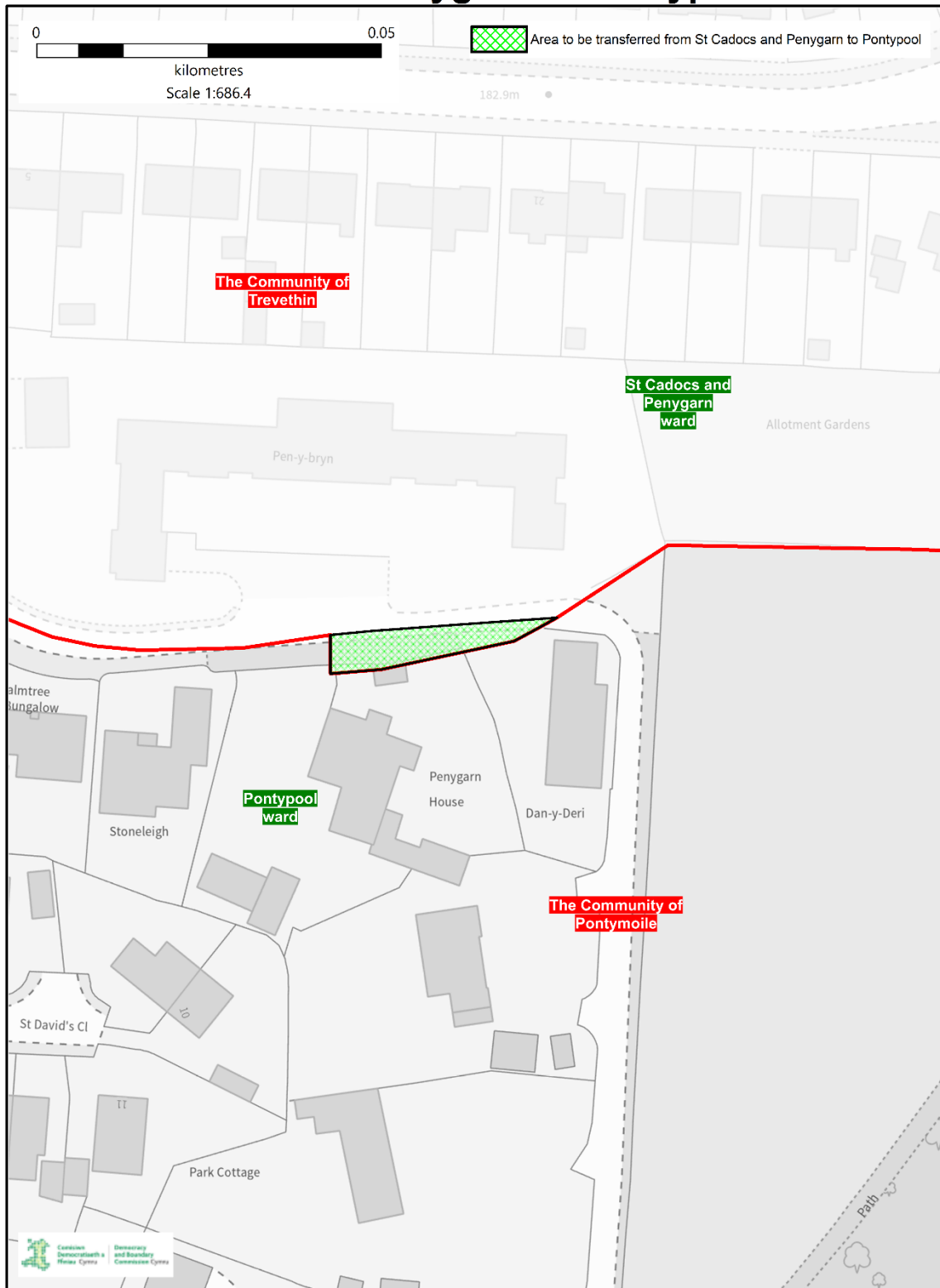


Pontypool to St Cadocs and Penygarn area



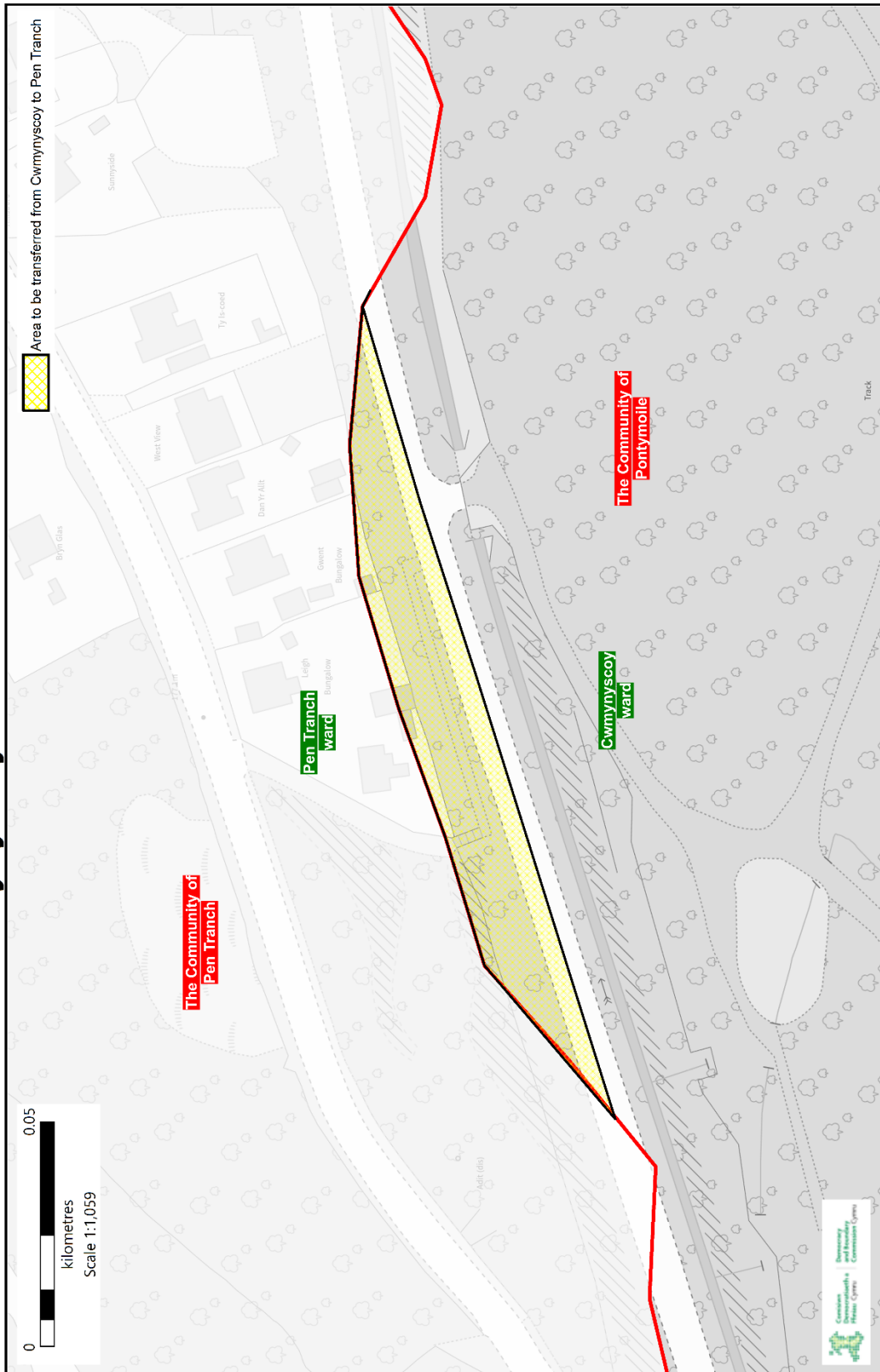
