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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Dudley Labour Group response to the review of boundaries in Dudley.

Please note that we largely support the proposals put forward by Officers, and our submission is therefore a slight adjustment to their recommendations.

Thank you.

Best wishes.

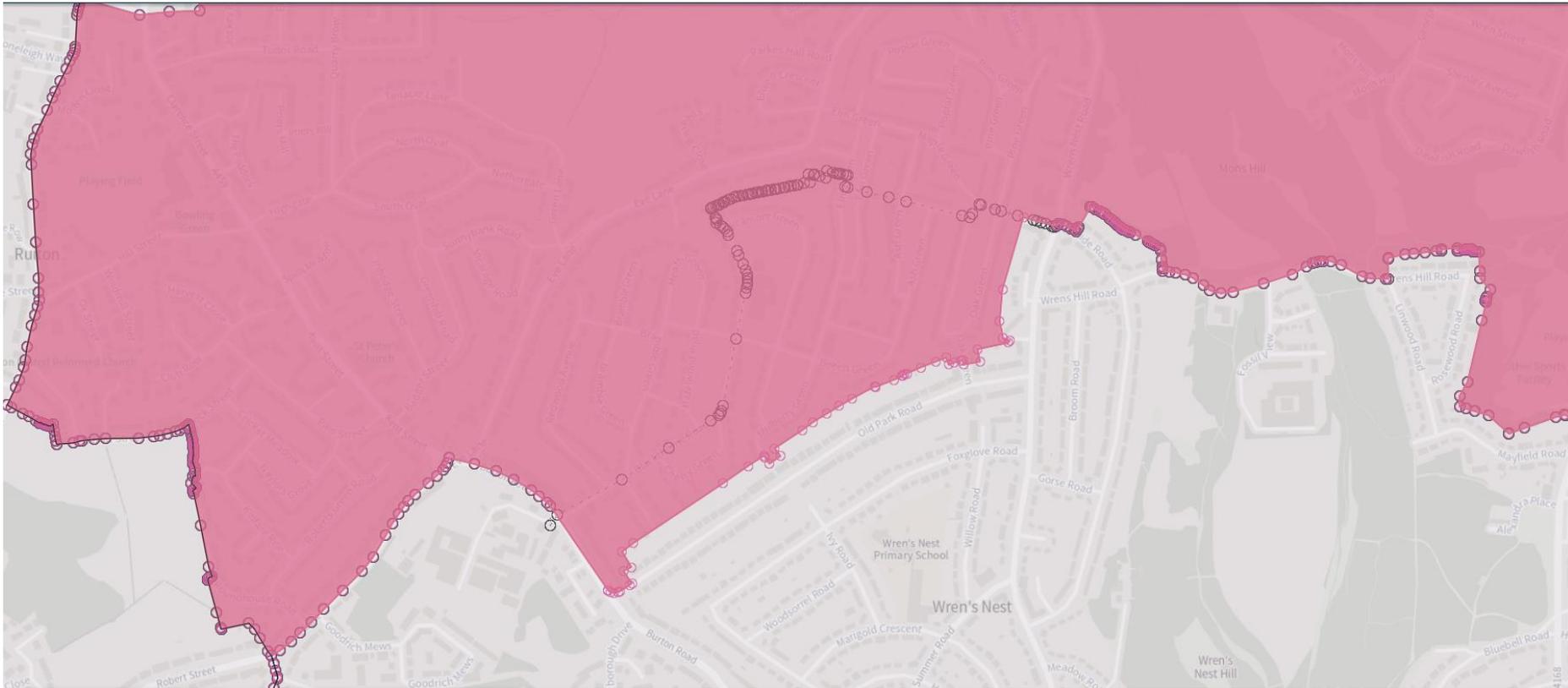
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Detailed proposals from Dudley MBC Labour Group

We have for the most part accepted Officer recommendations with some limited changes.



Detail of proposed Castle & Priory Ward boundary with Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward.

Upper Gornal Woodsetton Ward is shown in pink.

Dudley Officer scenario boundary is shown by the dotted line set back from our proposed boundary, within our proposed Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward.

Dudley Labour Group propose moving Elm Green, Ash Green, Maple Green, Blackthorne Road and Sycamore Green entirely into Upper Gornal. These roads having previously been split.

In addition, our proposal sees Blackthorne Close, Cherry Green, Mulberry Green, Beech Green and Oak Green move into Upper Gornal.

