

# Herefordshire

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## Comment text:

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission,

I am the Group Leader for Independents for Herefordshire and a ward and parish councillor representing the Ledbury North county and parish wards.

I am a member of a working group discussing the county council response to your review of ward boundaries to achieve a better balance in the electoral representation.

Please see below and attached my comments to the working group members from October 2025 providing commentary on your forecasting pro-forma spreadsheet, and some suggested improvements to the formatting and interrogation of that spreadsheet. I also make comments regarding the electoral imbalances the council's 2031 electorate forecasts throw up.

I also attach an email thread in which I have challenged the figures the council has provided to you regarding forecast housing delivery and the underlying assumptions the council planners have made regarding the number of electors per household that this housing growth will deliver. I have made these challenges with specific reference to the data given for my ward – which I have represented since 2011 and know very well – but they apply more generally to the method and assumptions used to create the forecasts provided by the council for the county as a whole.

I would be grateful if you could consider the points I have made in reflecting upon how robust and accurate the council housing growth forecasts are, and then therefore also the electorate forecasts are which they are based upon the growth forecasts.

I am personally disappointed that the council has chosen not to take this opportunity to offer up suggestions for addressing even just the electorate variations shown by your base spreadsheet.

In my town of Ledbury, ward members have worked together to make a proposal for some changes to all three ward boundaries (attached) which we believe will address some of the electoral imbalances likely to occur across our wards over the next few years. We also believe that these changes will assist local residents to make sense of the ward boundaries by utilising well understood geographical features of main roads, our river and our used and disused railway lines to delineate the revised boundaries.

These ward boundary changes have been supported by Ledbury Town Council.

You will see in the attached spreadsheet changes to wards elsewhere in the county which might address anomalies elsewhere.

I understand that it is possible to have grouped parishes shared between county wards.

There is certainly one (Holmer), and possibly two (Stoney Street), county wards which straddle parliamentary constituencies. It would be good if these complications could be resolved by the changes that are made at ward level during this review.

I would be grateful if you could consider the contents of this email as my PERSONAL submission to your consultation on Herefordshire as at today's date.

## **Attached Documents:**

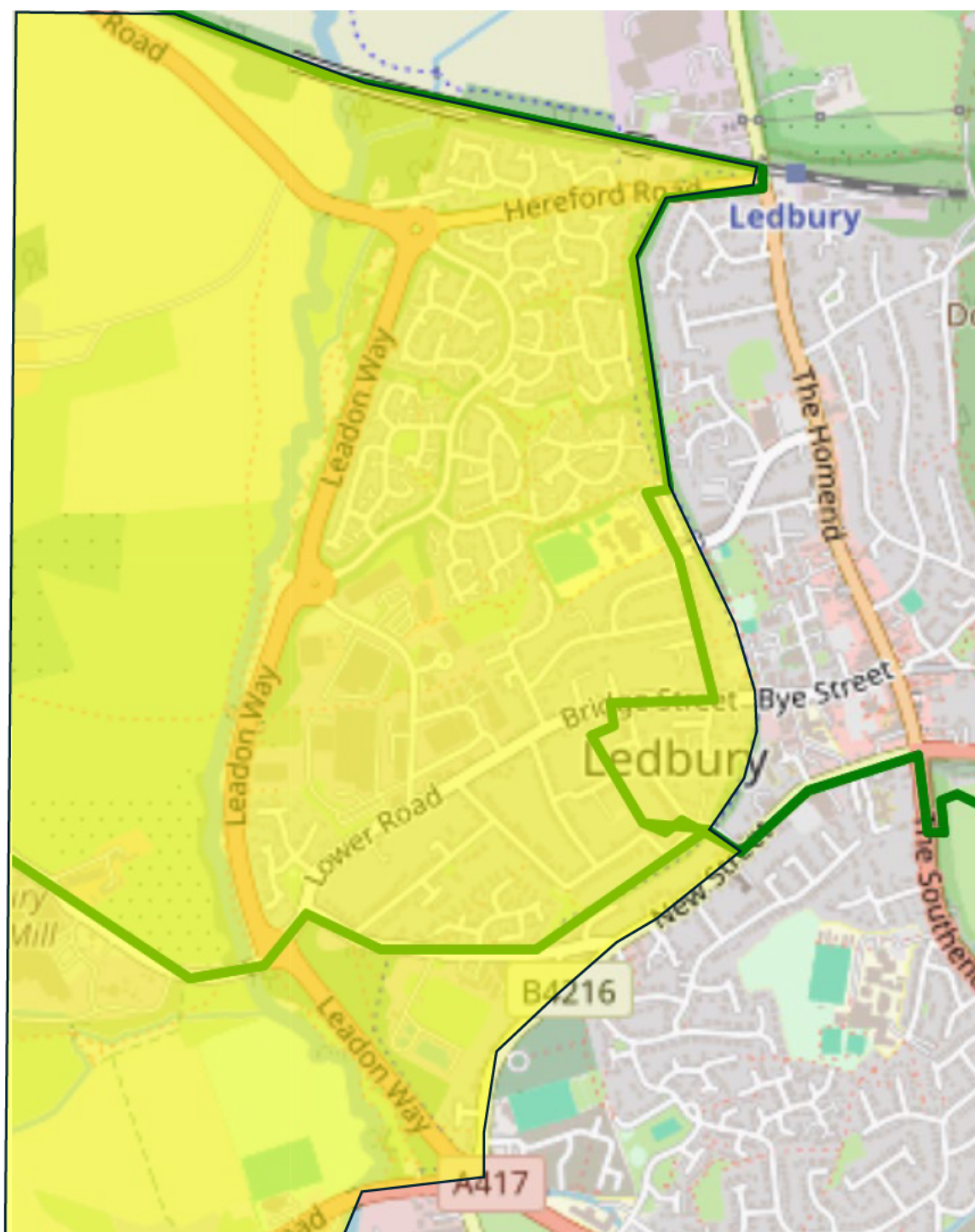
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- boundary-commission-2026---ledbury-ward-changes.docx