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St Cadocs and Penygarn to Pontypool area

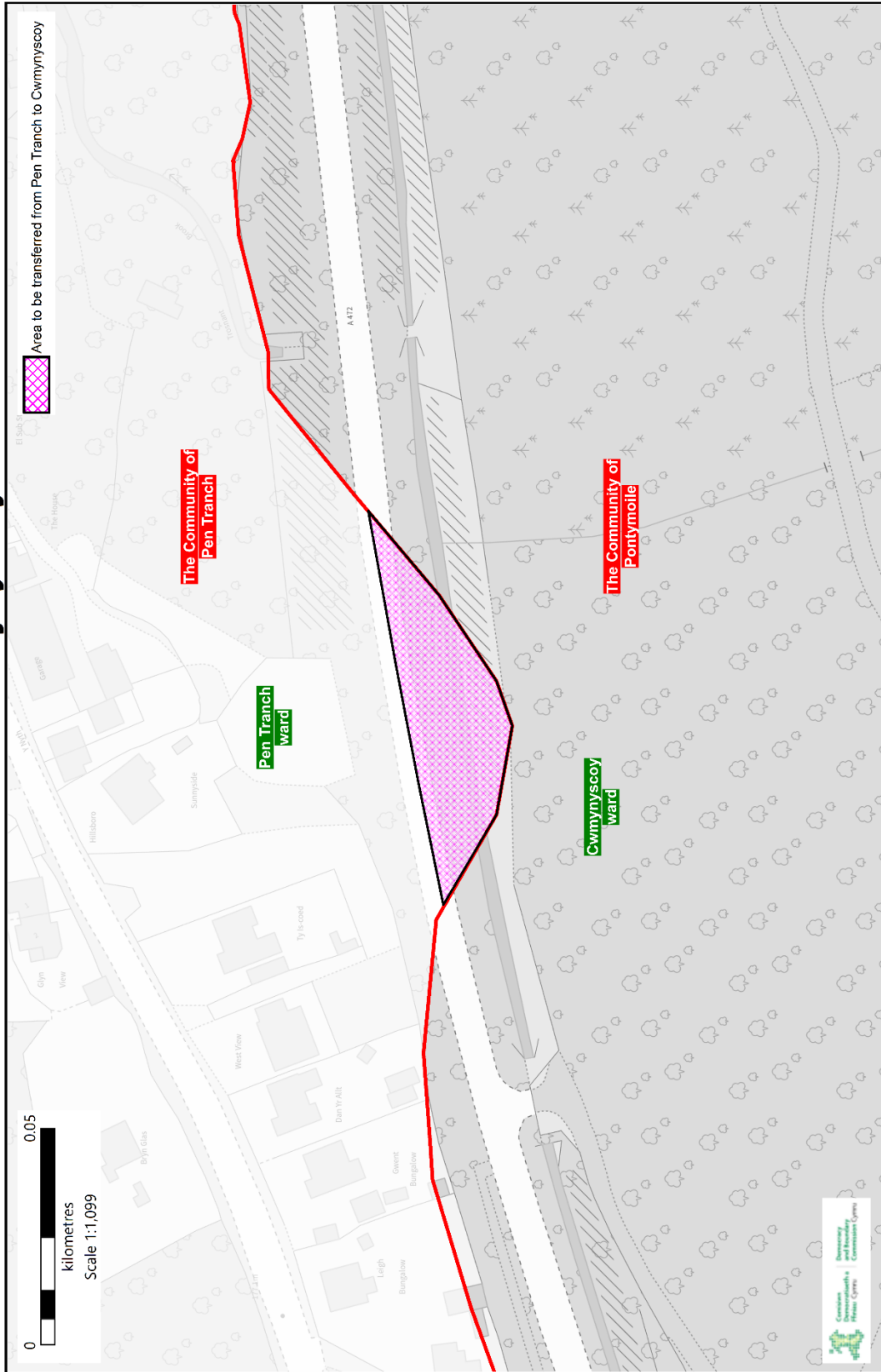


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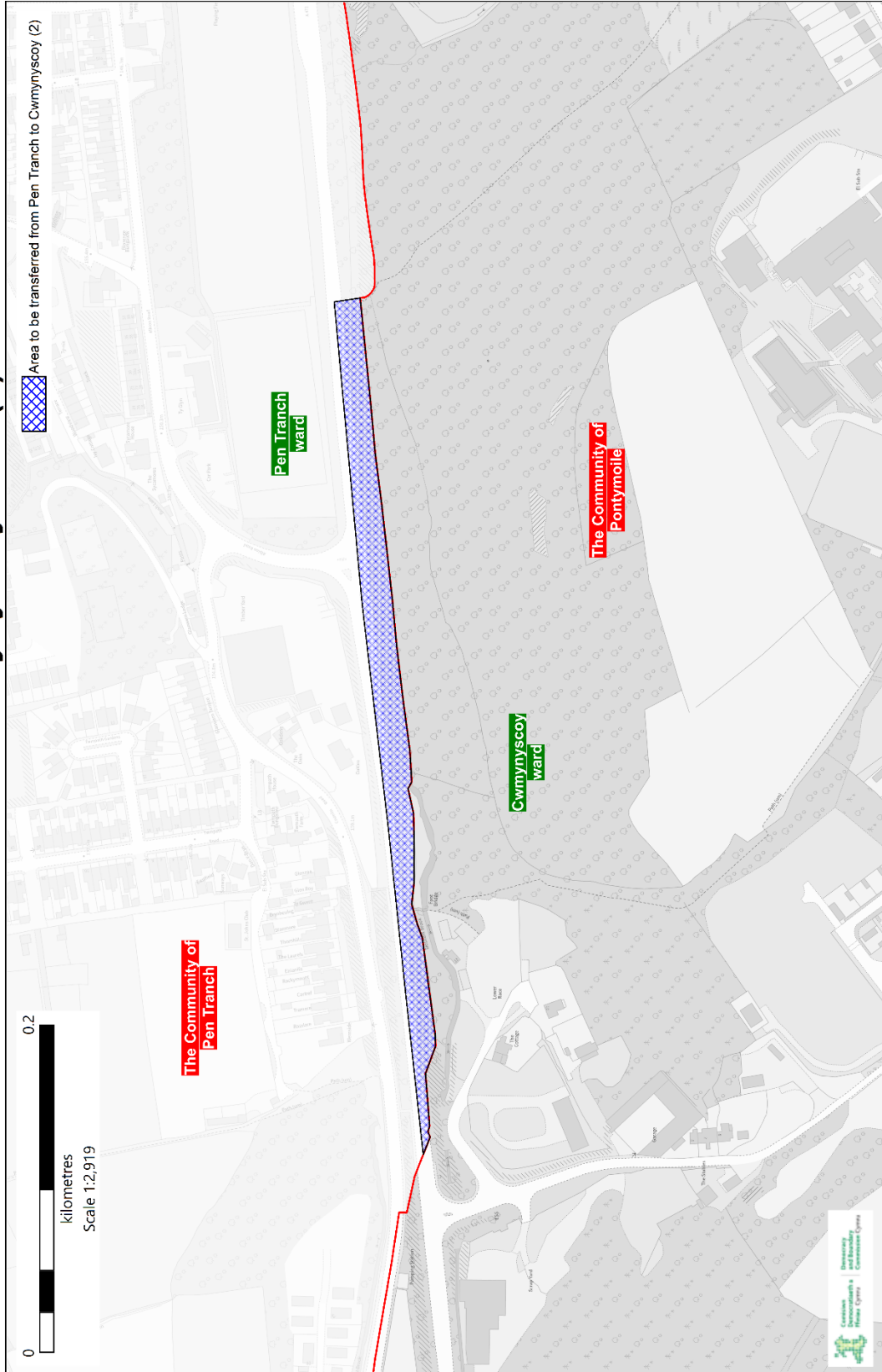
