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Good evening,

I have just submitted a consultation response on behalf of the Conservative Group on Wychavon District Council, however would like to submit some additional information that I was unable to append to my submission.

Attached to this document you will find a PDF version of my submission, including a revised version of the spreadsheet that I have submitted – this spreadsheet includes two additional tabs, each of which contains a rough map demonstrating the contiguous nature of warding pattern proposals contained within the submission. I trust that this will be useful.

If you could confirm receipt of this email I would be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

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## Wychavon District Council

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### Comment text:

Submission of the Conservative Group on Wychavon District Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission England. Attached to this submission is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet outlining a breakdown of warding patterns complete with elector numbers. This submission is based upon seeking to balance the criteria of the Boundary Commission including:

- That there is an overall reduction in councillors from 45 to 43
- That there are no three member wards
- That existing parishes become the building blocks of new warding pattern proposals where possible
- That the number of electors per councillor sit within, or as close to the lower (2,291) and upper (2,801) limits, as possible, and as close to the median target of 2,546 as possible.
- Respecting social and economic patterns where possible.

This submission contains two options with proposal 1 preferred with proposal 2 a backup, alternate proposal.

**Proposal 1** This preferred proposal would see Pershore boundaries redrawn on the basis of the existing town parishes (Holy Cross and St Andrews) merging with the adjoining rural parishes to create two new two-member wards. With the parishes of Fladbury, Crophthorne, Wick, Charlton looking towards Pershore as the urban economic and social centre, there is a logical alliance here to merge with Pershore Holy Cross. With a representation of two members this would be slightly above the recommended number of electors per councillor, but with justification – that the Pershore electors within Holy Cross are within a single parish and not spread across one large parish across the entire town. The Pershore parish of St Andrews would also see a logical merger with Burlingham and Eckington parishes, both of which economically and socially look towards Pershore. Again, this would create a two-member ward with 2,400 electors per councillor. Consequently, the parishes of Defford and Strensham would become part of the existing Bredon ward, with a natural geographic logic to this taking place on the basis of proximity. It is proposed that the existing Norton and Whittington ward would merge with the Drakes Broughton ward whilst gaining Besford parish from the existing Eckington ward. The parish of Stoughton would be yielded to Upton Snodsbury ward. This would result in the merged Drakes Broughton/Norton Whittington ward having two members with 2,837 electors per councillor. A natural affinity exists between Drakes Broughton and Norton and Whittington in terms of physical geography, but also proposed development over the coming years that would support the rationale in merging the two. In the town of Evesham, Bengeworth ward contains too many electors per councillor at present, and to redress this balance it is proposed that 325 electors on Port Street are yielded to Evesham South ward, whilst 400 electors from the ward on the East side of the River Avon are yielded to Evesham North. Bengeworth should then remain a two member ward with 2,501 electors per councillor. Great Hampton ward (1 member) should yield 400 electors to Little Hampton (2 members) in order to maintain a fair equilibrium of electors per councillor. In the north of the district, Lovett and North Claines should yield Elmley Lovett parish (275 voters) and Hampton Lovett parish (292 electors) to Ombersley ward plus yield Elmbridge parish to Dodderhill ward. Finally Lovett and North Claines should yield 800 electors from Copcut Rise, Salwarpe to Droitwich South West ward. This would make practical economic and social sense due to the development of Copcut being directly joined to the urban economic and social identity of Droitwich Spa town. In Droitwich it is proposed that Droitwich West Ward yields 600 electors to Droitwich East, whilst Droitwich Central Ward and Droitwich West Wards merge to create one two member ward with two members (2,701 electors per councillor). Additionally Droitwich South East would yield 600 electors to Droitwich South West. Badsey, Bredon, Bretforton and Offenham, Broadway and Wickhamford, Elmley Castle and Somerville, Hartlebury, Harvington and Norton, Honeybourne and Pebworth, Inkberrow, South Bredon Hill and the Littletons remain unchanged.