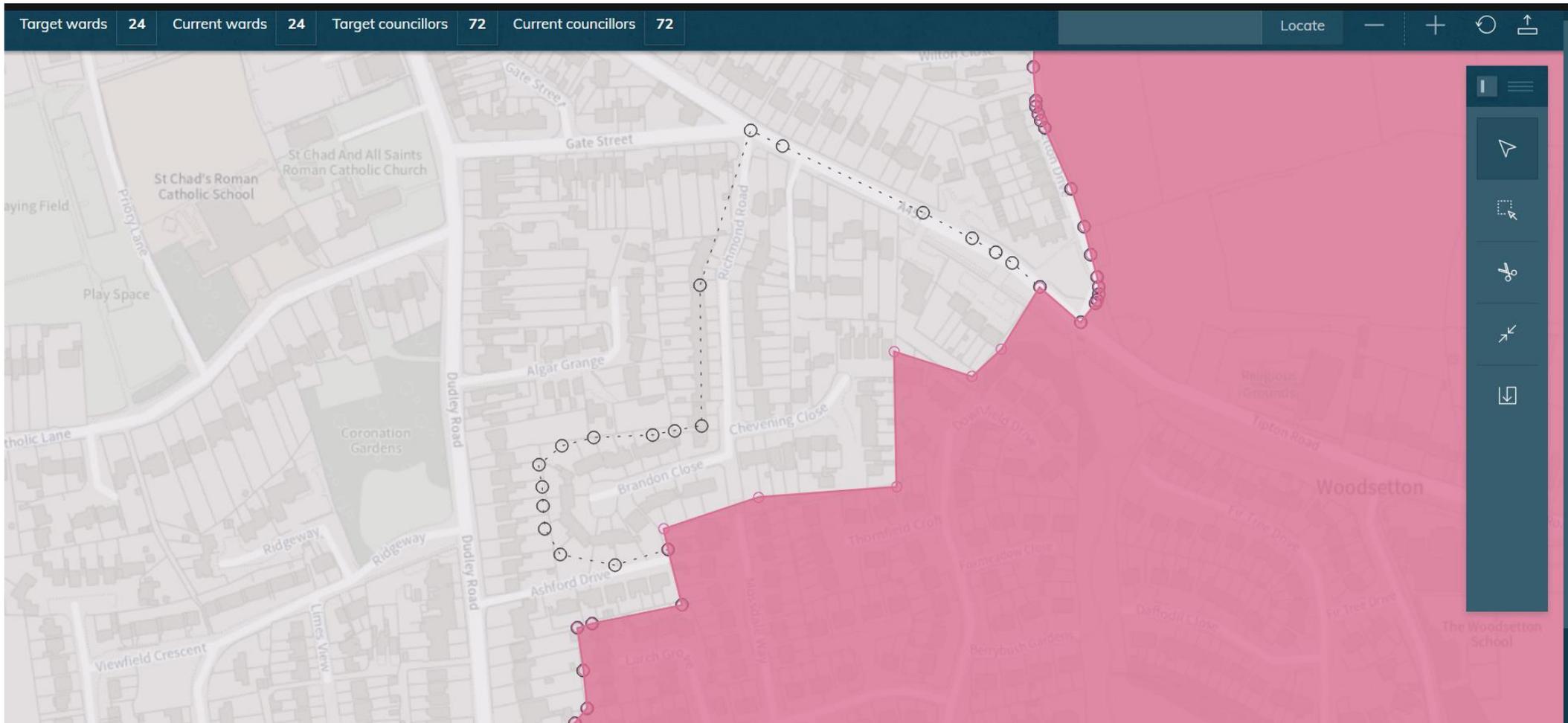
The logic is that bringing the 'Green' estate together in Upper Gornal, reunites a community that was previously separated by the boundary and makes more sense from a community perspective.

Oak Park Road forms part of the Wren's Nest Estate and therefore forms the boundary between the two Wards whilst sitting within Castle and Priory Ward alongside the remainder of the estate.

This provides a more natural division between the two Wards than was previously the case.

The Labour Group submission differs in that respect from the Dudley Officer Submission which does not move this section of the boundary from the current position.

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Detail of proposed Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward boundary with Sedgley Ward.

Upper Gornal Woodsetton Ward is shown in pink.

