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The figures seem to show that there is only a significant issue with the size of the ward in Stanley which given its position in the far corner of the borough should mean minimum change is possible elsewhere. This is particularly the case in the north of the borough where all wards are within a 5% threshold both now and on future projections.

Without detailed street by street numbers it is difficult to determine an alternative proposal although an outline is presented below. Note that the council projection figures by polling district look a little strange in, for example, Stanley ward PDs all increase by the same proportion. This will not be the case in reality as all the new development is in polling districts V1 and V3 rather than V2 and V4 which are already fairly densely packed terraces.

Stanley/Highfield/Waterloo/Squires Gate

In order to reduce the size of Stanley, some of the streets around Edgeway Road up to Hawes Side Lane should be moved into Highfield ward. The boundary is already not well defined in this area and there is continuous development between the wards. The amount of movement will depend how much is required to get Stanley down to the required size.

The above change will make Highfield ward over-sized so to compensate the area around Pedders Lane and Lennox Gate (north end of S1) should be transferred to Waterloo ward. Once again the number of streets will depend on the figures required to be transferred to bring Highfield back within threshold.

Even though Waterloo is currently undersized, it will be necessary to transfer the small N3 polling district to Squires Gate ward to keep it within the thresholds. This polling district used to be in Squires Gate so this should not be controversial.

Marton/Tyldesley

If it is necessary to reduce the size of Marton ward it should be relatively easy to swop some streets around Lindsay Avenue/Airedale Avenue to Tyldesley ward which is under-sized. Once again this area is continuous development and there is no clear boundary.

Park

This is the only other ward that is 10% or above too large. Personal view is that due to the location of the ward on the edge of the borough, and significant physical obstacles such as the hospital and a dual carriageway, mean that trying to adjust the boundaries would be very disruptive. The ward essentially has three distinct components: the Grange Park estate, little Carleton to the north and the area around the hospital to the south. Each of these are too large to transfer to another ward in their entirety. Therefore the only option is to split one of them and move a handful of streets to a neighbouring ward such as Layton which is undersized. The only possible option looks to be to move the hospital and some of the neighbouring streets such as Burwood Drive (southern part of J2) into Layton. The alternative option of trying to cross the dual carriageway in the north of the ward to take in Carleton Avenue etc (polling district J1) looks much more difficult.

Brunswick

Tidying up the boundary with Claremont to move Rossall Road and adjoining streets south of Talbot Road into Brunswick should prevent it being 10% undersized.

Other

There are some other areas where current boundaries are messy, such as the bit of Warbreck ward east of Devonshire Road but it doesn't look possible to fix these without deteriorating the current electoral variances.