

# Coventry

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**Related subject:** Westwood Ward

The term 'electoral equality' is a complete misnomer. Every elector already has the right to representation, irrespective of the population size of the Ward in which they live. The process is already flawed as the decision on how many councillors will represent the Wards has already been taken before the public consultation is complete! If you really want a balanced electorate, why not carve the Wards up to equally balance the current Council Tax bands of all the properties within each new area? Irrespective of how the rebalancing is done, it is a political rebalancing of Councillor representation. It must also take account of major housing developments for the next 5 years, under way, or approved by Planning. The major stumbling block in Council is their inability to take a holistic view of anything - Planning is a prime example - each major application is only judged on its own merits and effects, with no consideration being given to cumulative zonal effects of multiple developments on essential community services.

I also strongly believe from interaction with Councillors that there are too many in office who are ill-equipped to fulfil their function on committees - there is insufficient training and accountability for performance.

Finally, how can you rebalance Wards whilst still retaining local Ward community identity. Honestly, you may as well use the same criteria as was adopted in the Middle East with the Sykes-Picot Line - carve it up with straight lines that take no account of community but are based on geo-political self-interest.

Yours sincerely

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*