



# DEMOCRATIC AUDIT BOUNDARY MODEL FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS

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The pattern of pairing for counties falls out fairly naturally. Staffordshire is the right size for 11 constituencies of its own, while to the west Shropshire and Herefordshire clearly need pairing. A three-county grouping of Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire can sustain a whole number of seats while none of these counties can individually, and Herefordshire paired only with Shropshire or Worcestershire cannot either. The model has attempted to create least-worst cross-border constituencies which have a substantial town on each side of the boundary and good connections between the two towns around this central axis.

Warwickshire cannot have a whole number of seats, and pairing with the West Midlands metropolitan county has merit, in that Solihull and to a lesser extent Coventry still have a Warwickshire element to their identity. The county border is crossed at its most indistinct place, the commuter villages around Knowle, Lapworth and Henley-in-Arden.

|   | Current seats | 2011 entitlement | Allocation | Pages |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------|-------|
| Herefordshire                               | 2             | 1.80             |            | 2     |
| Shropshire (including Telford & Wrekin)     | 5             | 4.57             |            | 3-4   |
| Staffordshire (including Stoke-on-Trent)    | 12            | 10.97            | 11         | 5-8   |
| Warwickshire                                | 6             | 5.32             |            | 9-10  |
| West Midlands                               | 28            | 25.34            |            | 11-18 |
| Worcestershire                              | 6             | 5.69             |            | 19-20 |
| Herefordshire – Shropshire – Worcestershire | (13)          | 12.06            | 12         |       |
| Warwickshire – West Midlands                | (34)          | 30.67            | 31         |       |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>                        | <b>59</b>     |                  | <b>54</b>  |       |

## Herefordshire

| HEREFORD (76,551)              |                  |                                     |          |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Current constituency           | Local authority  | Wards                               | Electors | Share % |
| Hereford & South Herefordshire | Herefordshire UA | Entire current constituency         | 71,352   | 93.2    |
| North Herefordshire            | Herefordshire UA | Burghill, Holmer & Lyde, Credenhill | 5,219    | 6.8     |

The wards added are close to Hereford city. The other two Herefordshire seats are listed respectively with Shropshire and Worcestershire.

## Shropshire

| <b>SHREWSBURY &amp; ATCHAM (73,978)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>             | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Shrewsbury & Atcham                     | Shropshire UA          | Unchanged current constituency | 73,978          | 100.0          |

| <b>NORTH SHROPSHIRE (77,673)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>      | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| North Shropshire                 | Shropshire UA          | Unchanged current constituency | 77,673          | 100.0          |

| <b>TELFORD (78,142)</b>     |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Telford                     | Telford & Wrekin UA    | Entire current constituency    | 65,938          | 84.4           |
| The Wrekin                  | Telford & Wrekin UA    | Donnington, Hadley & Leegomery | 12,204          | 15.6           |

Adds a small extension to the existing Telford within the New Town area.

| <b>THE WREKIN (77,849)</b>  |                        |   |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| The Wrekin                  | Telford & Wrekin UA    | Current constituency less Donnington, Hadley & Leegomery              | 43,150          | 69.2           |
| The Wrekin                  | Shropshire UA          |   | 10,757          |                |
| Ludlow                      | Shropshire UA          | Alveley & Claverley, Bridgnorth (2), Broseley, Much Wenlock, Worfield | 23,942          | 30.8           |

Bridgnorth amounts to a large addition to the existing The Wrekin seat, making the constituency significantly less based on the New Town.

**Shropshire/ Herefordshire (cont.)**

| <b>LUDLOW AND LEOMINSTER (74,446)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>           | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Ludlow                                | Shropshire UA          | Current constituency less areas transferred to Wrekin   | 42,257          | 56.8           |
| North Herefordshire                   | Herefordshire UA       | Bircher, Castle, Golden Cross with Weobley, Hampton Court, Kington Town, Leominster (2), Mortimer, Pembridge and Lyonshall with Titley, Sutton Walls, Upton, Wormsley Ridge | 32,189          | 43.2           |

This is a new constituency that does not closely resemble any predecessor. It combines elements of Shropshire and Herefordshire and consists of the towns and hinterlands of Ludlow and Leominster, plus some rural areas to the west.

