

# Solihull

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## Comment text:

I do not agree with the boundaries defining the four central Solihull wards mentioned below and suggest that a small rebalancing could give a more balanced outcome.

It seems that a more balanced representation voters per councillor would be a better achieved by reducing the size of the proposed Sharmans Cross and St. Alphege+... wards and increasing the size of the Silhill and Olton wards, with the latter two both having negative variances relative to the overall average, while the former two are at or close to the allowed 10% limit. Giveb that these four wards are contiguous, there must be a better way to optimise the boundaries. While having easily identifiable natural or built features that define a boundary, this is only one of several considerations, and as this is largely about having fair representation via a councillor, the actual geographic boundary definition does not have to be e.g. a main road, it could equally well be an abitrary line drawn on map. It is not as though most people will recall their ward based on the boundary, rather they will look up who their councillor is should they need to contact them.

Having read some of the inputs from the public and noting how few there were, I don't expect another submission to have any impact.

As several of the inputs from members of the publiic seem to be concerned by a perceived status associated with the name of a give ward, is it worth considering simply assign a number or random word fo identify each ward?

Best regards,

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*