**Proposal two** An alternate proposal, would see Pershore change from a three member ward, with Holy Cross merging with Fladbury to create a new two member ward; Pershore St Andrews would gain Great Comberton from Elmley Castle and Somerville plus all of Eckington ward less Eckington Parish itself to create a new two member ward. There are clear social and economic ties between Pershore and both Fladbury and Eckington wards which would form the basis of these proposals. Bredon Ward will gain Eckington Parish and merge with Bredon Hill South to create a new two-member ward, with the exception of Ashton Under Hill parish which will become part of the Elmley Castle and Somerville

ward. Additionally, under this proposal Honeybourne and Pebworth would merge with The Littletons ward to create a new two-member ward that would result in the number of electors per councillor being within tolerance. The suggestions in proposal one in relation to Evesham and Droitwich remain under proposal two. Badsey, Bredon, Bretforton and Offenham, Broadway and Wickhamford, Hartlebury, Harvington and Norton, Inkberrow, remain unchanged. Councillor Bradley Thomas, Group Leader on behalf of the Group. September 17th 2021

**Uploaded Documents:**

**[Download \(https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download\\_document?file=draft%2F1632085503\\_Warding+update.xlsx\)](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1632085503_Warding+update.xlsx)**

Min      2291      Target

	Original projection	Additions			
Badsey	2,674				
Bengeworth	5,727				
Bowbrook	2,501				
Bredon	2,213	281	490		
Bretforton and Offenham	2,450				
Broadway and Wickhamford	4,456				
Dodderhill	2,398	342			
Drakes Broughton	2,502	3344	231		
Droitwich Central	2,035				
Droitwich East	4,712	600			
Droitwich South East	5,337				
Droitwich South West	4,066	600	800		
Droitwich West	3,966	2035			
Eckington	2,414				
Elmley Castle and Somerville	2,156				
Evesham North	4,292	400			
Evesham South	4,132	325			
Fladbury	2,387	3896			
Great Hampton	2,899				
Hartlebury	2,449				
Harvington and Norton	2,237				
Honeybourne and Pebworth	3,026				
Inkberrow	5,114				
Little Hampton	4,736	400			
Lovett and North Claines	6,347				
Norton and Whittington	3,344				
Omersley	2,131	275	292		
Pershore	7,284	1125	287		
Pinvin	2,557				
South Bredon Hill	2,049				
The Littletons	2,506				
Upton Snodsbury	2,377	403			

2546      Max      2801

Subtractions				Proposed projection	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	No. electors outside of tolerance
				2,674	1	2,674	
325	400			5,002	2	2,501	
				2,501	1	2,501	
				2,984	1	2,984	183
				2,450	1	2,450	
				4,456	2	2,228	63
				2,740	1	2,740	
403				5,674	2	2,837	36
2035				0	0	-	
				5,312	2	2,656	
600				4,737	2	2,369	
				5,466	2	2,733	
600				5,401	2	2,701	
1125	287	281	721	0	0	-	
				2,156	1	2,156	-135
				4,692	2	2,346	
				4,457	2	2,229	-63
				6,283	2	3,142	-341
400				2,499	1	2,499	
				2,449	1	2,449	
				2,237	1	2,237	54
				3,026	1	3,026	225
				5,114	2	2,557	
				5,136	2	2,568	
275	292	342	800	4,638	2	2,319	
3344				0	0	-	
				2,698	1	2,698	
3896				4,800	2	2,400	
				2,557	1	2,557	
				2,049	1	2,049	-242
				2,506	1	2,506	
				2,780	1	2,780	

109,474

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Notes
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Unchanged

Yield 325 to Evesham South and 400 to Evesham North (port St Eve South; Town centre (river) to Eve

Unchanged

Gain Strensham and Defford from Eckington ward

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Unchanged

Gains Elmbridge from Lovett and North Claines

Merges with Norton and Whittington, gains Besford but loses Stoulton to Upton Snodsbury

Merges with Droitwich West.

Gains 600 electors fromDroitwich West

Yields 600 electors to Droitwich South West

Gains 600 electors from Droitwich South East

Merges with Droitwich Central and loses 600 councillors to Droitwich East.