## Staffordshire

Staffordshire drops from 12 to 11 seats and does not need any constituencies crossing the county boundary.

| <b>BURTON (75,302)</b>      |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Burton                      | East Staffordshire DC  | Unchanged current constituency | 75,302          | 100.0          |

| <b>CANNOCK CHASE (75,680)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>   | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Cannock Chase                 | Cannock Chase DC       | Unchanged current constituency | 75,680          | 100.0          |

| <b>LEEK AND STONE (76,640)</b> |                            |   |                 |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>    | <b>Local authority</b>     | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stone                          | Stafford DC                | Barlaston & Oulton, Fulford, St Michael's, Stonefield & Christchurch, Swynnerton, Walton                            | 23,693          | 55.2           |
| Stone                          | Staffordshire Moorlands DC | Cheadle (3), Checkley, Forsbrook  | 18,378          |                |
| Staffordshire Moorlands        | Staffordshire Moorlands DC | Alton, Bagnall & Stanley, Caverswall, Cheddleton, Churnet, Dane, Hamps Valley, Horton, Ipstones, Leek (4), Manifold | 34,299          | 44.8           |

This is more or less a merger between the largest sections of the previous Stone and Staffordshire Moorlands constituencies – while the area contributed by Moorlands is considerably larger, it draws slightly more of its electorate from Stone.

## Staffordshire (cont.)

| <b>LICHFIELD (76,127)</b>   |                        |   |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Lichfield                   | Lichfield DC           | All wards in current constituency less Alrewas & Fradley, Whittington | 57,082          | 80.6           |
| Lichfield                   | East Staffordshire DC  | Bagots, Yoxall  | 4,313           |                |
| Tamworth                    | Lichfield DC           | Little Aston, Shenstone, Stonnall                                     | 6,403           | 8.4            |
| Stafford                    | Stafford DC            | Haywood & Hixon   | 5,173           | 6.8            |
| Stone                       | Stafford DC            | Chartley, Milwich   | 3,156           | 4.1            |

This is a bit like a truncated version of the 1983-97 Mid Staffordshire constituency (less Rugeley and Stone towns).

| <b>NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME (77,745)</b> |                        |                                 |                 |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>          | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                    | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Newcastle-under-Lyme                 | Newcastle DC           | Entire current constituency     | 68,692          | 88.4           |
| Stone                                | Newcastle DC           | Loggerheads & Whitmore, Madeley | 9,053           | 11.6           |

| <b>STAFFORD (73,491)</b>    |                        |  |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stafford                    | Stafford DC            | All wards in current constituency less Haywood & Hixon | 52,988          | 72.1           |
| Stafford                    | South Staffordshire DC | Penkridge (3)  | 8,324           | 11.3           |
| Stone                       | Stafford DC            | Church Eaton, Eccleshall, Gnosall & Woodseaves         | 12,179          | 16.6           |

This seat bears a strong resemblance to the 1983-97 version of the Stafford constituency.

## Staffordshire (cont.)

| <b>NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE (76,121)</b> |                            |  |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b>     | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stoke-on-Trent North                | Stoke-on-Trent UA          | Burslem North, Chell & Packmoor, Norton & Bradeley, Tunstall | 37,087          | 70.0           |
| Stoke-on-Trent North                | Newcastle DC               | Butt Lane, Kidsgrove, Ravenscliffe, Talke                    | 16,182          |                |
| Staffordshire Moorlands             | Staffordshire Moorlands DC | Biddulph (5), Brown Edge & Endon                             | 20,051          | 30.0           |
| Staffordshire Moorlands             | Newcastle DC               | Newchapel  | 2,801           |                |

This is the successor seat to Stoke-on-Trent North, although now less than half is within Stoke city.

