

APPENDIX B –WARD SCHEDULE AND SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Bickenhill

Polling districts to remain in the ward	BH03, BH04, BH05, BH06 & BH07 (3 of the 4 wards of Bickenhill & Marston Green Parish, together with Hampton in Arden Parish)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	ME01 (the village and hinterland of Meriden, consisting of the parish of Meriden)
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	BH01 (The Hall ward of Chelmsley Wood parish, comprising Berwicks Lane and roads off it) BH02 (North of Coleshill Road and areas off Moorend Avenue – the Merstone Ward of Bickenhill & Marston Green Parish) BH08 (Barston Parish, including the settlement of Eastcote) BH09 (unparished area of Gables Close and land off Damson Parkway)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,771
Variance (no.)	230
Variance (%)	2.2%
Potential names	Bickenhill Bickenhill and Meriden Arden
Comments	<p>See Meriden for the rationale for ME01 (Meriden) to be incorporated into the ward.</p> <p>See Knowle for the rationale for BH08 (Barston parish) to be removed from the ward.</p> <p>See Elmdon for the rationale for BH09 (Gables Close, off Damson Parkway) to be removed from the ward.</p> <p>Bickenhill started at being over the ward average by 16%, and even with the above changes it would still be above average, and therefore there is further opportunity to address the rural/urban split that currently occurs in the ward. It is one of two current wards that has a significant element of both rural and urban areas, thus mixing identities and interests. This is achieved by moving BH01 (Berwicks Lane and roads off it) and BH02 (North of Coleshill Road and areas off Moorend Avenue) into Chelmsley Wood. BH01 is currently bounded on three sides by Chelmsley Wood and it shares a greater identity with the PDs in that ward. BH02 is a mixed character PD which has differing identities that could be argued are more closely aligned with Marston Green, Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Chelmsley Wood</p>

Blythe

Polling districts to remain in the ward	BL01, BL03 & BL04 (The parishes of Cheswick Green, Dickens Heath and Tidbury Green)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	None

Poling districts to be removed from the ward	BL02 (Monkspath)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,202
Variance (no.)	-339
Variance (%)	-3.2%
Potential name	Blythe
Comments	The PD being removed from the ward is BL02 which relates to the Monkspath area. This area is very different in character and identity from the remaining areas of the ward which are characterised by the rural settlements of Cheswick Green parish, Dickens Heath parish and Tidbury Green parish, separated from each other and the urban area by open countryside. The Monkspath area doesn't have any strong connections with the rural settlements, and it functions as part of the urban area. The ward now becomes entirely rural in character.

Castle Bromwich

Polling districts to remain in the ward	CB01, CB02, CB03, CB04 & CB05 (The parish of Castle Bromwich)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	None
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	9,428
Variance (no.)	-1,113
Variance (%)	-10.6%
Potential name	Castle Bromwich
Comments	This ward is not recommended for any changes. It exceeds the variance by more than 10% and to reduce this it would be necessary to add additional areas to the ward. However, the ward is essentially surrounded on 3 sides by Birmingham CC and the only opportunity would be to move PDs from Smiths Wood. However, this would break the sense of identity and shared character these PDs have with Smiths Wood. The existence of Castle Bromwich Parish Council (the boundary of which matches the existing ward) is an illustration of the community identity the area has.

Chelmsley Wood

Polling districts to remain in the ward	CW02, CW03 & CW04 (The Heath, Arbor and Chelmsley Wards of the parish of Chelmsley Wood)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	BH01 (The Hall Ward of Chelmsley Wood Parish, comprised of Berwicks Lane and roads off it) BH02 (the Merstone Ward of Bickenhill & Marston Green Parish), comprised of the area North of Coleshill Road and areas off Moorend Avenue)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	CW01 (The Cole Ward of Fordbridge parish, comprised of Forth Drive, Waterloo Avenue and Clopton Crescent)

	CW05 (the Alcott Ward of Chelmsley Wood Parish, comprised of Chelmsley Wood town centre & Winchester Drive)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	11,051
Variance (no.)	510
Variance (%)	4.8%
Potential name	Chelmsley Wood
Comments	<p>See Bickenhill for rationale for adding BH01 (Berwicks Lane and roads off it) & BH02 (North of Coleshill Road and areas off Moorend Avenue) to Chelmsley Wood.</p> <p>CW01 (Forth Drive, Waterloo Avenue and Clopton Crescent) and CW05 (Chelmsley Wood town centre & Winchester Drive) are recommended to be removed from the ward to maintain electoral parity with the addition of the PDs noted above. CW01 shares a similar identity and interests as nearby PDs in both Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Smith's Wood and it could be argued that either could accommodate the move from Chelmsley Wood. CW05 contains Chelmsley Wood town centre (which serves all three nearby wards) and moving this PD into Kingshurst & Fordbridge would move the boundary between the wards from Kingshurst Brook to Moorend Avenue. Whilst neither of these features provide a significant barrier to movement, they are recognisable features.</p>

Dorridge & Hockley Heath

Polling districts to remain in the ward	DH01, DH02, DH03 and DH04 (The unparished village of Dorridge and the parish of Hockley Heath)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	KN02 (part of) (Norton Green Lane and area south of Grove Road)
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	9,525
Variance (no.)	-1,016
Variance (%)	-9.6%
Potential name	Dorridge & Hockley Heath
Comments	The only change recommended for this ward relates to a small area in the south of KN02. This relates to Norton Green Lane and the area south of Grove Road. This area is more closely related to the centre of Dorridge rather than Knowle and moving it would reduce the projected variance to below 10%.