Dudley Officer scenario boundary is shown by the dotted line around Brandon Close and Richmond Road.

The current boundary is beyond Viewfield crescent within the proposed Sedgley Ward. The Labour Group accept the Officer proposal to shift the boundary to the other side of Dudley Road, but we feel that the Officer boundary misses an opportunity to unite Brandon Close, Chevening Close and Richmond Road with Gate Street and surrounding area, and that our proposal more appropriately reflects the community identity in that locality. Under our proposal these streets would move into Sedgley Ward with the boundary moving further into the existing Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward.

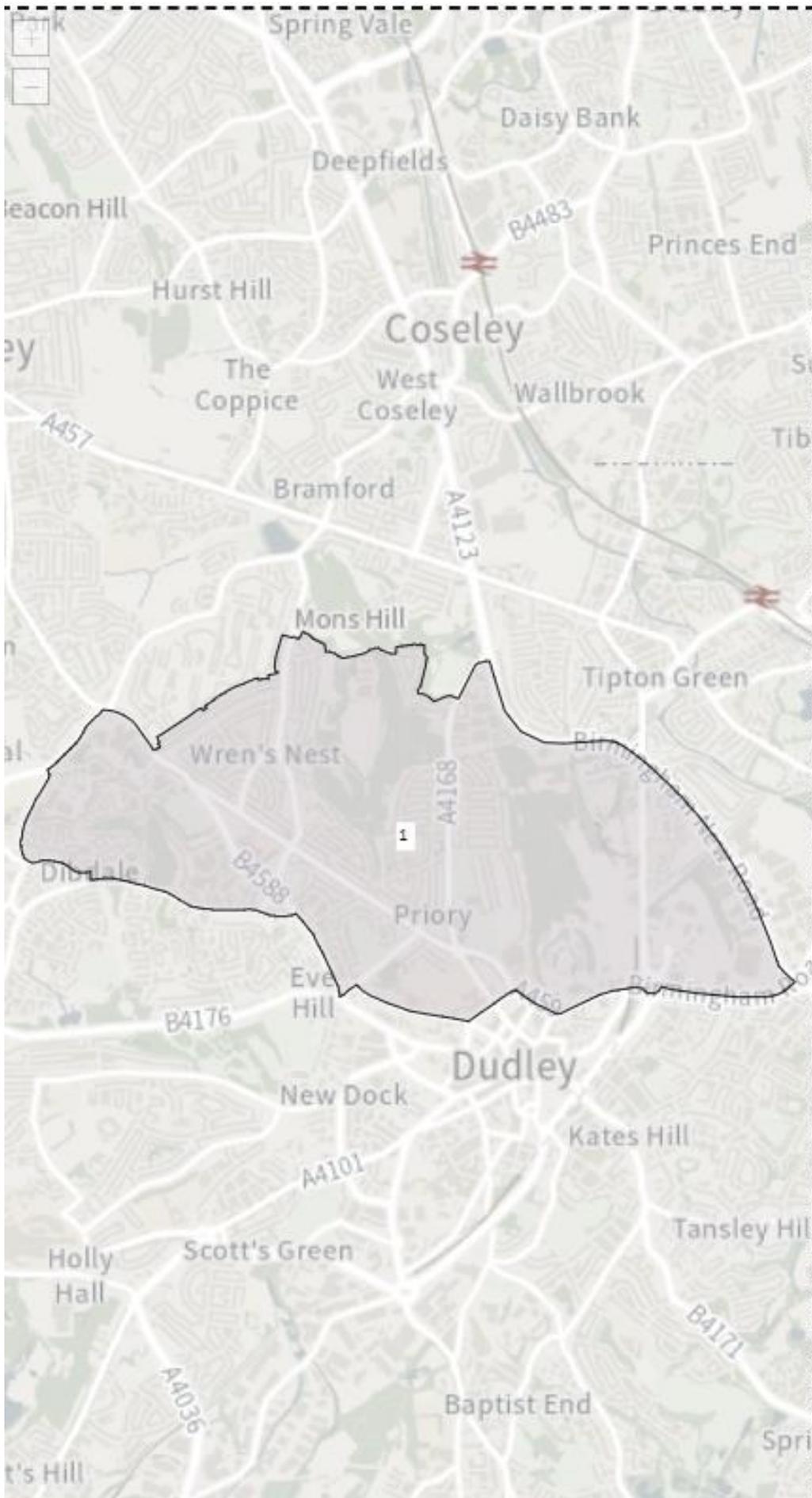
Two Ward name changes are proposed at this stage.

