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Subject: Dudley Council- Officer Ward Boundary Review Proposals Pt1
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[Dudley Council Ward Changes Abstract.docx](#)
[Proposed Map Borough.pdf](#)

Dear Review Team,

Dudley Council officers have put together some ward pattern recommendations for the current Local Boundary Review.

Please find the submission for ward boundary changes that the council has prepared attached.

Please note that because of limits to the email outbox the files will need to be sent in 3 emails. Additionally I have provided an borough map along with ward maps for the wards where we have proposed a change. Should you require further information we can also supply a geojson file.

If you have any queries or require further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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[Proposed Coseley East Ward.pdf](#)

Ward maps showing proposed changes

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Attachments: [Proposed Sedgley Ward.pdf](#)
[Proposed Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward.pdf](#)

Dear Reviews Team,

Please find the final email showing altered ward maps.

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Overview

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) called for a review of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council as 20 years had elapsed since our last review. One of the aims of the LGBCE review is to create 'electoral equality', where the number of electors per councillor is as even as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

The LGBCE has already agreed to the Council's proposal that the number of wards and ward members should remain at the current levels (24 wards and 72 councillors) as this ensures the Council is able to carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

The LGBCE therefore has invited proposals for new ward patterns that would be represented by 72 councillors. All such proposals need to be made to the Commission by 15th March 2023. The commission listens to all proposals and proposals can be made by members of the public, political groups, community groups etc.

As part of the process a working group of Council officers have put forward a submission of proposed ward boundary changes.

This submission has taken the following criteria into account regarding proposed boundary changes:

- Any identifiable extant communities
- Existing locally recognised community boundaries
- The projected 2028 electorate and the effect this will have on 'electoral equality' going forward
- Notable geographical features that form natural boundaries

Using the 2028 projected figures agreed by the LGBCE only Castle and Priory Ward falls outside of the 10% preferred margin (See table below).

Name of ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2028	Variance 2028
Amblecote	3	10,606	2%
Belle Vale	3	10,726	3%
Brierley Hill	3	10,703	3%
Brockmoor and Pensnett	3	10,451	1%
Castle and Priory	3	12,083	16%
Coseley East	3	9,997	-4%
Cradley and Wollescote	3	10,132	-2%
Gornal	3	10,679	3%
Halesowen North	3	10,068	-3%
Halesowen South	3	10,173	-2%
Hayley Green and Cradley South	3	9,413	-9%
Kingswinford North and Wall Heath	3	10,166	-2%

Kingswinford South	3	10,402	0%
Lye and Stourbridge North	3	9,773	-6%
Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews	3	10,693	3%
Norton	3	9,772	-6%
Pedmore and Stourbridge East	3	9,905	-5%
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	3	10,397	0%
St. James's	3	10,764	4%
St. Thomas's	3	10,987	6%
Sedgley	3	9,880	-5%
Upper Gornal and Woodsetton	3	10,388	0%
Wollaston and Stourbridge Town	3	10,728	3%
Wordsley	3	10,275	-1%

It was the work group's opinion that the vast majority of existing wards already had clearly defined local boundaries either demarcated by obvious geographical features or well-established historic community borders. Additionally, the fact that nearly the entirety of the wards all sit comfortably within the allowed variance, meant that in large parts there is no real requirement to alter the majority of ward boundaries.

Changes

Castle and Priory Ward —————> Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward

Castle and Priory Ward sits outside the allowed electoral population variance both currently and in the projected 2028 population figures.

In order to bring the ward into alignment it was necessary to move around 1500 electors out of the ward.

The estate sitting south of the Sedgley Road/Sedgley Road West comprising Foxyards Road and the roads off it have a population of around 1000 electors. This area sits across the busy Birmingham New Road A4123 essentially uncoupling it from the rest of the Castle and Priory Ward.

We suggest that the 'Foxyards Estate' south of the Sedgley Road/Sedgley Road West be moved to the adjoining Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward with which it shares a contiguous border. It also follows the pattern of the southern section of Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward being oriented along the Sedgley Road/Sedgley Road West axis.