| <b>SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE (77,536)</b> |                        |                                    |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                       | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| South Staffordshire                 | South Staffordshire DC | Entire current constituency        | 74,189          | 95.7           |
| Stafford                            | South Staffordshire DC | Wheaton Aston, Bishopwood & Lapley | 3,347           | 4.3            |

| <b>STOKE-ON-TRENT CENTRAL (76,377)</b> |                            |  |                 |                |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>            | <b>Local authority</b>     | <b>Wards</b>                                 | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stoke-on-Trent Central                 | Stoke-on-Trent UA          | Current constituency less Stoke & Trent Vale | 52,115          | 68.2           |
| Stoke-on-Trent North                   | Stoke-on-Trent UA          | Burslem South, East Valley                   | 18,956          | 24.8           |
| Staffordshire Moorlands                | Staffordshire Moorlands DC | Cellarhead, Werrington                       | 5,306           | 6.9            |

| <b>STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH (78,823)</b> |                        |                             |                 |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>          | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stoke-on-Trent South                 | Stoke-on-Trent UA      | Entire current constituency | 68,624          | 87.7           |
| Stoke-on-Trent Central               | Stoke-on-Trent UA      | Stoke & Trent Vale          | 9,659           | 12.3           |

**Staffordshire (cont.)**

| <b>TAMWORTH (77,831)</b>    |                        |                                    |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                       | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Tamworth                    | Tamworth DC            | Entire borough                     | 58,138          | 85.0           |
| Tamworth                    | Lichfield DC           | Bourne Vale, Fazeley, Mease & Tame | 8,003           |                |
| Lichfield                   | Lichfield DC           | Alrewas & Fradley, Whittington     | 7,156           | 15.0           |
| Lichfield                   | East Staffordshire DC  | Needwood                           | 4,534           |                |

## Warwickshire

| <b>NUNEATON (73,798)</b>    |   |  |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b>                        | <b>Wards</b>                               | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Nuneaton                    | North Warwickshire DC, Nuneaton & Bedworth DC | Current constituency less Arley & Whitacre | 64,119          | 86.9           |
| Rugby                       | Nuneaton & Bedworth DC                        | Bulkington                                 | 5,135           | 13.1           |
| Rugby                       | Rugby DC                                      | Fosse, Wolvey                              | 4,544           |                |

This reverts closer to the 1983-2010 pattern of Nuneaton.

| <b>RUGBY (76,908)</b>       |                        |   |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Rugby                       | Rugby DC               | Current constituency less Fosse, Wolvey, Bulkington   | 60,253          | 78.3           |
| Kenilworth & Southam        | Rugby DC               | Dunchurch & Knightlow, Leam Valley, Ryton-on-Dunsmore | 7,807           | 21.7           |
| Kenilworth & Southam        | Warwick DC             | Cubbington, Radford Semele, Stoneleigh                | 8,848           |                |

Some of the rural territory from the west of Rugby coming into this seat was previously in the Rugby & Kenilworth constituency 1983-2010.

| <b>STRATFORD ON AVON (76,064)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>       | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stratford-on-Avon                 | Stratford-on-Avon DC   | Alcester, Bardon, Bidford & Salford, Brailes, Ettington, Kinwarton, Long Compton, Quinton, Shipston, Stratford (4), Tredington, Vale of the Red Horse, Welford, Wellesbourne (part) | 51,289          | 67.4           |
| Kenilworth & Southam              | Stratford-on-Avon DC   | Burton Dassett, Fenny Compton, Harbury, Kineton, Long Itchington, Southam, Stockton & Napton, Wellesbourne (part)   | 24,775          | 32.6           |

## Warwickshire (cont.)

| <b>WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON (79,710)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|--|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>            | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Warwick & Leamington                   | Warwick DC             | Brunswick, Clarendon, Crown, Manor, Milverton, Warwick (3), Whitnash, Willes | 59,709          | 74.9           |
| Kenilworth & Southam                   | Warwick DC             | Abbey, Leek Wootton, Park Hill, St John's                                    | 20,001          | 25.1           |