Birlingham and Eckington merge with Pershore St Andrews. Besford to Drakes Broughton ward; Strens

No change

Gains 400 electors from Bengeworth

Gains 325 electors from Bengeworth

Merges with Pershore Holy Cross Parish.

400 to Little Hampton

Unchanged

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400 Gain from Gt Hampton

Loses Elmley Lovett and Hampton Lovett to Ombersley and Elmbridge to Dodderhill

Merges with Drakes Broughton.

Gains Elmley Lovett and Hampton Lovett from Lovett and North Claines

Lose Holy Cross to merger with Fladbury. Gains Burlingham and Eckington Parishes from Eckington wa

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Norton and Whittington	3,344				
Omersley	2,131	275	292		
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				2,740	1	2,740	
403				5,443	2	2,722	
2035				0	0	-	
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				4,666	2	2,333	
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				5,114	2	2,557	
				5,136	2	2,568	
275	292	342		5,438	2	2,719	
3344				0	0	-	
				2,698	1	2,698	
3896				4,947	2	2,474	
				2,557	1	2,557	
813	531	705		0	0	-	
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Gains Eckington Parish, Westmancote, Kemerton, Overbury and Conderton in addition to Beckford and

No change

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Gains Elmbridge

Merges with Norton and Whittington but loses Stoulton to Upton Snodsbury

Gains 600 electors from Droitwich West

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Yields 600 electors to Droitwich South West

Gains 600 electors from Droitwich South East

Loses 600 electors to Droitwich East and merges with Droitwich Central.

Eckington Parish merges with Bredon - all other parishes merge with Pershore St Andrews

Gains Ashton Under Hill from Bredon Hill South. Lose Gt Comberton

Gains 400 electors from Great Hampton

Gains 325 electors from Bengeworth

Gains Holy Cross from Pershore.

400 to Little Hampton

No change

No change

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Loses Elmley Lovett and Hampton Lovett to Ombersley and Elmbridge to Dodderhill

See Drakes Broughton

Gains Elmley Lovett and Hampton Lovett from Lovett and North Claines

Lose Holy Cross. Gains all of Eckington ward less Eckington Parish, plus Gt Comberton