## Boundary Commission Review of Ward Boundaries

There is currently a public consultation ongoing regarding the elector numbers in the 53 county councillor wards across Herefordshire: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/herefordshire>

Of the three wards which make up the Ledbury Parish, the North and South wards are forecast by 2031 to have larger elector numbers than the West Ward. This review is an opportunity to suggest some minor changes to the ward boundaries to address this imbalance, and also to potentially make the delineation of the wards a bit more understandable for residents.

### New Ledbury West boundary



The average elector numbers per ward in Herefordshire in 2025 is 2,785. This is forecast to rise to 3,020 by 2031. The elector numbers in each Ledbury county ward in 2025 and forecast for 2031 are as follows:

<b>County Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2025</b>	<b>Electorate 2031</b>	<b>2031 Variance from County Average</b>
Ledbury North	2,673	3,512	+16%
Ledbury South	3,112	3,309	+9%
Ledbury West	2,735	2,897	-4%

The elector numbers in each Ledbury parish ward in 2025 and forecast for 2031 are as follows:

<b>Parish Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2025</b>	<b>Electorate 2031</b>
Ledbury North	2,254	3,065
Ledbury South	2,867	3,049
Ledbury West	2,735	2,897

In the town, ward members suggest the ward boundaries of Ledbury South and North are adjusted to follow some key physical features in the town. The effect of this would be to increase the number of electors in Ledbury West and reduce numbers slightly in both North and South.

The adjusted ward boundaries follow the route of the disused railway/canal route through town to the bridge over the railway line on Woodleigh Road, and then to follow the route of New Street down to the Full Pitcher Roundabout on Leadon way, along the Ross Road to where the road crosses the River Leadon. From there, the ward boundary would then follow the route of the river south to the parish boundary.

Roads transferred from North to West include:

- Long Acres east
- Orchard Rise
- Bridge Street south
- Queens Court
- Woodleigh Road