Kenilworth was associated with Warwick and Leamington before 1983.

| <b>NORTH WARWICKSHIRE (74,713)</b> |   |                             |                 |                |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>        | <b>Local authority</b>                        | <b>Wards</b>                | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| North Warwickshire                 | North Warwickshire DC, Nuneaton & Bedworth DC | Entire current constituency | 70,544          | 94.4           |
| Nuneaton                           | North Warwickshire DC                         | Arley & Whitacre            | 4,169           | 5.6            |

## West Midlands – Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull

| <b>BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON (76,838)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>          | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                             | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Erdington                 | Birmingham MB          | Erdington, Kingstanding, Stockland Green | 50,538          | 65.5           |
| Birmingham Perry Barr                | Birmingham MB          | Oscott, Perry Barr (part)                | 26,480 approx   | 34.5           |

Oscott is not a bad fit with the current Erdington constituency as it is north of the M6.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM HALL GREEN (77,157)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>           | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Hall Green                 | Birmingham MB          | Unchanged current constituency | 77,157          | 100.0          |

| <b>BIRMINGHAM HANDSWORTH AND GREAT BARR (73,144)</b> |                        |   |                  |                |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                          | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b>  | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Perry Barr                                | Birmingham MB          | Handsworth Wood, Lozells & Handsworth East, Perry Barr (part) | 45,314 (approx.) | 62.0           |
| West Bromwich East                                   | Sandwell MB            | Charlemont with Grove Vale, Great Barr with Yew Tree, Newton  | 27,830           | 38.0           |

A greatly altered seat, taking the Handsworth part of the current Perry Barr and crossing across the continuous urban frontier to the Great Barr area, currently a rather detached section of West Bromwich East.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM KINGS NORTON (73,998)</b> |                        |                                  |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>             | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                     | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Selly Oak                    | Birmingham MB          | Billesley, Bournville, Brandwood | 57,063          | 77.1           |
| Birmingham Northfield                   | Birmingham MB          | Kings Norton                     | 16,935          | 22.9           |

A successor to Selly Oak; a 'Kings Norton' seat has existed before in 1918-55.

## West Midlands – Birmingham etc (cont.)

| <b>BIRMINGHAM LADYWOOD AND EDGBASTON (73,469)</b> |                        |                 |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                       | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>    | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Ladywood                               | Birmingham MB          | Aston, Ladywood | 37,374          | 50.9           |
| Birmingham Selly Oak                              | Birmingham MB          | Selly Oak       | 18,605          | 25.3           |
| Birmingham Edgbaston                              | Birmingham MB          | Edgbaston       | 17,490          | 23.8           |

A hugely altered constituency, forming a band of territory to the immediate north west, west and south west of Birmingham city centre. It might be appropriately called just Ladywood, but in deference to Edgbaston's long tradition of being a Birmingham seat name it is included in the title.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM NORTHFIELD (72,946)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>           | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Northfield                 | Birmingham MB          | Longbridge, Northfield, Weoley | 55,255          | 75.7           |
| Birmingham Edgbaston                  | Birmingham MB          | Bartley Green                  | 17,691          | 24.3           |

This closely resembles the pre-1997 version of Northfield.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM SALTLEY (74,501)</b> |                        |                            |                 |                |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>        | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>               | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Hodge Hill              | Birmingham MB          | Hodge Hill, Washwood Heath | 37,545          | 50.4           |
| Birmingham Ladywood                | Birmingham MB          | Nechells                   | 19,716          | 26.5           |
| Birmingham Erdington               | Birmingham MB          | Tyburn                     | 17,240          | 23.1           |

This is a rather new formula for a Birmingham constituency, stretching north east of the city centre.