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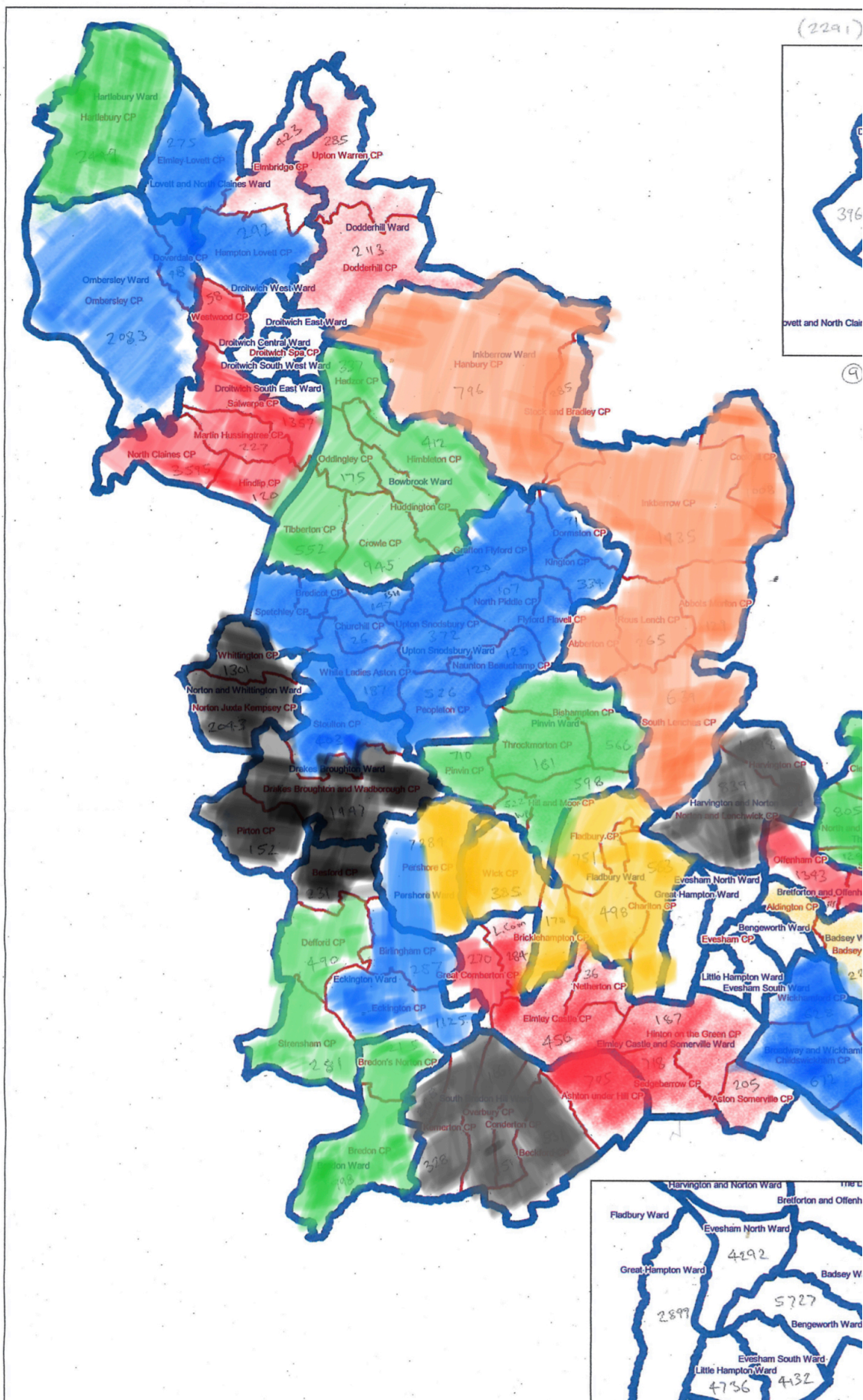
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Merge with Honeybourne and Pebworth to create a two member ward.

Gains Stoulton from Drakes Broughton

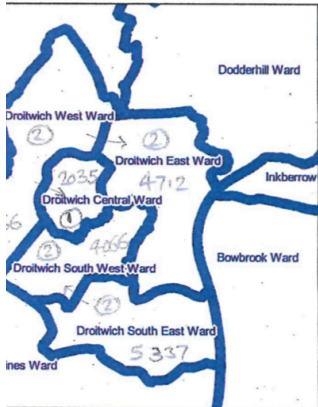
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