Elmdon

Polling districts to remain in the ward	EL01, EL02, EL03 & EL04
Polling districts to be added to the ward	BH09 (unparished area of Gables Close and land off Damson Parkway)
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	9,797

Variance (no.)	-744
Variance (%)	-7.1%
Potential name	Elmdon
Comments	The only change recommended for this ward is to incorporate BH09 from Bickenhill. This is a small PD located on the edge of the urban area. It only has a small resident population (Gables Close) and is predominantly occupied by the JLR despatch area which has strong functional and physical connections with the main JLR site which is located within Elmdon. The change would also result in most of the UK2 allocation in the emerging Local Plan being located within Elmdon.

Kingshurst & Fordbridge

Polling districts to remain in the ward	KF01, KF02, KF03, KF04, KF05 & KF06 (the South Ward of Kingshurst parish, and the Bennett's Well and Hatchford wards of the parish of Fordbridge)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	CW05 (the Alcott Ward of Chelmsley Wood Parish, comprised of Chelmsley Wood town centre & Winchester Drive)
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,971
Variance (no.)	430
Variance (%)	4.1%
Potential name	Kingshurst & Fordbridge
Comments	See Chelmsley Wood for the rationale for moving CW05 (Chelmsley Wood town centre & Winchester Drive) into this ward.

Knowle

Polling districts to remain in the ward	KN01, KN02 (part of), KN03 & KN04 (The unparished settlement of Knowle and the parish of Chadwick End)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	BH08 ((Barston Parish, including the settlement of Eastcote)
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	KN02 (part of) (Norton Green Lane and area south of Grove Road)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,145
Variance (no.)	-396
Variance (%)	-3.8%
Potential name	Knowle
Comments	The principal change is the addition of BH08 into the ward. This relates to the whole parish of Barston (which also includes Eastcote). The settlements in this PD are midway between the higher order settlements of Knowle, Hampton in Arden, Catherine-de-Barnes and Balsall Common and an argument could be made that the PD could be associated with any of these. In the absence of a strong sense of connection with any of these alternatives, placing the PD within Knowle does reflect its closer proximity to the services available in Knowle and it does help achieve electoral parity as

	<p>Knowle is below the electorate average and the other wards are significantly above average.</p> <p>See Dorridge and Hockley Heath for the rationale on moving the small part of KN02 out of the ward.</p>
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Lyndon

Polling districts to remain in the ward	LY01, LY02, LY03 & LY04
Polling districts to be added to the ward	None
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,557
Variance (no.)	16
Variance (%)	0.2%
Potential name	Lyndon
Comments	No changes are proposed for Lyndon.

Meriden

Polling districts to remain in the ward	ME02, ME03, ME04 & ME05 (The parishes of Balsall and Berkswell)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	None
Polling districts to be removed from the ward	ME01 (the village and hinterland of Meriden, consisting of the parish of Meriden)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	9,506
Variance (no.)	-1,035
Variance (%)	-9.8%
Potential name	Balsall Common Balsall and Berkswell
Comments	Without any changes to this ward, it would be above variance by 16% and therefore it needs to be reduced. The ward is currently covered by 3 parishes, namely Balsall, Berkswell and Meriden. Balsall and Berkswell effectively straddle the main settlement in the ward (Balsall Common) and both are functionally strongly related to the settlement, albeit they also have their own sense of identity in the more rural areas of the parishes. Meriden as a settlement is less strongly related to Balsall Common due to the distance from it and that Meriden has a greater level of self-sufficiency. Were any of the other PDs be considered for removal from the ward, this would break a stronger sense of identity and functional relationship that they have to Balsall Common and each other. This recommendation also preserves the integrity of the parish boundaries in that the 3 parishes would all remain in their entirety within one ward, albeit for Meriden parish it would be a different ward.

Olton

Polling districts to remain in the ward	OL01, OL02, OL03 and OL04
Polling districts to be added to the ward	SE01 (northeast of Stratford Road and northwest of Olton Road)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	11,218
Variance (no.)	677
Variance (%)	6.4%
Potential name	Olton
Comments	The only change recommended for this ward is the addition of PD SE01 (the area northeast of Stratford Road and northwest of Olton Road). This will help achieve electoral parity in the adjacent ward of Shirley East which would otherwise be above variance by more than 10%. The PD to be moved would located at a greater distance from the facilities in Olton and there would not be a strong case for doing so purely on grounds that reflect a sense of identity or shared interests.