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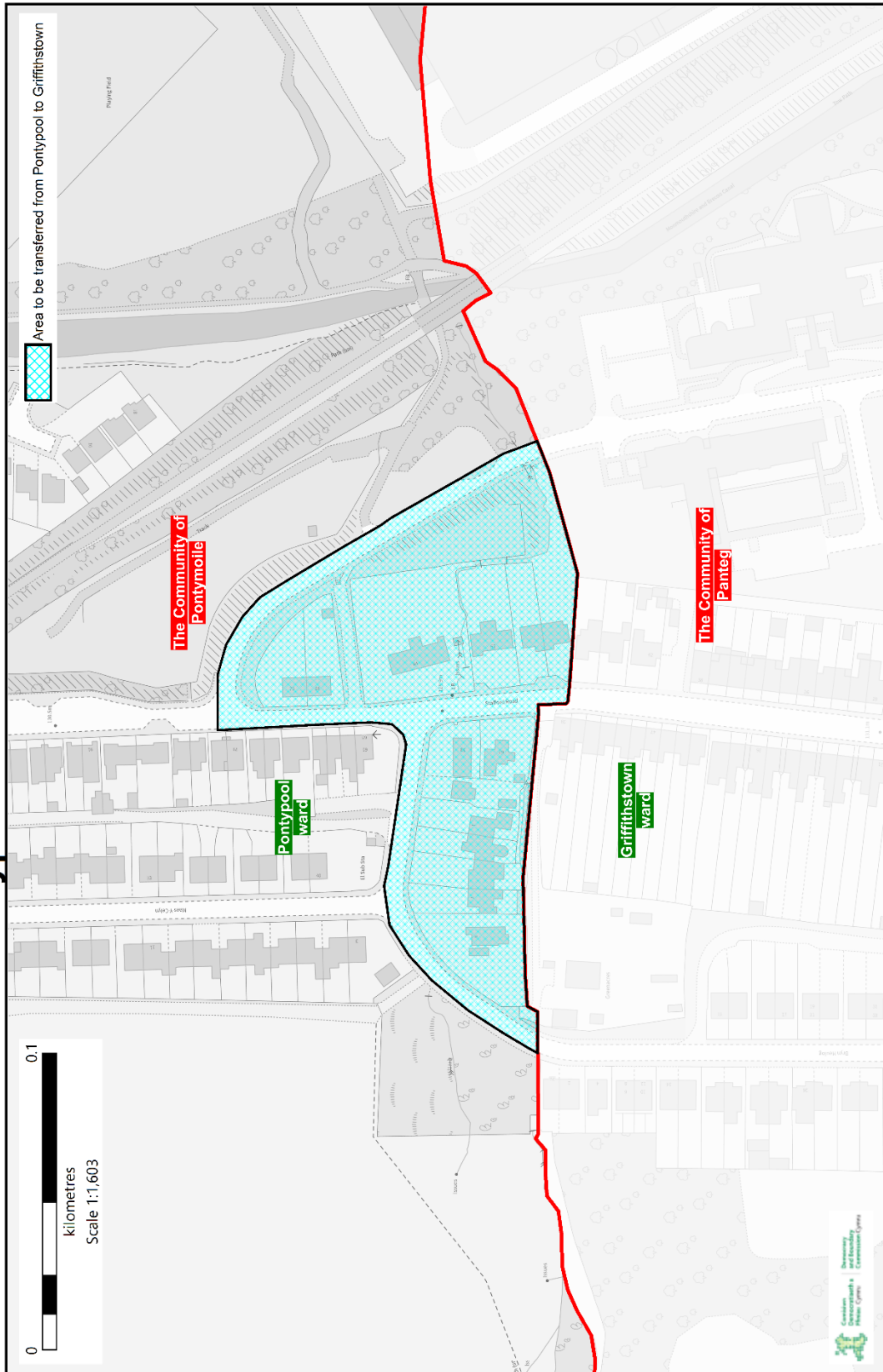
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