‘Coseley East’ Ward to become ‘Coseley’ Ward, and Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews to become ‘Netherton & Holly Hall’.

‘Coseley East’ is already referred to as ‘Coseley’ in practice and with projected new developments changing the spread of population, it is considered that ‘Coseley’ would be more inclusive.

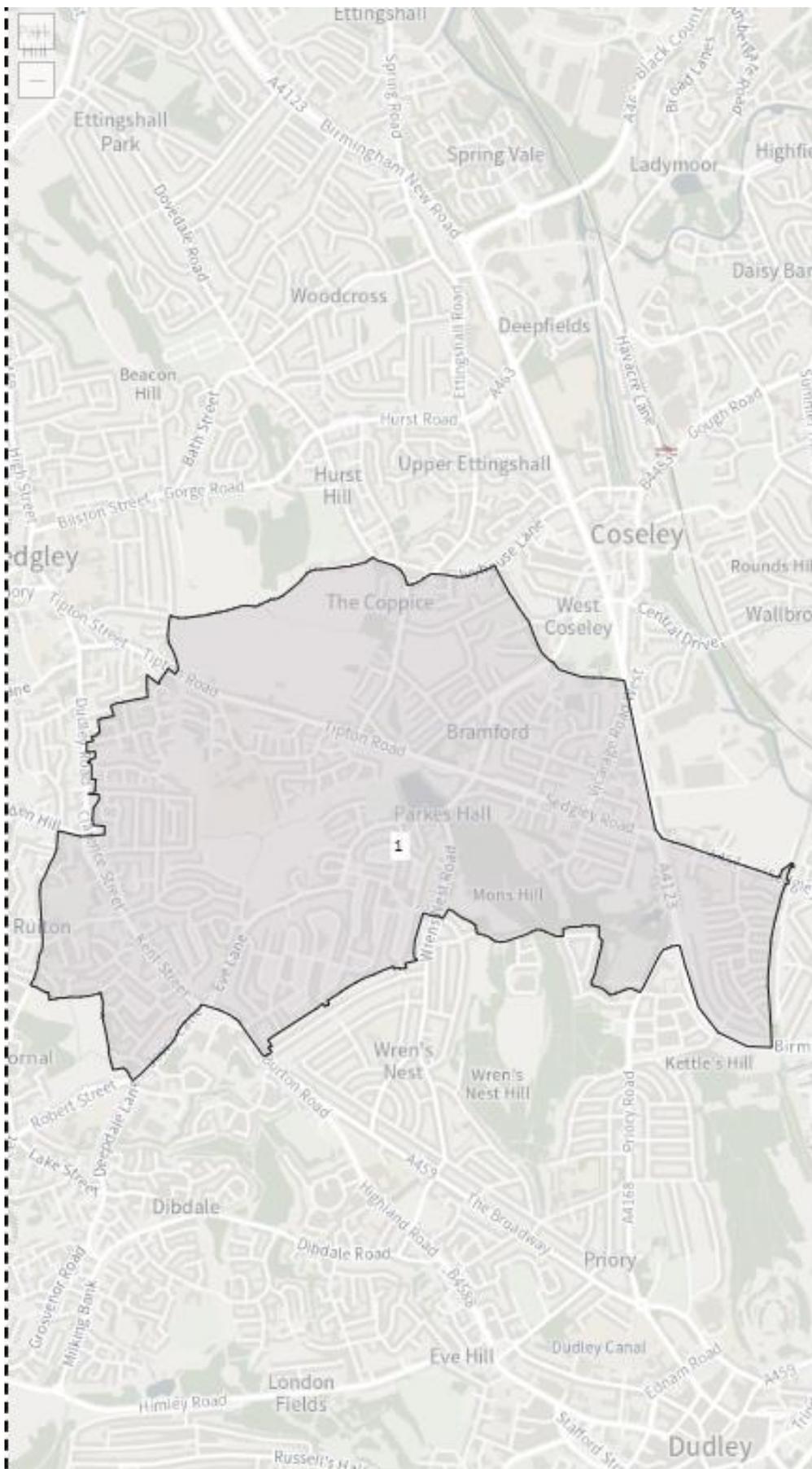
Changing ‘Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews’ to ‘Netherton & Holly Hall’, results in a more succinct identity. It is also more relevant as it relates more directly to the location.