Castle and Priory Ward —————> Coseley East Ward

The properties that lie on the northern side Sedgley Road/Sedgley Road West and the land south of Bean Road (projected to be around 500 electors) should be folded into the Coseley East Ward. This area has planning for new residential development that will be partially placed on the site of the old Bean Motor Cars factory which has historic associations with Coseley and Tipton. Again, the main Sedgley road forms a natural border to the ward.

Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward —————▶ Sedgley Ward

The section of Dudley Road (A459) to the north of Clarence Road along with roads off including The Ridgeway (774 electors) should be moved to Sedgley as the Dudley Road forms a natural boundary between Upper Gornal and Woodsetton and sits on the same elevated plateau as the rest of Sedgley. The Ridgeway and Dudley Road also surround the perimeter of Coronation Gardens a small park associated with Sedgley.

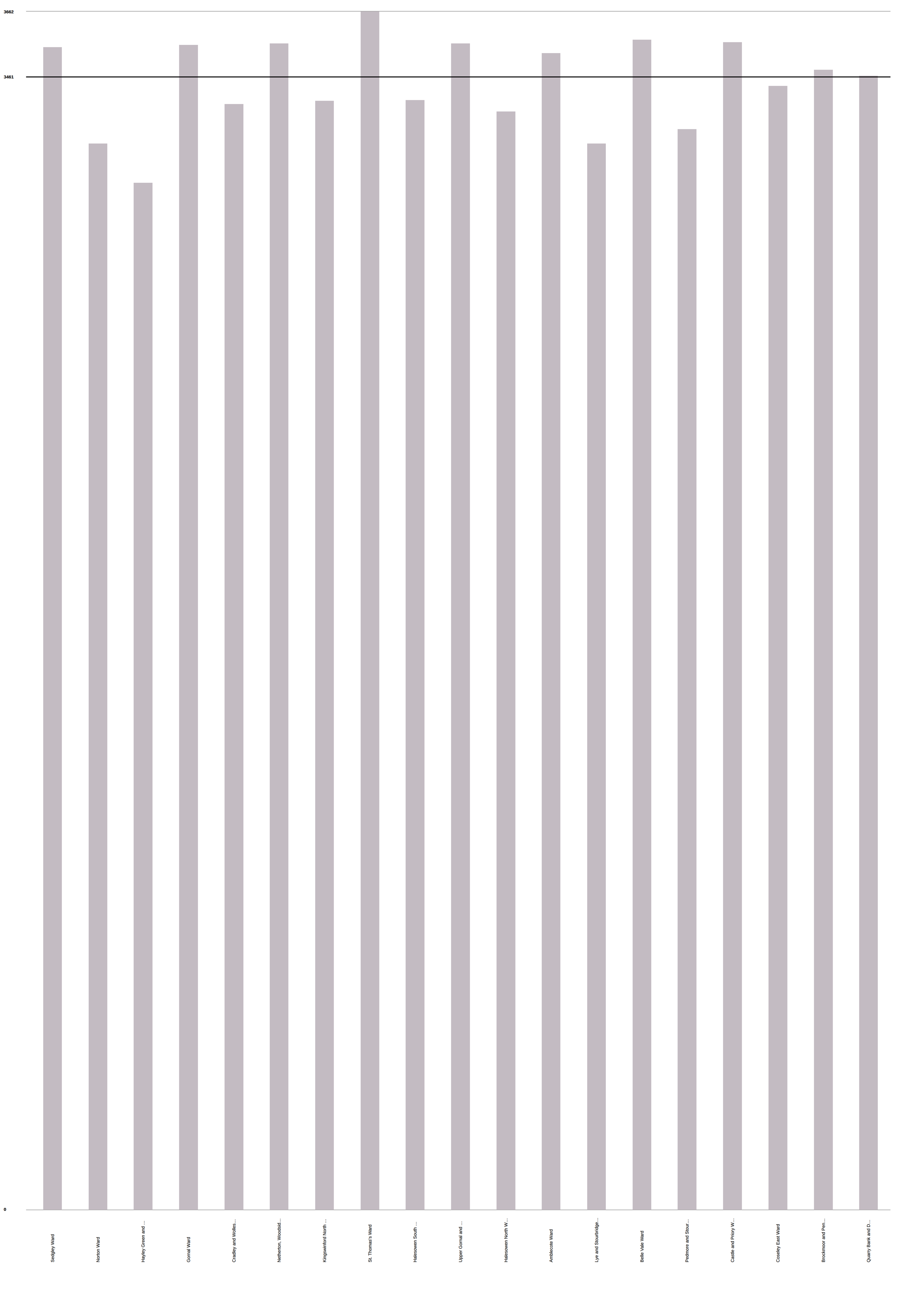


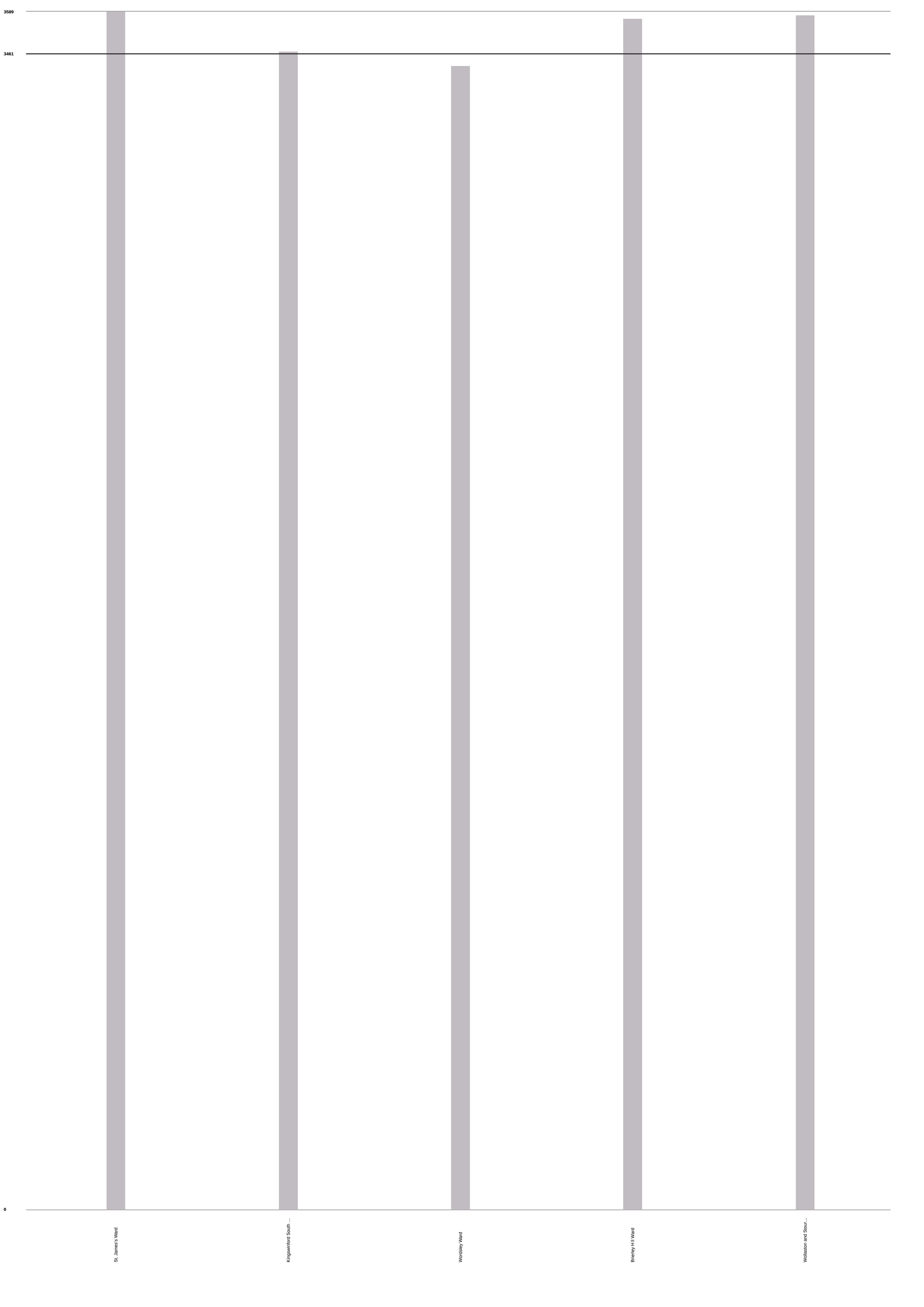
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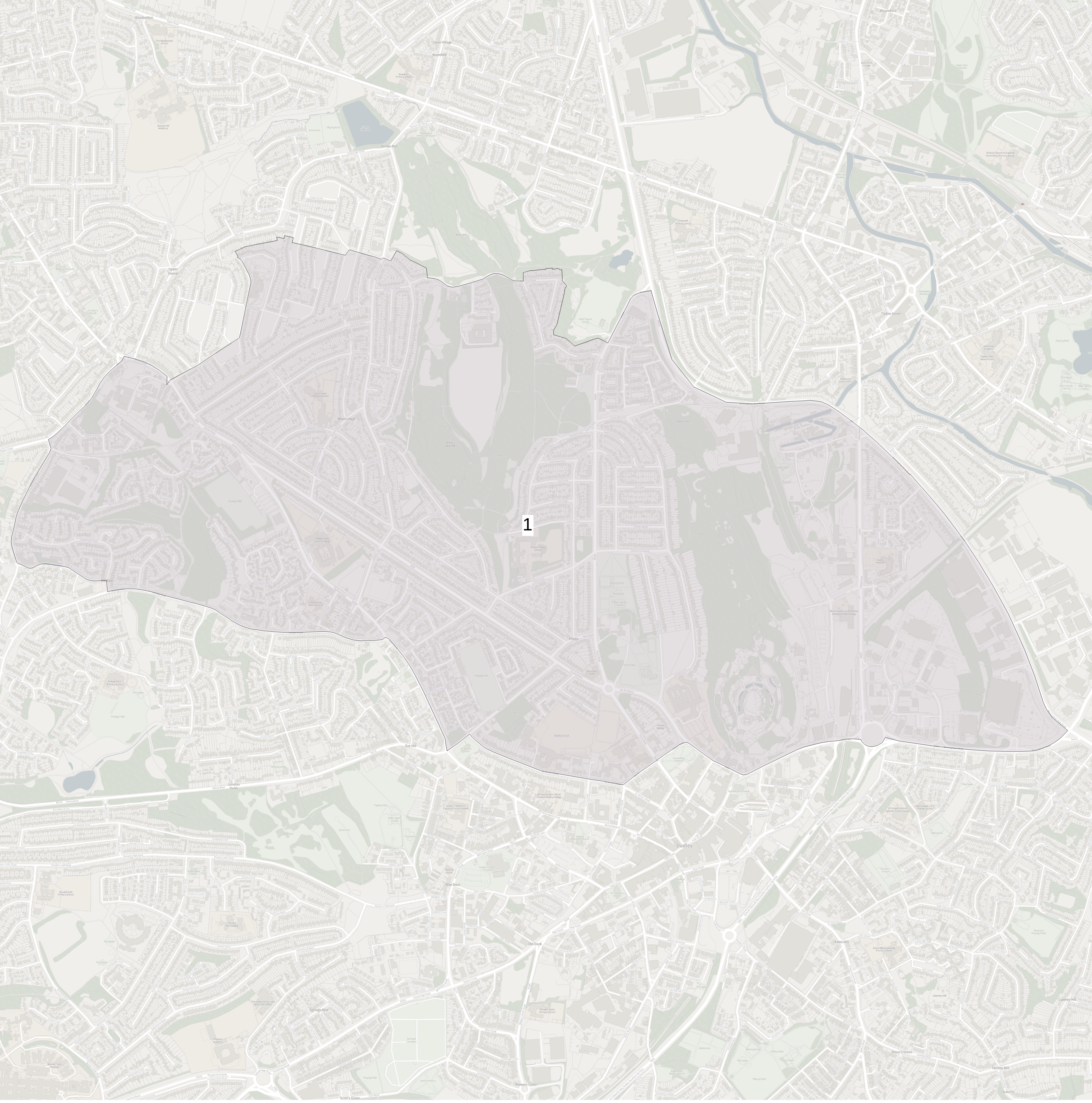