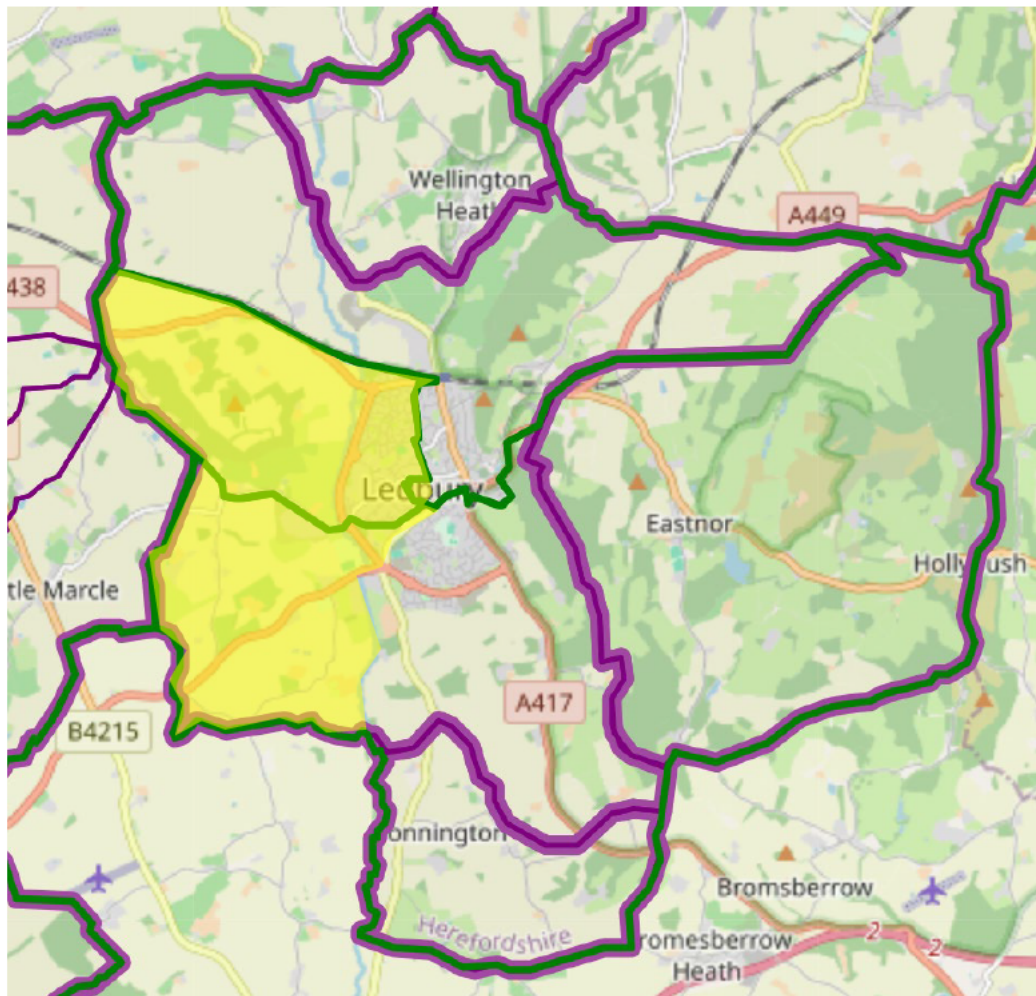
Roads transferred from South to West include:

- North side of New Street going south from Woodleigh Road
- Little Marcle Road
- Canal Walk
- Elgar Close
- Leadon Place
- Ross Road
- Orlam Lane
- Lilly Hall Lane
- Rowlands Green

If these proposed changes are supported by the Town Council, it is proposed that they are submitted to the Boundary Commission consultation ([Herefordshire | LGBCE](#)) on the council's behalf – which ends on 2 February.



Ward members suggest that the proposed ward/parish boundary changes will bring the elector numbers in the West ward closer to those in the North and South wards by 2031 and thereby improve the balance of representation within and across the three wards.



### Recommendation

That:

- i. The Council support the proposed changes to the ward boundaries within the parish of Ledbury.
- ii. Delegate to the Clerk to submit this proposal on behalf of Ledbury Town Council to the Boundary Commission public consultation before 2 February 2026.

Cllrs Harvey, Peberdy & Simmonds

January 2026

Using this sheet

Fill in the cells for each polling district. Please make sure that the names of each parish, parish ward and district ward are correct and consistent. Check your data in the cells to the right.

What is the polling district code?	Is there any other description you use for this area?	Is this polling district contained in a parish? If not, leave this cell blank.	Is this polling district contained in a parish ward? If not, leave this cell blank.	Is this polling district contained in a group of parishes with a joint parish council? If not, leave this cell blank.	What ward is this polling district in?	What is the current electorate?	What is the predicted electorate?
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more than 20% below target  
between 15-20% below target  
between 10-15% below target  
variance +/-10% from target  
between 10-15% above target  
between 15-20% above target  
more than 20% above target