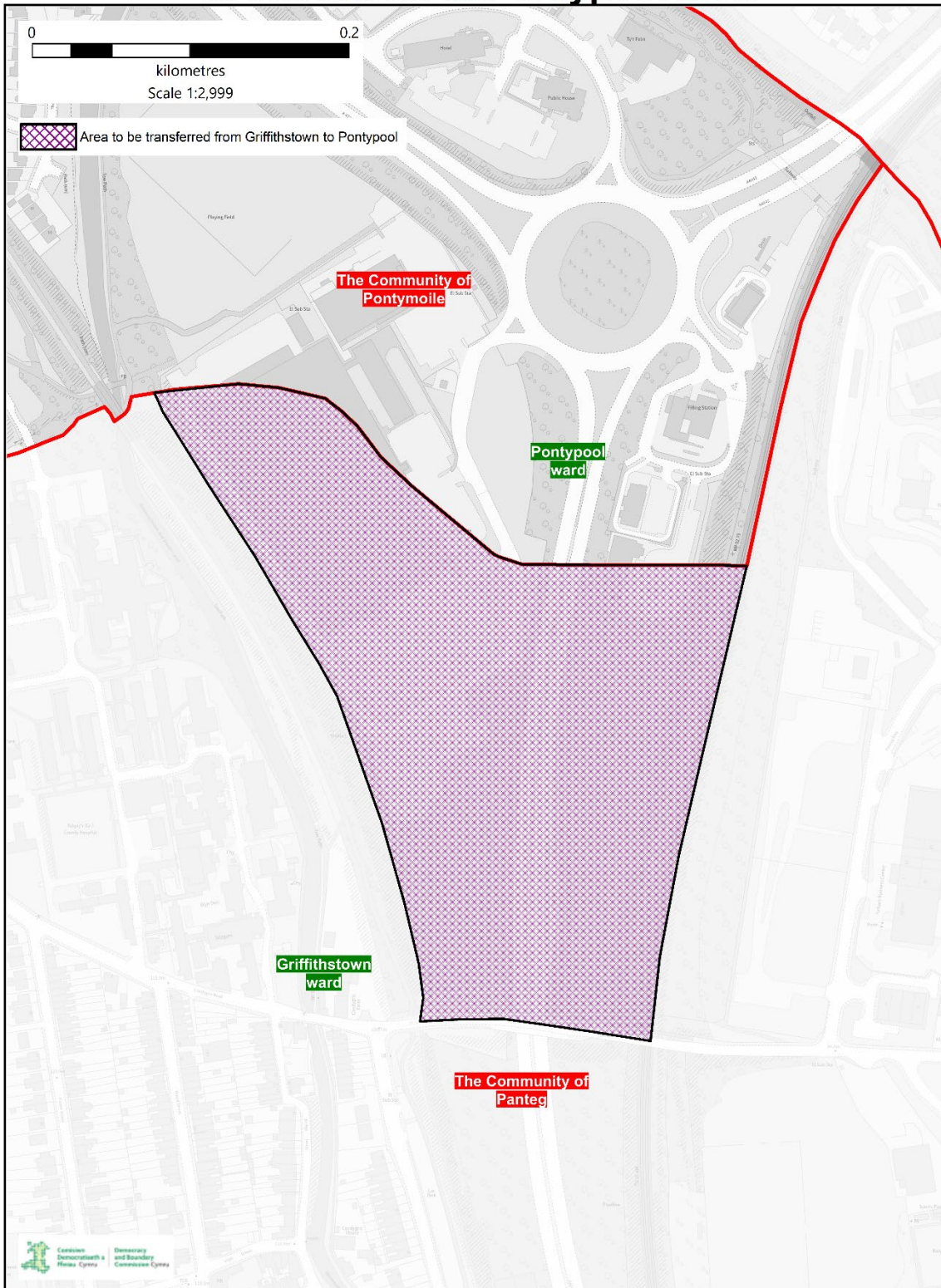
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Pontypool to Griffithstown area



Griffithstown to Pontypool area



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