## West Midlands – Birmingham etc (cont.)

| <b>BIRMINGHAM STECHFORD AND KINGSHURST (73,544)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Meriden   | Solihull MB            | Castle Bromwich, Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst & Fordbridge, Smith's Wood | 36,928          | 50.2           |
| Birmingham Hodge Hill                               | Birmingham MB          | Shard End  | 18,579          | 25.3           |
| Birmingham Yardley                                  | Birmingham MB          | Stechford & Yardley North  | 18,037          | 24.5           |

The Meriden seat is oversized even under the new rules and since its creation in this form in 1983 has been a strangely divided seat between the northern end (included here) based on the Chelmsley Wood estate with close links to Birmingham, and the suburban and rural areas south of the airport. This seat crosses the continuously built-up frontier between Chelmsley Wood and the outer eastern wards of Birmingham.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM WEST AND WARLEY (76,968)</b> |                        |                                    |                 |                |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                       | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Edgbaston                       | Birmingham MB          | Harborne, Quinton                  | 33,858          | 44.0           |
| Warley                                     | Sandwell MB            | Abbey, Soho & Victoria, Old Warley | 26,192          | 34.0           |
| Birmingham Ladywood                        | Birmingham MB          | Soho                               | 16,918          | 22.0           |

This constituency is an unfamiliar blend – its closest predecessor is Birmingham Edgbaston. It is mainly suburban in nature on both sides of the borough boundary, with an industrial element at Soho. A Birmingham West constituency existed before 1950.

| <b>BIRMINGHAM YARDLEY (75,085)</b> |                        |                                      |                 |                |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>        | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                         | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Birmingham Yardley                 | Birmingham MB          | Acocks Green, Sheldon, South Yardley | 55,224          | 73.5           |
| Birmingham Hodge Hill              | Birmingham MB          | Bordesley Green                      | 18,037          | 26.5           |

| <b>COVENTRY NORTH EAST (74,870)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Coventry North East                 | Coventry MB            | Unchanged current constituency | 74,870          | 100.0          |

## West Midlands – Birmingham etc (cont.)

| <b>COVENTRY NORTH WEST (74,180)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Coventry North West                 | Coventry MB            | Unchanged current constituency | 74,180          | 100.0          |

| <b>COVENTRY SOUTH (75,705)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>    | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Coventry South                 | Coventry MB            | Unchanged current constituency | 75,705          | 100.0          |

| <b>FOREST OF ARDEN (73,229)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>     | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Meriden                         | Solihull MB            | Bickenhill, Blythe, Dorridge & Hockley Heath, Knowle, Meriden                       | 46,500          | 63.5           |
| Stratford-on-Avon               | Stratford DC           | Aston Cantlow, Claverdon, Henley, Sambourne, Snitterfield (part), Studley, Tanworth | 17,819          | 24.3           |
| Warwick & Leamington            | Warwick DC             | Bishop's Tachbrook, Budbrooke   | 6,569           | 9.0            |
| Kenilworth & Southam            | Warwick DC             | Lapworth  | 2,337           | 3.2            |
| Kenilworth & Southam            | Stratford-on-Avon DC   | Snitterfield (part)   | 4               |                |

The Forest of Arden, like this constituency, is in the heart of England spanning the border around Meriden and Henley-in-Arden. The constituency follows the M40 and M42 south east of the West Midlands built-up area. The attentive reader may have noted the transfer of 4 electors in Snitterfield ward. This Stratford-on-Avon district ward is currently divided between two constituencies (Stratford-on-Avon and Kenilworth & Southam) because of a small discrepancy in ward and constituency boundaries, and the model unites them in the Forest of Arden seat.

| <b>SOLIHULL (77,354)</b>    |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Solihull                    | Solihull MB            | Unchanged current constituency | 77,354          | 100.0          |

**West Midlands – Birmingham etc (cont.)**

| <b>SUTTON COLDFIELD (75,031)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>      | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Sutton Coldfield                 | Birmingham MB          | Unchanged current constituency | 75,031          | 100.0          |