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Name of ward	Number of cils per ward	Electorate 2025	Variance 2025	Electorate 2031	Variance 2031
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GS58S	Llanvynoe	Llanvynoe	Longtown Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	88	93
GS106	Longtown	Longtown	Longtown Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	429	458
GS115	Michaelchurch Escley	Michaelchurch Escley	Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	161	169
GS115	Newton	Newton	Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	124	129
GS12S	Rowdstone	Rowdstone	Ewasay Harriet Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	75	79
GS13S	St Margarets	St Margarets	Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	140	149
GS14S	Turnstone	Turnstone	Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	27	26
GS15S	Vowchurch	Vowchurch	Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	135	142
GS16S	Walterstone	Walterstone	Longtown Group Parish Council	Golden Valley South	74	78
GY01S	Hereford (Greyfriars)	Hereford, Greyfriars	Hereford City Council	Greyfriars	1381	1481
GY02S	Hereford (Greyfriars)	Hereford, Greyfriars	Hereford City Council	Greyfriars	1542	1623
HG01N	Bartestree	Bartestree	Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council	Hagley	367	387
HG02N	Lugwardine	Lugwardine	Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council	Hagley	1424	1506
HG03N	Preston Wyne	Preston Wyne	Wittington Group Parish Council	Hagley	137	142
HG04N	Westhide	Westhide	Wittington Group Parish Council	Hagley	58	56
HG05N	Wittington	Wittington	Wittington Group Parish Council	Hagley	1289	1366
HM01N	Bodenham	Bodenham	Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council	Hampton	948	999
HM02N	Bredenbury	Bredenbury	Hampton	104	107	
HM03N	Collington	Collington	Hampton	73	78	
HM04N	Docklow & Hampton Wafr	Docklow & Hampton Wafr	Hampton	95	104	
HM05N	Edwyn Ralph	Edwyn Ralph	Hampton	183	191	
HM06N	Ford & Stoke Prior	Ford & Stoke Prior	Hampton	286	295	
HM07N	Grendon Bishop	Grendon Bishop	Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council	Hampton	82	85
HM08N	Hampton Charles	Hampton Charles	Hampton	45	49	
HM09N	Hatfield & Newhampton	Hatfield & Newhampton	Hampton	121	133	
HM10N	Humber	Humber	Hampton	244	237	
HM11N	Little Cowarne	Little Cowarne	Hampton	94	99	
HM12N	Pencombe with Grendon Warren	Pencombe with Grendon Warren	Hampton	272	295	
HM13N	Pudleston	Pudleston	Hampton	151	157	
HM14N	Thornbury	Thornbury	Hampton	107	117	
HM15N	Wacton	Wacton	Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council	Hampton	86	93
HN01S	Hereford (Hinton & Hunderton)	Hereford, Hinton & Hunderton	Hereford City Council	Hinton & Hunderton	1188	1241
HN02S	Hereford (Hinton & Hunderton)	Hereford, Hinton & Hunderton	Hereford City Council	Hinton & Hunderton	562	638
HN03S	Hereford (Hinton & Hunderton)	Hereford, Hinton & Hunderton	Hereford City Council	Hinton & Hunderton	1180	1247
HO01N	Holmer & Shelwick	Holmer & Shelwick	Holmer	2444	2698	
HO02N	Hereford (Victoria Park)	Hereford, Victoria Park	Hereford City Council	Holmer	882	1074
HO03N	Hereford (Racecourse)	Hereford, Racecourse	Hereford City Council	Holmer	286	296
HP01N	Bosbury	Bosbury	Bosbury and Coddington Group Parish Council	Hope End	669	703
HP02N	Coddington	Coddington	Bosbury and Coddington Group Parish Council	Hope End	93	97
HP03N	Colwall	Colwall	Hope End	568	622	
HP04N	Colwall	Colwall	Hope End	1468	1540	
HP05N	Mallow	Mallow	Hope End	241	253	
KB01S	Ganarew	Ganarew	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	Kerne Bridge	104	110
KB02S	Goodrich	Goodrich	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	Kerne Bridge	446	480
KB03S	Walford	Walford	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	Kerne Bridge	1170	1243
KB04S	Welsh Bicknor	Welsh Bicknor	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	Kerne Bridge	12	14
KB05S	Whitchurch	Whitchurch	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	Kerne Bridge	893	938
KG01S	Hereford (Kings Acre)	Hereford, Kings Acre	Hereford City Council	Kings Acre	1327	1404
KG02S	Hereford (Kings Acre)	Hereford, Kings Acre	Hereford City Council	Kings Acre	1315	1385
KT01N	Huntington	Huntington	Kington	98	104	
KT02N	Kington	Kington	Kington	2034	2147	
KT03N	Kington Rural	Kington Rural	Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	Kington	187	196
KT04N	Kington Rural	Kington Rural	Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	Kington	260	276
KT05N	Lower Harpton	Lower Harpton	Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	Kington	15	16
LE01N	Ledbury (North)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury North	1159	1236
LE02N	Ledbury (North)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury North	1100	1828
LE03N	Wellington Heath	Wellington Heath	Ledbury	Ledbury North	419	445
LE04N	Donnington	Donnington	Easton & Donnington Parish Council	Ledbury South	62	65
LE05N	Easton	Easton	Easton & Donnington Parish Council	Ledbury South	183	195
LE06N	Ledbury (South)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury South	1038	1040
LE07N	Ledbury (South)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury South	1830	2004
LE08N	Ledbury (West)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury West	1284	1337
LE09N	Ledbury (West)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury West	85	93
LE10N	Ledbury (East)	Ledbury	Ledbury Town Council	Ledbury West	1392	1458
LE11N	Leominster (East)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster East	889	983
LE12N	Leominster (East)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster East	2081	2191