St Alphege

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SA01 (in part), SA03 & SA06
Polling districts to be added to the ward	BL02 (Monkspath)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	SA01 (in part) (Park Avenue, Brueton Avenue and Blythway) SA02 (Sharmans Cross Road & Woodlea Road) SA04 ((Blossomfield Road/Alderbrook Road) SA05 (north of Streetsbrook Road)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	11,458
Variance (no.)	917
Variance (%)	8.7%
Potential names	St Alphege Monkspath & Hillfield
Comments	St Alphege's proximity to BL02 (Monkspath) makes it a prime location to accommodate that PD within the ward. Monkspath shares a similar identity and interest to the Hillfield area of the ward, and both are accessible to Solihull town centre. Without BL02 being moved into the ward, it was already at 10% above average and this therefore creates a need to look at what other areas of St Alphege could be moved to an adjacent ward, particularly one that was below average in electorate numbers. Shirley East shares a boundary with St Alphege and its variance is -12% from average and so could accommodate PDs from St Alphege. SA02 (Sharmans Cross Road & Woodlea Road areas) are closest to Shirley East and they are as close to Shirley town centre as Solihull town centre and share similar identities to the PDs in Shirley East. If SA02 were to move into Shirley East, this would isolate SA05 (north of Streetsbrook Road) from the rest of St Alphege. SA05 shares a similar identity to

	<p>SA02 and so it too could be moved to Shirley East. Whilst SA04 (Blossomfield Road/Alderbrook Road) has a closer proximity to Solihull town centre than Shirley town centre, it would be the only residential area within the ward west of Tudor Grange park and the nearby educational establishments, and so it too could be accommodated in Shirley East to achieve electoral parity.</p> <p>A small part of SA01 is proposed to be moved to an adjacent ward (Silhill). This relates to the area south of Warwick Road containing the roads Park Avenue, Brueton Avenue and Blythway). The prime reason for doing so is to reduce the resulting variance in St Alphege (after the changes outlined in the previous paragraph have taken place) to be below 10%.</p>
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Shirley East

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SE02 & SE03
Polling districts to be added to the ward	SA02 (Sharmans Cross Road & Woodlea Road) SA04 ((Blossomfield Road/Alderbrook Road) SA05 (north of Streetsbrook Road)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	SE01 (northeast of Stratford Road and northwest of Olton Road) SE04 (Longmore Road and north of Union Road)
Electorate Forecast at 2029	11,591
Variance (no.)	1,050
Variance (%)	10.0%
Potential name	Shirley East Shirley East and Sharmans Cross
Comments	<p>Without any changes to Shirley East it would be 12% below the ward average and would need to be considered for additional areas to be moved into the ward to help achieve electoral parity.</p> <p>See St Alphege for the rationale for moving SA02, SA04 and SA05 into Shirley East.</p> <p>See Olton for the rationale for moving SE01 to Olton.</p> <p>As a result of the above changes Shirley East would be more than 10% above the ward average and therefore consideration needs to be given to moving a PD out of the ward. SE04 (Longmore Road and north of Union Road) is located at a point where all three Shirley wards meet. There is little community identity that <u>separates</u> the three Shirley wards from each other, rather they all have a strong community identity and shared interest on Shirley town centre and the Stratford Road that runs south from the town centre. In this respect, given that SE04 is close to all three wards it could be argued that it would not sever any community ties whichever of the Shirley wards it was to be placed within. By including it within Shirley West it enables the new Shirley East ward to be within 10% of the ward average</p>

Silhill

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SH01, SH02, SH03, SH04 & SH05
Polling districts to be added to the ward	SA01 (in part) (Park Avenue, Brueton Avenue and Blythway)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,491
Variance (no.)	-50
Variance (%)	-0.5%
Potential name	Silhill
Comments	The only change to Silhill is the incorporation of a small area of SA01 (the area south of Warwick Road containing the roads Park Avenue, Brueton Avenue and Blythway into the ward). See St Alphege for the rationale.

Smith's Wood

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SM01, SM02, SM03, SM04 & SM05 (All 4 wards of the parish of Smith's Wood and the North Ward of the Parish of Kingshurst)
Polling districts to be added to the ward	CW01 (The Cole Ward of the parish of Fordbridge, comprised of Forth Drive, Waterloo Avenue and Clopton Crescent)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,261
Variance (no.)	-280
Variance (%)	-2.7%
Potential name	Smith's Wood
Comments	See Chelmsley Wood for the rationale for moving CW01 (Forth Drive, Waterloo Avenue and Clopton Crescent) into Smith's Wood.

Shirley South

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SS01, SS02, SS03 & SS04
Polling districts to be added to the ward	None
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	10,734
Variance (no.)	193
Variance (%)	1.8%
Potential name	Shirley South
Comments	No changes are proposed to Shirley South.

Shirley West

Polling districts to remain in the ward	SW01, SW02, SW03, SW04 and SW05
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Polling districts to be added to the ward	SE04 (Longmore Road and north of Union Road)
Poling districts to be removed from the ward	None
Electorate Forecast at 2029	11,489
Variance (no.)	948
Variance (%)	9.0%
Potential name	Shirley West
Comments	The only change to Shirley West is the incorporation of SE04 (Longmore Road and north of Union Road). See Shirley East for the rationale.