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Electoral Variances for Interim Ward Proposals

The tables below set out the electoral variances for the four most popular ward combinations identified through the Member Survey.

The calculations are based on a 54-member North Worcestershire authority and incorporate the projected electorates arising from the Millsborough House development in Central Ward and Phases 5 and 6 of the Brockhill development in Batchley & Brockhill Ward.

From an electoral equality perspective, **Scenario 1** provides the strongest option, as it results in only one ward having an electoral variance greater than 12%.

By contrast, **Scenario 6** performs least favourably, with all ward variances exceeding 12% and ranging between 16% and 20%.

Using a variance threshold of 12% as a benchmark, the remaining scenarios each contain four wards with variances above this level.

Given that **Winyates Ward** has an electoral variance of **-20%**, it is recommended that it be combined with a neighbouring ward to form a three-member unitary ward.

Scenario 1

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill	7745	2	3872.5	-10%
2 Member Ward	Central	7604	2	3802	-12%
2 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside	7692	2	3846	-11%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	Matchborough & Woodrow	7700	2	3850	-11%
3 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham with Webheath & Callow Hill	14321	3	4773.666667	10%
3 Member Ward	North with Winyates	14156	3	4718.666667	9%

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Scenario 2

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside	7692	2	3846	-11%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	Matchborough & Woodrow	7700	2	3850	-11%
2 Member Ward	North	7220	2	3610	-17%
2 Member Ward	Winyates	6936	2	3468	-20%
3 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham with Webheath & Callow Hil	14321	3	4773.666667	10%
3 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill with Central	15349	3	5116.333333	18%

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Scenario 3

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill	7745	2	3872.5	-10%
2 Member Ward	Central	7604	2	3802	-12%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	North	7220	2	3610	-17%
2 Member Ward	Winyates	6936	2	3468	-20%
3 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham with Webheath & Callow Hil	14321	3	4773.666667	10%
3 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside with Matchborough & Woodrow	15392	3	5130.666667	19%

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Scenario 4

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	7035	2	3517.5	-19%
2 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside	7692	2	3846	-11%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	Matchborough & Woodrow	7700	2	3850	-11%
2 Member Ward	Webheath & Callow Hill	7286	2	3643	-16%
3 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill with Central	15349	3	5116.333333	18%
3 Member Ward	North with Winyates	14156	3	4718.666667	9%

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Scenario 5

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	7035	2	3517.5	-19%
2 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill	7745	2	3872.5	-10%
2 Member Ward	Central	7604	2	3802	-12%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	Webheath & Callow Hill	7286	2	3643	-16%
3 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside with Matchborough & Woodrow	15392	3	5130.666667	19%
3 Member Ward	North with Winyates	14156	3	4718.666667	9%

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Scenario 6

Description	Ward	Electors	No. of Seats	Electors Per Seat	Variance
2 Member Ward	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	7035	2	3517.5	-19%
2 Member Ward	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	7243	2	3621.5	-16%
2 Member Ward	North	7220	2	3610	-17%
2 Member Ward	Webheath & Callow Hill	7286	2	3643	-16%
2 Member Ward	Winyates	6936	2	3468	-20%
3 Member Ward	Batchley & Brockhill with Central	15349	3	5116.333333	18%
3 Member Ward	Greenlands & Lakeside with Matchborough & Woodrow	15392	3	5130.666667	19%