The Labour Group accept the Officer proposal to leave other Ward boundaries and names unchanged at this point.



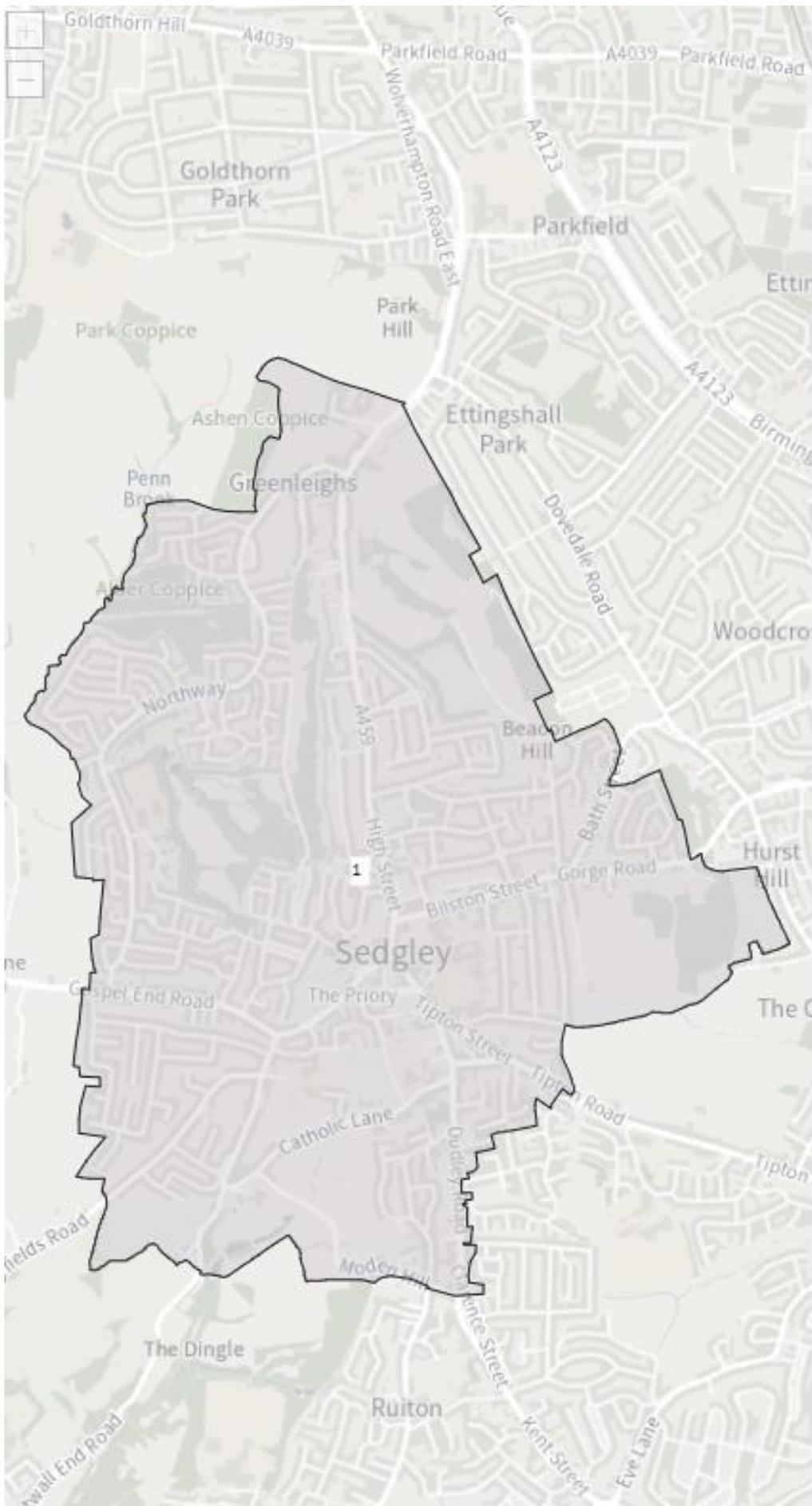
Castle and Priory Ward

Councillors:	3
Property count:	5625
Total Electorate:	10173