LE13N	Brimfield	Brimfield	Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	Leominster North & Rural	638	667
LE14N	Kimbolton	Kimbolton	Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	Leominster North & Rural	429	486
LE15N	Leominster (North)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster North & Rural	1368	1430
LE16N	Leysters	Leysters	Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Group Parish Council	Leominster North & Rural	127	131
LE17N	Little Hereford	Little Hereford	Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	Leominster North & Rural	320	339
LE18N	Middleton-on-the-Hill	Middleton-on-the-Hill	Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Group Parish Council	Leominster North & Rural	230	236
LE19N	Leominster (South)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster South	1255	1348
LE20N	Leominster (South)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster South	977	1033
LE21N	Leominster (South)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster South	226	241
LE22N	Monkland & Stretford	Monkland & Stretford	Leominster Town Council	Leominster South	152	165
LE23N	Leominster	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster West	284	308
LE24N	Leominster (West)	Leominster	Leominster Town Council	Leominster West	1820	2481
LR01S	Brildow	Brildow	Langarston	Langarston	720	754
LR02S	Langarston	Langarston	Langarston	Langarston	521	539
LR03S	Langarston	Langarston	Langarston	Langarston	456	500
LR04S	Llanfihthal	Llanfihthal	Welsh Newton & Llanfihthal Group Parish Council	Langarston	96	103
LR05S	Marston	Marston	Langarston	Langarston	331	359
LR06S	Pelerslow	Pelerslow	Langarston	Langarston	407	418
LR07S	Sellack	Sellack	Langarston	Langarston	214	225
LR08S	Welsh Newton	Welsh Newton	Welsh Newton & Llanfihthal Group Parish Council	Langarston	188	208
MT01N	Adforton	Adforton, Starmey, Paytoe & Grange	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	120	124
MT02N	Aymestrey	Aymestrey	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	306	326
MT03N	Brampton Bryan	Brampton Bryan	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	84	92
MT04N	Buckton & Coxall	Buckton & Coxall	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	59	62
MT05N	Burnington	Burnington	Leintwardine Group Parish Council	Mortimer	65	69
MT06N	Byton	Byton	Stapleton Group Parish Council	Mortimer	71	77
MT07N	Combe	Combe	Stapleton Group Parish Council	Mortimer	36	40
MT08N	Downton	Downton	Leintwardine Group Parish Council	Mortimer	49	64
MT09N	Elton	Elton	Wigmore Group Parish Council	Mortimer	50	53
MT10N	Kirham	Kirham	Stapleton Group Parish Council	Mortimer	52	60
MT11N	Leintwardine	Leintwardine	Wigmore Group Parish Council	Mortimer	74	77
MT12N	Lingen	Lingen	Leintwardine Group Parish Council	Mortimer	779	843
MT13N	Pipe Aston	Pipe Aston	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	145	154
MT14N	Stapleton	Stapleton	Wigmore Group Parish Council	Mortimer	22	22
MT15N	Stapleton	Stapleton	Stapleton Group Parish Council	Mortimer	92	99
MT16N	Walford, Letton & Newton	Walford, Letton & Newton	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	76	82
MT17N	Wigmore	Wigmore	Wigmore Group Parish Council	Mortimer	587	648
MT18N	Witley	Witley	Border Group Parish Council	Mortimer	37	38
NE01S	Hereford (Newton Farm)	Hereford, Newton Farm	Hereford City Council	Newton Farm	1788	1901
NE02S	Hereford (Newton Farm)	Hereford, Newton Farm	Hereford City Council	Newton Farm	1281	1307
OG01N	Brampton Abbots	Brampton Abbots	Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	Old Gore	282	299
OG02N	Brookhampton with Much Fawley	Brookhampton with Much Fawley	Old Gore	171	181	
OG03N	Foy	Foy	Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	Old Gore	81	89
OG04N	Foy	Foy	Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	Old Gore	47	49
OG05N	How Caple	How Caple	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	112	119
OG06N	Kings Caple	Kings Caple	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	258	279
OG07N	Much Marcle	Much Marcle	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	536	566
OG08N	Sollers Hope	Sollers Hope	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	62	65
OG09N	Upton Bishop	Upton Bishop	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	475	503
OG10N	Woolhope	Woolhope	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	392	414
OG11N	Yatton	Yatton	How Caple, Sollerhope & Yatton Group Parish Council	Old Gore	93	100
PE01S	Aston Ingham	Aston Ingham	Pennyard	Pennyard	344	362
PE02S	Hope Mansell	Hope Mansell	Pennyard	Pennyard	229	243
PE03S	Lia	Lia	Pennyard	Pennyard	729	775
PE04S	Linton	Linton	Pennyard	Pennyard	893	944
PE05S	Weston-under-Pennyard	Weston-under-Pennyard	Pennyard	Pennyard	885	1043
QU01N	Burghill	Burghill	Queenswood	Queenswood	1357	1419
QU02N	Dimore	Dimore	Queenswood	Queenswood	9	9
QU03N	Hope-under-Dimore	Hope-under-Dimore	Queenswood	Queenswood	270	307
QU04N	Newton	Newton	Queenswood	Queenswood	36	39
QU05N	Pipe & Lyde	Pipe & Lyde	Queenswood	Queenswood	265	285
QU06N	Wellington	Wellington	Queenswood	Queenswood	842	895
RH01S	Hereford (Red Hill)	Hereford, Red Hill	Hereford City Council	Red Hill	1611	1715
RH02S	Hereford (Red Hill)	Hereford, Red Hill	Hereford City Council	Red Hill	1274	1361
RO01S	Ross (East)	Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye East	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council	Ross East	1402	1502
RO02S	Ross (East)	Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye East	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council	Ross East	1196	1266

