

This is the suggestion that I wish to make to the LGBCE on behalf of Bulk and Castle ward councillors. It is an extension of Castle ward eastwards to take in much more of the city centre and to increase the number of ward councillors to three. (As things stand, it is likely that University ward would revert to two councillors. But Morecambe and Skerton wards are over-represented too, relative to Bulk, Castle and Marsh.)

Bulk ward would lose enough electors to bring it nearer to the average three-member ward.

In detail, the proposal is to extend Castle ward eastwards to Lancaster canal. This means the whole of Canal Quarter, north of Moor Lane would move across. The resident population increase expected in Canal Quarter will take some time to realise. The northern boundary would thus be Bulk Rd/Factory Hill to the canal. That yields a total transfer (based on the December 2020 electoral register) of 1251 electors.

	Current	Forecast	After transfer based on forecast
Castle electorate	4779	5048	6299
Bulk electorate	6592	7316	6065

NB The register almost certainly includes student duplication at various addresses so overstates the true number of transferees.

Bulk A transferees to Castle ward

Elector numbers - city centre to middle of St. Leonardgate eastwards

470-629	160
650-693	44
879-949	71
1159-1161	3
1704-1939	236
2191-2445	255
2501-2611	111

Sub-total 880

Extend from middle of St Leonardgate eastwards to canal

94-211	118
950-1105	156
1695-1703	9
2150-2170	21
2434-2500	67

Sub-total 371

Total 1251

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