CLLr electorate:	3391
Electorate Status:	Balanced
Electorate Target:	
Date/Time	3115 - 3807
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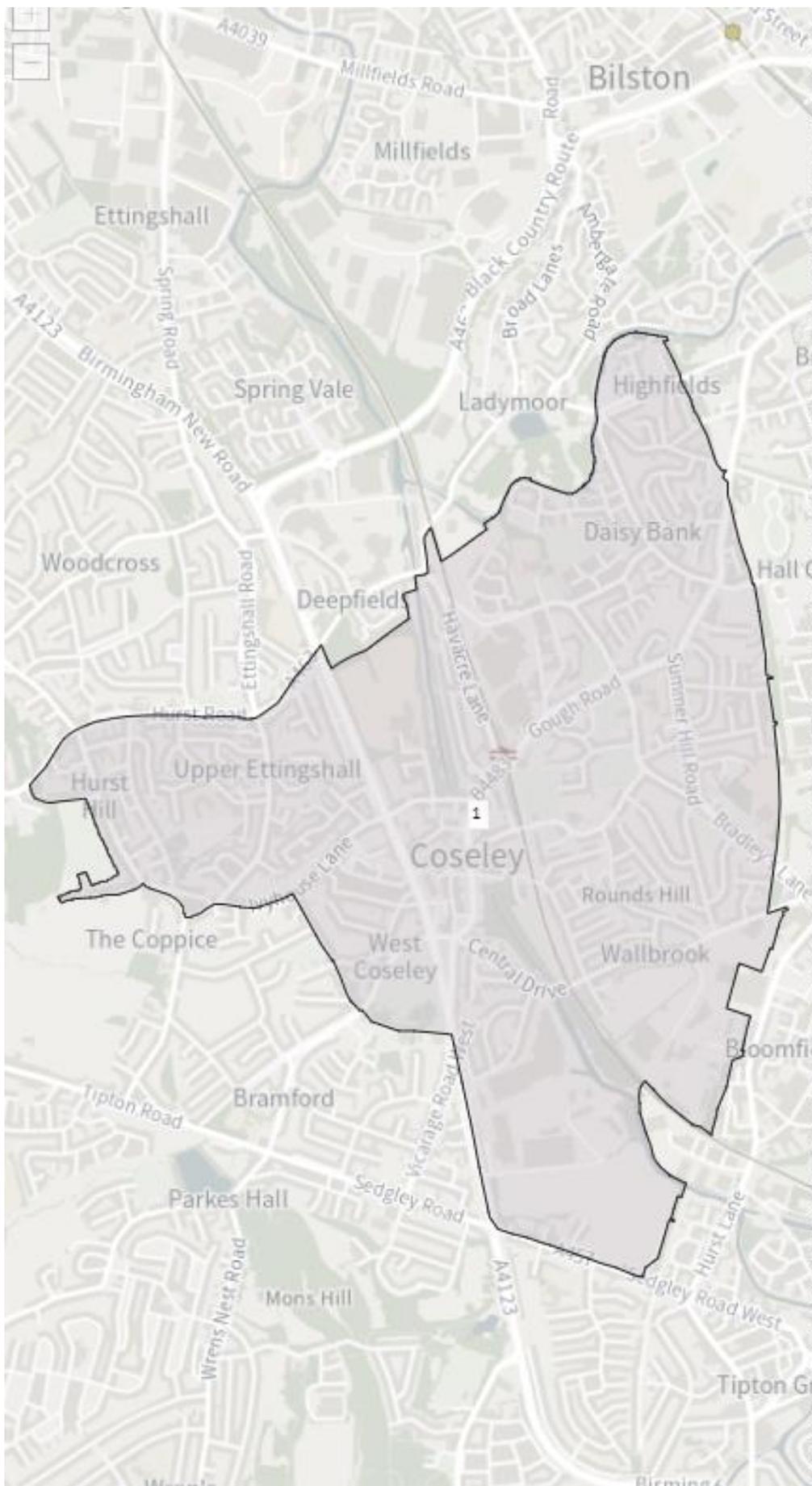
Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward

Councillors:	3
Property count:	6058
Total Electorate:	11079
Cllr electorate:	3693
Electorate Status:	Balanced
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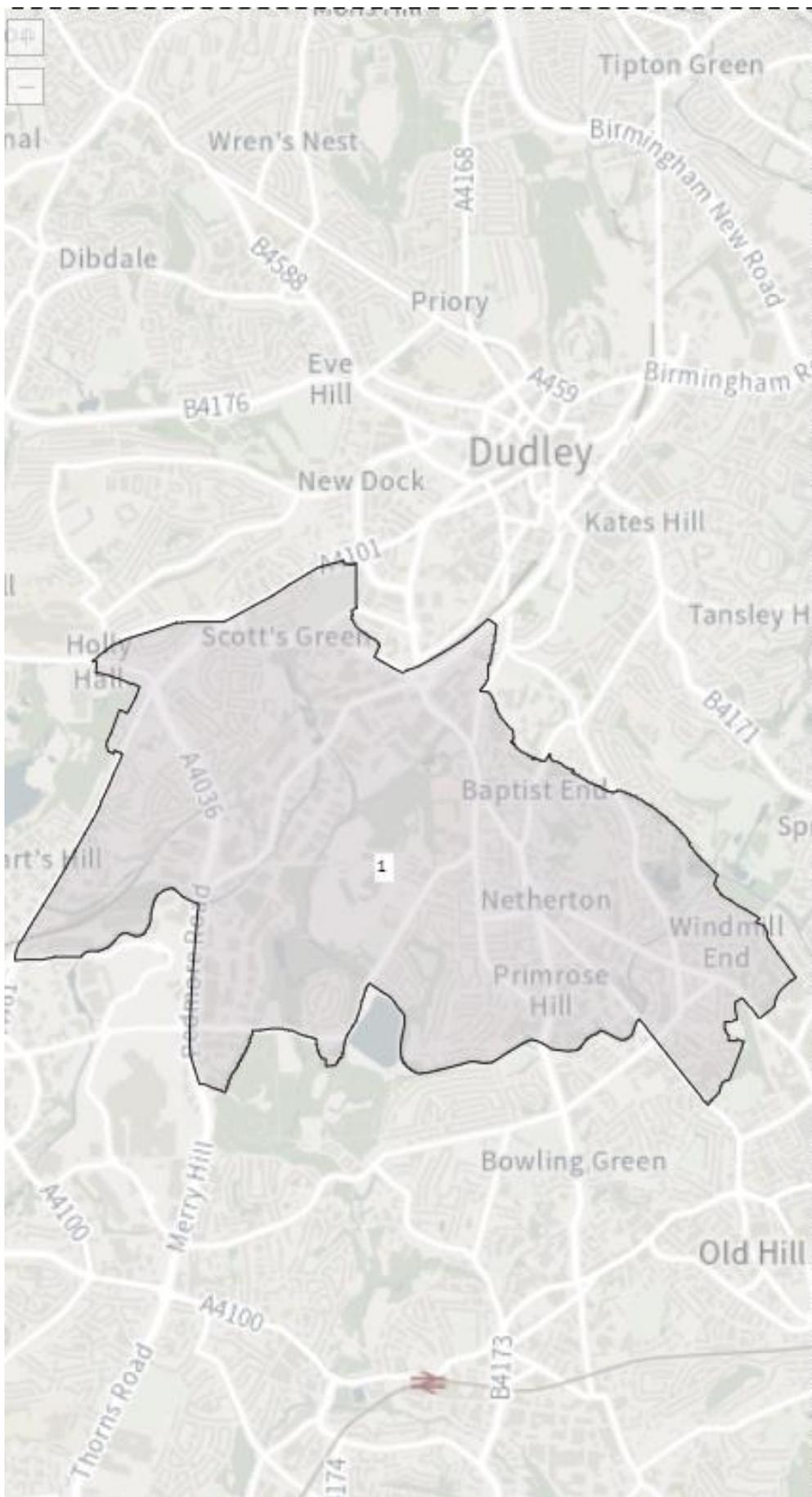
Sedgeley Ward

Councillors:	3
Property count:	5859
Total Electorate:	10803
CLr electorate:	3601
Electorate Status:	Balanced
Electorate Target:	
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Coseley Ward

Councillors:	3
Property count:	5807
Total Electorate:	10302
CLL electorate:	3434
Electorate Status:	Balanced
Electorate Target:	
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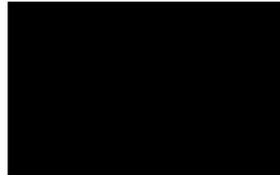