R0E03S	Ross (East)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye East	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross East	464	611	
R0N01S	Ross (North)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye North	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross North	851	903	
R0E02S	Ross (North)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye North	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross North	1344	1443	
R0N03S	Ross (North)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye North	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross North	1020	1086	
R0W01S	Ross (West)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye West	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross West	1542	1642	
R0W02S	Ross (West)		Ross-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye West	Ross-on-Wye Parish Council		Ross West	1161	1199	
S0D1S	Helford (Daon Gate)		Helford, Sacon Gale	Helford City Council		Helford City Council	1636	1731	
S0D02S	Helford (Daan Gate)		Helford, Sacon Gale	Helford City Council		Helford City Council	1442	1514	
S0S1S	Bishopstone	Bishopstone		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	158	165	
S0S02S	Bridge Solars	Bishopstone		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	19	22	
S0S3S	Byford	Byford		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	83	90	
S0S4S	Cahonger	Byford		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	1203	1379	
S0S5S	Eaton Bishop	Madley				Sloney Street	343	366	
S0S6S	Kinchester	Kinchester		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	35	40	
S0S7S	Madley	Madley				Sloney Street	962	999	
S0S8S	Mansel Garange	Mansel Garange		Bishopstone Group Parish Council		Sloney Street	60	63	
S0W01N	Martine	Martine				Sutton Walls	1091	1066	
S0W2N	Moreton-on-Lugg	Moreton-on-Lugg				Sutton Walls	781	828	
S0W3N	Sutton	Sutton				Sutton Walls	749	807	
T0C01N	Ashpton	Ashpton		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	222	231	
T0C2N	Aylton	Aylton		Stretton Grandson Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	106	113	
T0C3N	Canon Frome	Canon Frome		Stretton Grandson Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	136	137	
T0C4N	Castle Frome	Castle Frome		Stretton Grandson Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	123	134	
T0C5N	Egglesham	Egglesham		Stretton Grandson Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	51	54	
T0C6N	Little Marcle	Little Marcle		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	116	121	
T0C7N	Much Cowarne Jeffries	Much Cowarne		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	63	64	
T0C8N	Much Cowarne	Much Cowarne		Much Cowarne Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	374	404	
T0C9N	Munsely	Munsely		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	96	95	
T1C0N	Puley	Puley		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	113	124	
T1C1N	Putey	Putey		Puley & District Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	209	224	
T1C2N	Stretton Grandson	Stretton Grandson		Stretton Grandson Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	66	91	
T1C3N	Yarkhill	Yarkhill				Three Crosses	273	322	
T1C4N	Fellor	Fellor		Ode Pycharl Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	51	54	
T1C5N	Ode Pycharl	Ode Pycharl		Ode Pycharl Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	227	254	
T1C8N	Stoke Lacy	Stoke Lacy		Ode Pycharl Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	338	361	
T1C19N	Ullingswack	Ullingswack		Ode Pycharl Group Parish Council		Three Crosses	188	211	
T1C18N	Western Beggard	Western Beggard				Three Crosses	175	189	
T1U0IS	Helford (Tupsley)	Helford, Tupsley		Helford City Council		Tupsley	1138	1184	
T1U2S	Helford (Tupsley)	Helford, Tupsley		Helford City Council		Tupsley	1334	1414	
WE01N	Briley with Upper Hill	Briley with Upper Hill				Weobley	248	274	-100%
WE02N	Brimps & Wormsey	Brimps & Wormsey		Foley Group Parish Council		Weobley	99	107	-100%
WE03N	Canon Pryn	Canon Pryn		Pryns Group Parish Council		Weobley	546	586	-100%
WE04N	Dilwyn	Dilwyn		Pryns Group Parish Council		Weobley	579	622	-100%
WE05N	Kings Pryn	Kings Pryn		Pryns Group Parish Council		Weobley	136	145	-100%
WE06N	Kings Pryn	Kings Pryn		Pryns Group Parish Council		Weobley	77	82	-100%
WE07N	Mansel Lacy	Mansel Lacy		Foley Group Parish Council		Weobley	102	108	-100%
WE08N	Weobley	Weobley				Weobley	1018	1088	-100%
WE09N	Yazor	Yazor		Foley Group Parish Council		Weobley	99	100	-100%
WH01S	Helford (Whitcross)	Helford, Whitcross		Helford City Council		Whitcross	1118	1209	-100%
WH02S	Helford (Whitcross)	Helford, Whitcross		Helford City Council		Whitcross	1452	1539	-100%
WH03S	Helford (Wideamsh)	Helford, Wideamsh		Helford City Council		Wideamsh	407	524	-100%
WH04S	Helford (Wideamsh)	Helford, Wideamsh		Helford City Council		Wideamsh	1469	1546	-100%
WH05S	Helford (Wideamsh)	Helford, Wideamsh		Helford City Council		Wideamsh	513	538	-100%
WM01S	Widmore	Widmore				Wormside	516	479	-100%
WM02S	Callow	Callow		Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council		Wormside	51	53	-100%
WM03S	Densall	Densall		Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council		Wormside	7	7	-100%
WM04S	Gratton	Gratton		Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council		Wormside	156	170	-100%
WM05S	Haywood	Haywood		Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council		Wormside	142	154	-100%
WM06S	Kingsdon	Kingsdon				Wormside	390	412	-100%
WM08S	Kingsdon	Kingsdon		Kingsdon & Threuton Group Parish Council		Wormside	1287	1329	-100%
WM09S	King Deschurich	King Deschurich				Wormside	544	572	-100%
WM11S	Threuton	Threuton		Kingsdon & Threuton Group Parish Council		Wormside	30	32	-100%