## West Midlands – Black Country

| <b>ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS (77,797)</b> |                        |                             |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Aldridge-Brownhills                 | Walsall MB             | Entire current constituency | 59,506          | 76.5           |
| Walsall South                       | Walsall MB             | Paddock, Pheasey Park Farm  | 18,291          | 23.5           |

| <b>DUDLEY NORTH (76,689)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>  | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                            | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Dudley North                 | Dudley MB              | Entire current constituency             | 61,714          | 80.5           |
| Wolverhampton South East     | Dudley MB              | Coseley East                            | 9,657           | 12.6           |
| Dudley South                 | Dudley MB              | Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews (part) | 5,318 approx    | 6.9            |

The Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews ward, as its name suggests, is composed of several distinct parts and is easily divided into east and west sections.

| <b>DUDLEY SOUTH (76,766)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>  | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Dudley South                 | Dudley MB              | Entire current constituency less Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews (part) | 55,990 approx   | 72.9           |
| Stourbridge                  | Dudley MB              | Amblecote, Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood                                     | 20,776          | 27.1           |

| <b>ROWLEY REGIS AND SMETHWICK (74,834)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|--|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                                 | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Halesowen & Rowley Regis                   | Sandwell MB            | Blackheath, Cradley Heath & Old Hill, Rowley | 28,429          | 50.8           |
| Halesowen & Rowley Regis                   | Dudley MB              | Halesowen North                              | 9,573           |                |
| Warley                                     | Sandwell MB            | Bristnall, Langley, St Paul's, Smethwick     | 36,832          | 49.2           |

Nominally a successor seat to Halesowen & Rowley Regis but of a different character – rather reminiscent of the pre-1997 Warley West.

### West Midlands – Black Country (cont.)

| <b>STOURBRIDGE AND HALESOWEN (79,103)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>               | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Stourbridge                               | Dudley MB              | Cradley & Foxcote, Lye & Wollescote, Norton, Pedmore & Stourbridge East, Wollaston & Stourbridge Town | 49,449          | 62.5           |
| Halesowen & Rowley Regis                  | Dudley MB              | Belle Vale, Halesowen South, Hayley Green & Cradley South   | 29,654          | 37.5           |

This seat resembles one that existed from 1974 to 1997.

| <b>WALSALL AND WEDNESBURY (78,906 approx)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                   | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                                     | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Walsall South                                 | Walsall MB             | Palfrey, Pleck, St Matthew's                     | 29,354          | 37.2           |
| Walsall North                                 | Walsall MB             | Blakenall, Birchills-Leamore (Birchills section) | 22,026 approx   | 27.9           |
| West Bromwich West                            | Sandwell MB            | Wednesbury (2)                                   | 18,441          | 23.4           |
| West Bromwich East                            | Sandwell MB            | Friar Park                                       | 9,085           | 11.5           |

| <b>WEST BROMWICH (72,901)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>   | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| West Bromwich West            | Sandwell MB            | Great Bridge, Oldbury, Prince's End, Tipton Green, Tividale | 46,808          | 64.2           |
| West Bromwich East            | Sandwell MB            | Greets Green & Lyng, Hateley Heath, West Bromwich Central   | 26,093          | 35.8           |

## West Midlands – Black Country (cont.)

| <b>WILLENHALL AND WEDNESFIELD (79,131 approx)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|---|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>                       | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Walsall North                                     | Walsall MB             | Bloxwich West, Short Heath, Willenhall (2), Birchills-Leamore (Leamore section) | 43,442 approx   | 54.9           |
| Walsall South                                     | Walsall MB             | Bentley & Darlaston North, Darlaston South                                      | 18,437          | 23.3           |
| Wolverhampton North East                          | Wolverhampton MB       | Wednesfield (2)   | 17,252          | 21.8           |

This constituency gathers together the western towns of the Walsall metropolitan borough – Willenhall and Darlaston – and an eastern town part of Wolverhampton borough, Wednesfield.