Netherton and Holly Hall Ward

Councillors: 3
Property count: 6385
Total Electorate: 10692
Cllr electorate: 3564
Electorate Status: **Balanced**
Electorate Target:
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Overview report for scenario submitted by

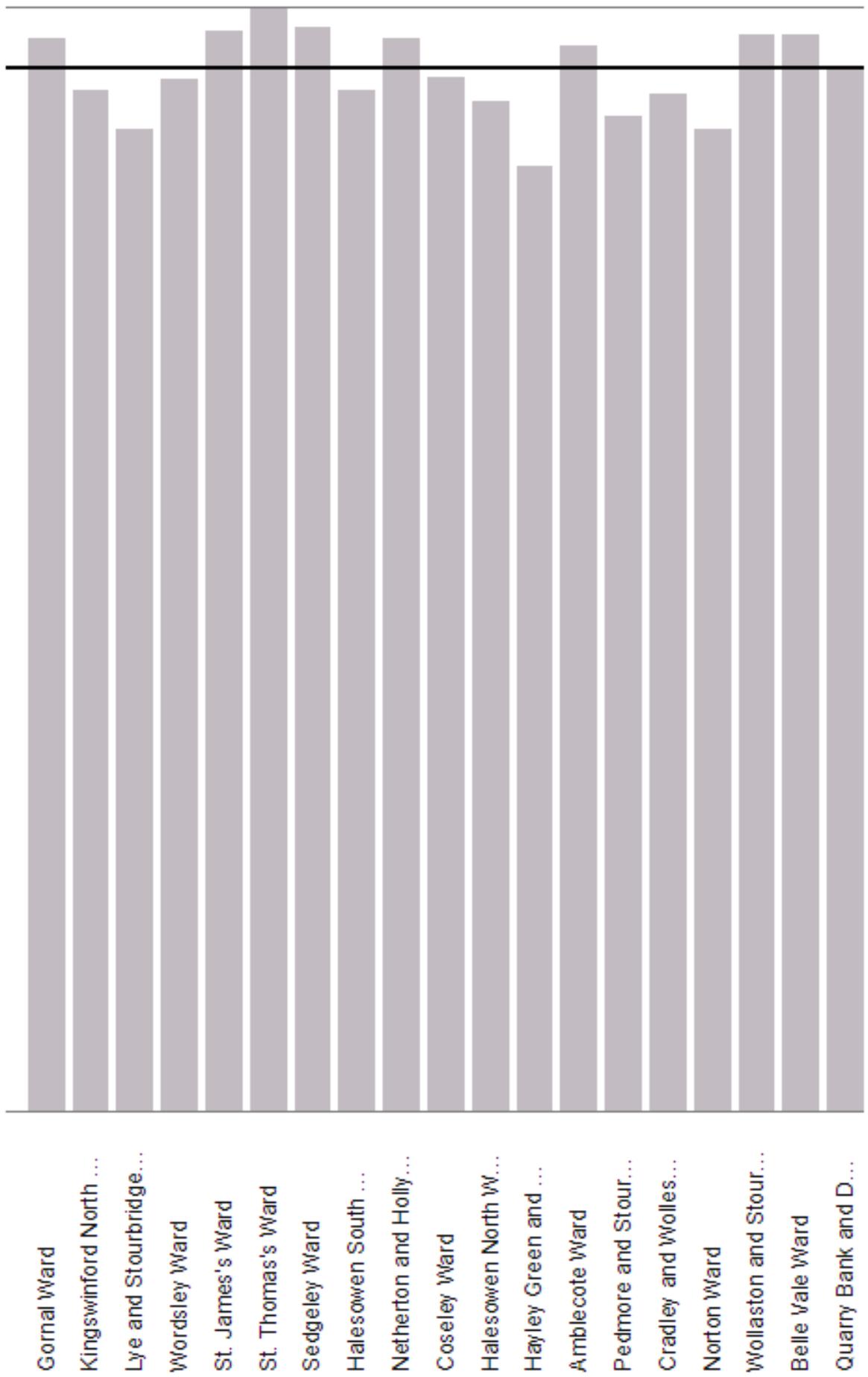


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Ward boundary count:	24
Ward boundaries within tolerance:	24
Ward boundaries not within tolerance:	0
Target range for ward boundaries:	3115 - 3807

3662

3461

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3693

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Brockmoor and Pen...

Upper Gornal and ...

Castle and Priory W...

Kingswinford South ...

Brierley Hill Ward