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**RE: Follow up email from the member working group - electoral review: requested information/key action points**


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**From** Harvey, Liz (Cllr) [REDACTED]

**Date** Fri 2025-10-17 11:39

**To**

[REDACTED]

 1 attachment (10 KB)

Copy of Ledbury N and Ledbury S Extract.xlsx;

Thanks for this data Stuart.

A couple of queries and observations quickly from me ...

Windfall ... the housing delivery across the county from this is significant. On average over the last 21 years (based on the data in your report) windfall from developments on sites delivering over 4 homes has been 499 p.a. with an additional average of 207 p.a. delivered from sites under 4 homes.

I recognise that some of these windfall sites are included in your HLS housing market area tables (very challenging on the eye), hence why you are only proposing to include projected windfall figures in years 4 & 5 of your five year forecast. However, if I have understood your report correctly, I do challenge your proposal to only then include 100 total windfall deliveries in each year – given the 21 year delivery picture your report contains. Surely, your comment that this is a ‘conservative’ estimate is a massive understatement.

The data indicates that we are under-forecasting housing delivery by possibly as much as 1,200 homes. This is a big difference.

Looking quickly at the Ledbury data ... you do not have the Barratts development listed on your spreadsheet at all. Or, seemingly, the Connexus development on the old cricket ground at the Full Pitcher. Are these both fully built out and dropped off your spreadsheet? If so, can you confirm that all these properties are registered as dwellings in 2025 and contributing to present data showing in the EC spreadsheet for South Ward electorate.

I would question whether these homes are all occupied and actually contributing to the electorate numbers right now – as I know many are empty and for sale or still awaiting occupation.

Understanding how you are handling this specific example will be helpful in judging the figures you are using for other localities and wards.

Separately, you provided last week an extract of the electorate detail for Ledbury – I attach the spreadsheet here for convenience. Please could you explain why you are using quite different elector per household figures for developments in Ledbury North (1.47) and Ledbury South (1.54)?

Thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards,

*Liz Harvey*

Ward Member – Ledbury North

Group Leader – Independents for Herefordshire

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 October 2025 10:36

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Follow up email from the member working group - electoral review: requested information/key action points

OFFICIAL

Good Morning all,

As promised in point 4 of John's email on Wednesday, I enclose the housing data that was used to underpin the forecasting work, should this be of interest. This is also expected to be published online shortly, but here I've just enclosed the parts that are directly relevant to the Electoral Boundary work:

- Appendix 1- Commitments. This is all residential permissions granted, outline or full. Some sites will be built out, some partially, which is indicated in the table. Only those sites not yet already built out will have been factored into the future forecasting. Note these are split geographically into 7 different "Housing Market Areas".
- Appendices 2A-2C- Discounting. These are the sites that have been factored out of the commitments list for various reasons- Outline permissions with Reserved Matters to overcome, full permissions with

issues holding up commencement or large sites difficult to deliver in 5 years, sites in a phosphates affected areas. The reasons for discounting are stated in the tables, based on information from case officers and where possible, the developers in question.