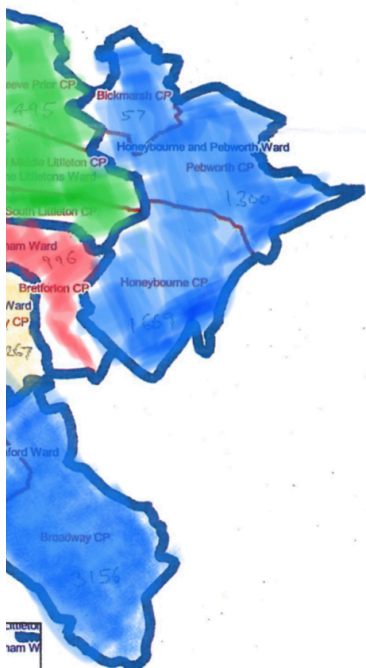


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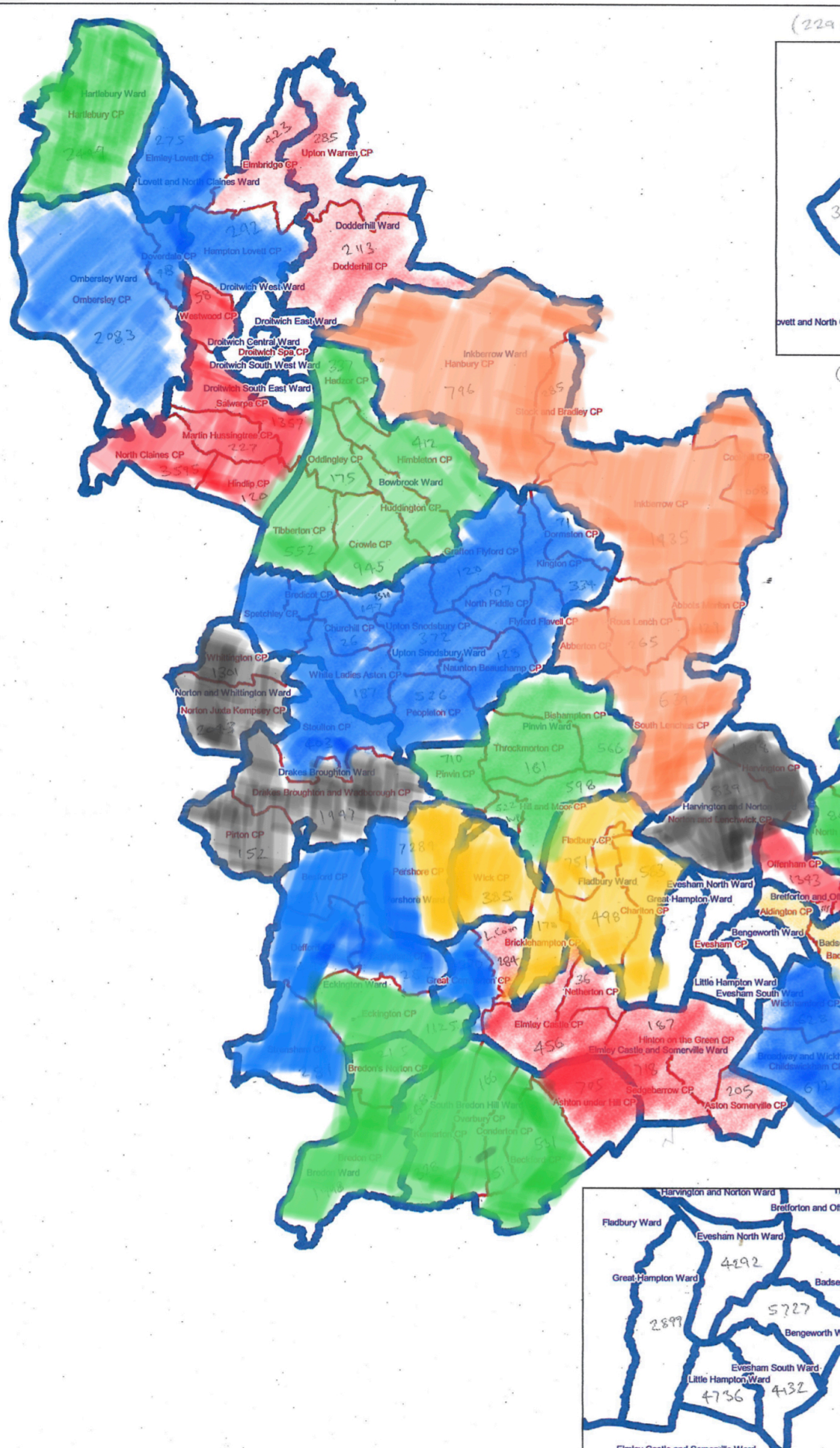
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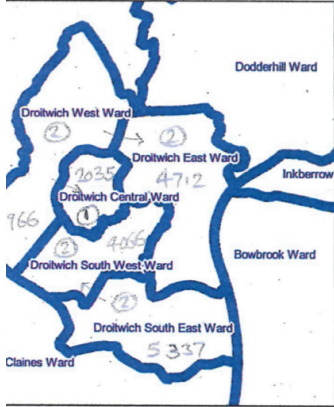
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