| <b>WOLVERHAMPTON NORTH (75,614)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Wolverhampton North East            | Wolverhampton MB       | Bushbury (2), Fallings Park, Heath Town, Oxley | 43,102          | 57.0           |
| Wolverhampton South West            | Wolverhampton MB       | Park, St. Peter's, Tettenhall (2)              | 32,512          | 43.0           |

| <b>WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH (79,428)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Wolverhampton South East            | Wolverhampton MB       | Bilston (2), Blakenhall, East Park, Ettingshall, Spring Vale | 52,094          | 65.6           |
| Wolverhampton South West            | Wolverhampton MB       | Graiseley, Merry Hill, Penn                                  | 27,334          | 34.4           |

## Worcestershire

| <b>BROMSGROVE AND DROITWICH (79,182)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|--|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>              | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Bromsgrove                               | Bromsgrove DC          | Beacon, Catshill, Charford, Furlongs, Hagley, Linthurst, Marlbrook, Norton, St John's, Sidemoor, Slideslow, Stoke Heath, Uffdown, Wasley, Whitford, Woodvale | 50,887          | 64.3           |
| Mid Worcestershire                       | Wychavon DC            | Dodderhill, Droitwich (5), Hartlebury, Lovett & North Claines, Ombersley   | 28,295          | 35.7           |

The Droitwich section forms a fairly self-contained section of Wychavon, with strong transport links to Bromsgrove.

| <b>MALVERN AND LEDBURY (78,665)</b> |                        |  |                 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>         | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| West Worcestershire                 | Malvern Hills DC       | All except 4 listed under South Worcestershire                           | 49,342          | 62.7           |
| North Herefordshire                 | Herefordshire UA       | Backbury, Bringsty, Bromyard, Frome, Hagley, Hope End, Ledbury, Old Gore | 29,323          | 37.3           |

This is not the first seat to have straddled the Herefordshire/ Worcestershire border.

| <b>REDDITCH (75,945)</b>    |                        |   |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Redditch                    | Redditch DC            | All Redditch DC less Astwood Bank & Feckenham   | 57,238          | 75.4           |
| Bromsgrove                  | Bromsgrove DC          | Alvechurch, Drakes Cross & Walkers Heath, Hillside, Hollywood & Majors Green, Wythall South | 18,707          | 24.6           |

Redditch town is much too small to be the exclusive base of a constituency under the new rules. It needs either a wide rural area, or as here suburban areas around Alvechurch which are conveniently linked by rail and road with Redditch.

## Worcestershire (cont.)

| <b>WORCESTER (73,960)</b>   |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Worcester                   | Worcester DC           | Unchanged current constituency | 73,960          | 100.0          |

| <b>SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE (79,963)</b> |                        |   |                 |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b>          | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>  | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Mid Worcestershire                   | Wychavon DC            | Badsey, Bengeworth, Bowbrook, Bretforton & Offenham, Broadway & Wickhamford, Drakes Broughton, Evesham (2), Fladbury, Great Hampton, Harvington & Norton, Honeybourne & Pebworth, Little Hampton, Norton & Whittington, Pinvin, The Littletons, Upton Snodsbury | 43,365          | 54.2           |
| West Worcestershire                  | Malvern Hills DC       | Kempsey, Longdon, Ripple, Upton & Hanley  | 9,878           | 29.6           |
| West Worcestershire                  | Wychavon DC            | Bredon, Eckington, Elmley Castle & Somerville, Pershore, South Bredon Hill  | 13,781          |                |
| Redditch                             | Wychavon DC            | Inkberrow   | 4,455           | 11.4           |
| Redditch                             | Redditch DC            | Astwood Bank & Feckenham  | 4,699           |                |
| Bromsgrove                           | Bromsgrove DC          | Stoke Prior, Tardebigge   | 3,685           | 4.6            |

A significantly changed constituency, though based very largely on the Wychavon (mid Worcestershire) district council.

| <b>WYRE FOREST (77,800)</b> |                        |                                |                 |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current constituency</b> | <b>Local authority</b> | <b>Wards</b>                   | <b>Electors</b> | <b>Share %</b> |
| Wyre Forest                 | Wyre Forest DC         | Unchanged current constituency | 77,800          | 100.0          |

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