- Appendix 2D- Resolutions to Grant permissions. These will not be in the commitments list, as though these have been resolved to grant permission at Planning Committee, they have not yet been formally issued the decision notice. This could be for a variety of reasons, such as Section 106 agreements to be finalised. Where there is confidence that these will deliver units within the 5 years, they contribute to the data. As with above, reasons are stated for any inclusion/non inclusion.
- Figure 3 (Page 21 of enclosed report)- Anticipated timescales for the Core Strategy site allocations that do not yet formally have permission. Those that are expected to deliver some units in the five years are included, based on feedback from case officers and developers. Those that have achieved consent are included in the commitments data.
- Appendix 3- NDP sites. These list the many allocations in Neighbourhood Development Plans across the county. Those that have not yet achieved consent, as with the Core Strategy allocations above, are assessed for the contribution that they could make if the evidence reasonably suggests that they will be built within the 5 years. These are more likely to be delivered in full where there is a strong likelihood of delivery as they are generally smaller scale sites. The evidence used for these is often recent indications of interest in developing (enquiries made such as pre-apps) however, with this being a public document, any details of this cannot be shared outside of the council.

Hopefully this all makes sense, however, if there are any queries please do get in touch.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2025 17:10  
**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Follow up email from the member working group - electoral review: requested information/key action points

OFFICIAL

Dear Electoral Review Member Working Group,

A number of issues were raised yesterday in connection to the draft proposed 'Council Size' document we have been asked to prepare for the Boundary Commission which members asked the officer team to follow up on. I'll take each of these in turn and set these out below.

- 1. Does the boundary commission have an 'ideal number/ratio' of councillors to electorate:** The answer to this is no. The Commission does not compare one council with another in this respect. According



to the proforma we have submitted on the present electorate figures, each councillor currently represents an average of 2,791 electorate; this is predicted to increase to 3,027 electors by 2031. The Commission have noted that this is not an issue of concern to the Commission Board. *'The Commission Board's concern is that the Council has provided evidence that the desired council size is justified when considering the Council's accountability functions, its scrutiny functions and its representational requirements. The Commission would not support the argument that an increase in the average number of electors a councillor represents means a consequential increase to the number of councillors, nor would it support the argument that a decrease would equal less councillors.'*

2. **'Noise in the development data' that we (HC) submit as part of the forecasted electoral arrangements to 2031:** The Commission have explained that they keep an open mind throughout the electoral review process. They will consider evidence submitted to them on electorate figures from any respondent. In essence – if members of the working group (or any other stakeholders being consulted) wish to submit additional evidence, they can do so. As per our discussion yesterday the Commission openly recognise that electorate forecasting is an inexact science. In this regard, they say they would only get involved if they can see figures being submitted that are widely out of kilter with the sort of levels of development they would expect to be seeing. They will check through our figures in the next few days, but they have indicated that at first glance they appear to be reasonable. We have – apparently - provided a better level of development data than most councils do (at this stage of a review).
3. **What happens if our development data is wildly out:** If housing developments don't happen as we are forecasting and we end up with a ward that remains higher than the 10% range this could trigger a review of that specific ward at a later date. The commission monitor variances on a yearly basis so they would be able to see this post review – this would be something they would discuss with us as an authority. But a preferred option is to wait and see if it potentially resolves itself.

4. **What happens if there is significant housing development beyond the five year window (beyond 2031):** Legislation limits the Commission from looking at forecasting beyond five years. The Commission have noted that if wards are likely to have significant development beyond this date we are able to suggest a ward with a variance below the average (i.e. -9% or -10% from the average) to allow for additional development. If this is still of interest to members in light of the above, the 5 year supply data, from which the housing development figures are derived, can be sent round to the Working Group shortly as was discussed at yesterday's meeting. In any case, this is expected to be made publicly available by the end of the week.
5. **Some advice on recommendations at this stage of the review:** The Commission note that at this stage we should be thinking about councillor numbers and not warding patterns - yet. The commission will look to hold a workshop with officers on warding patterns during the warding arrangement consultations. This is planned for late November.

I hope this is a helpful follow up. I am aiming to have a final draft 'Council size' document prepared and ready to share with you by close of play tomorrow.

Best wishes -

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LEN01N	Ledbury North	1,181	1,190	1,159	1,239	33	29	1	43	40	1,239
LEN02N	Ledbury North	1,045	1,061	1,100	1,125	578	505	1	743	37	1,831
LEN03N	Ledbury North	423	433	419	447	3	3	1	4	15	447
LES04N	Ledbury South	1,734	1,807	1,830	1,885	138	121	2	186	61	2,010
LES03N	Ledbury South	943	985	1,039	1,041	7	6	2	9	34	1,041
LES01N	Ledbury South	62	62	62	65	0	0	2	0	2	65
LES02N	Ledbury South	189	185	183	195	0	0	2	0	6	195
Ledbury North total		2,649	2,684	2,678	2,811	614	537	1	790	92	3,517
Ledbury South total		2,928	3,039	3,114	3,186	145	127	2	195	103	3,311