Overview report for scenario submitted by
Dudley Council Officers

Date/Time submitted:	27/02/2023 13:31
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Ward boundaries within tolerance:	24
Ward boundaries not within tolerance:	0
Target range for ward boundaries:	3115 - 3807

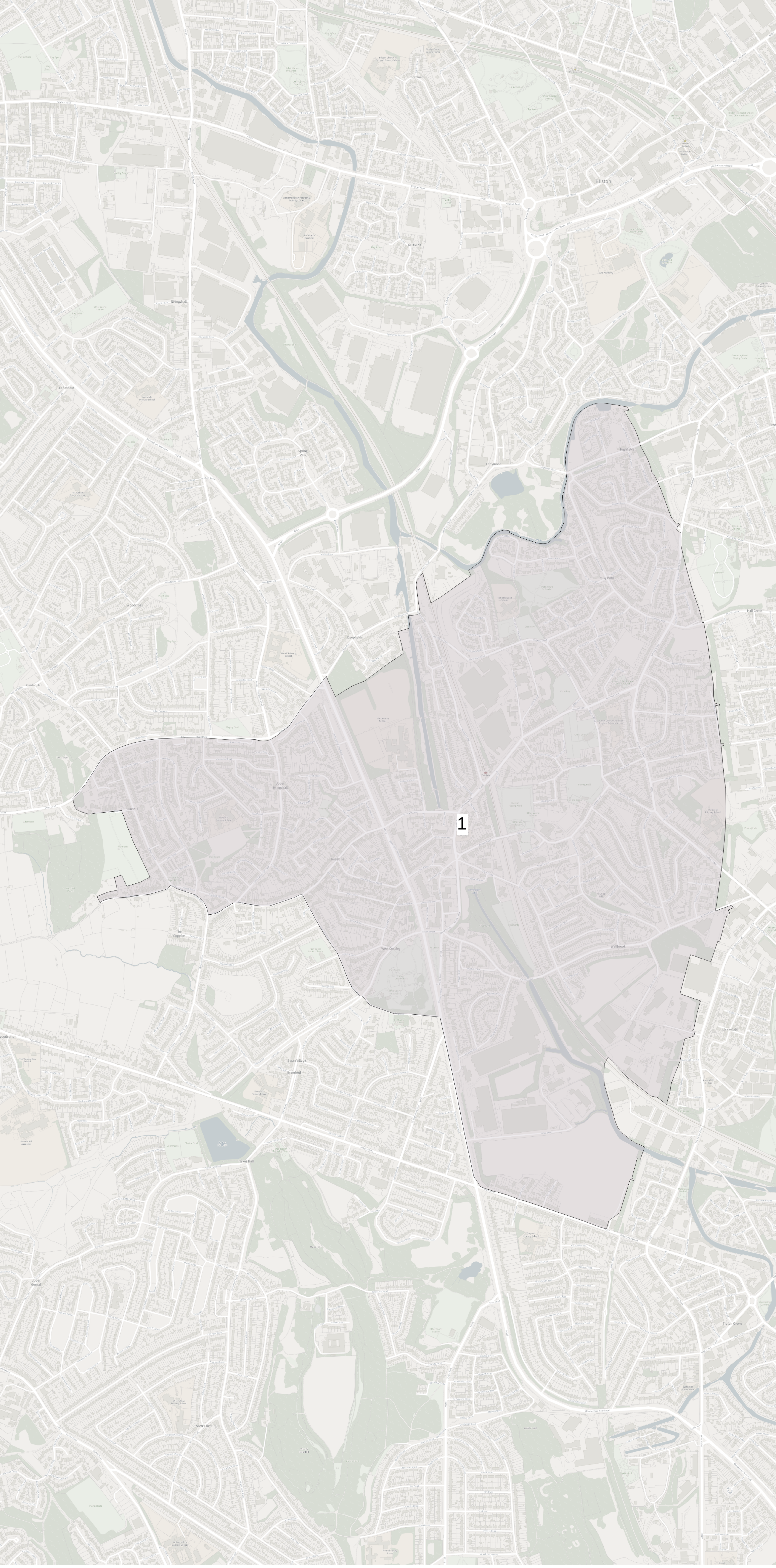






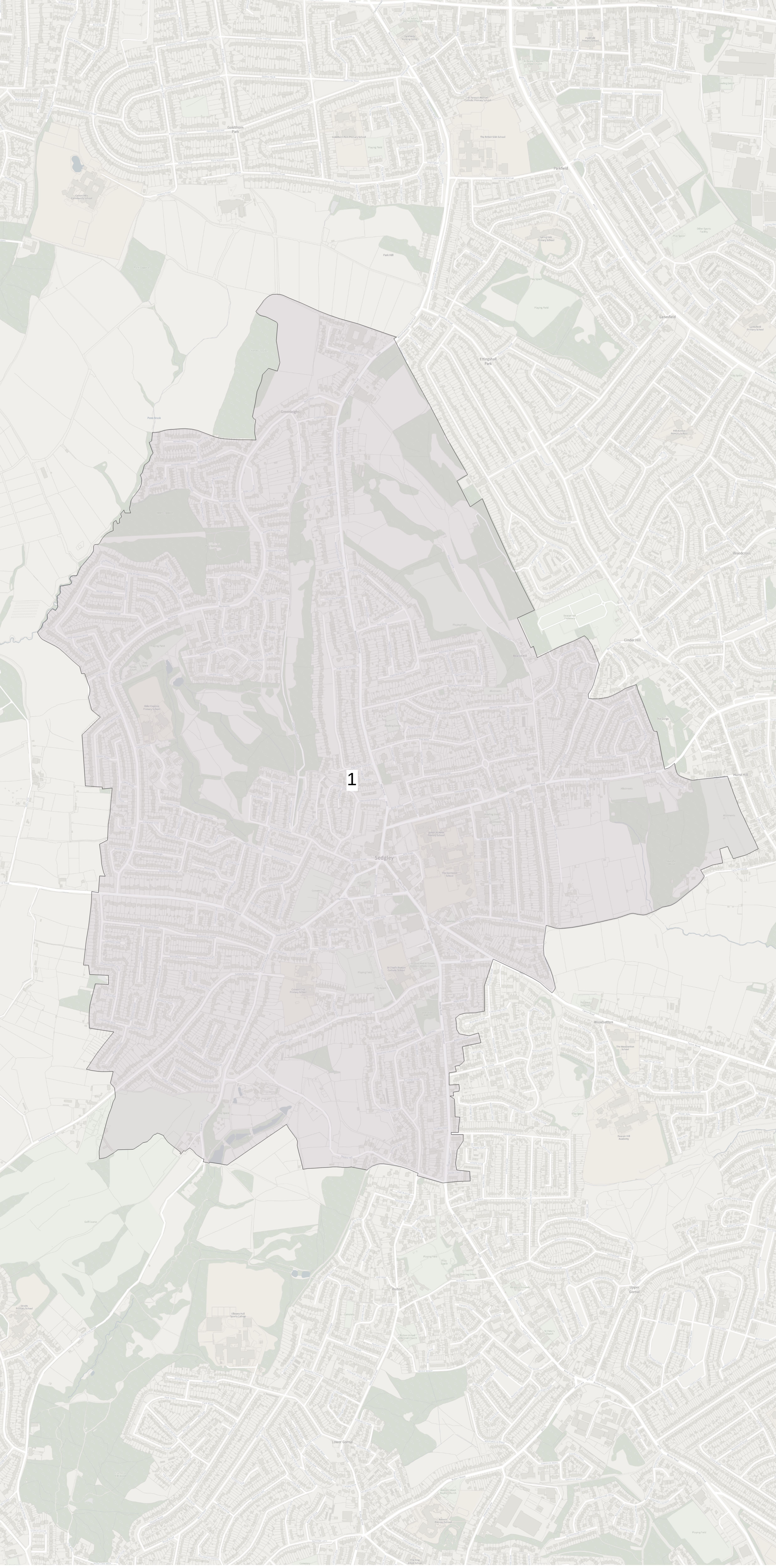
Castle and Prory Ward

Councilors	3
Property count	5910
Overall Electorate	10701
Cll election age	3567
Electorate Status	Balanced
Electorate range	3115 - 3807
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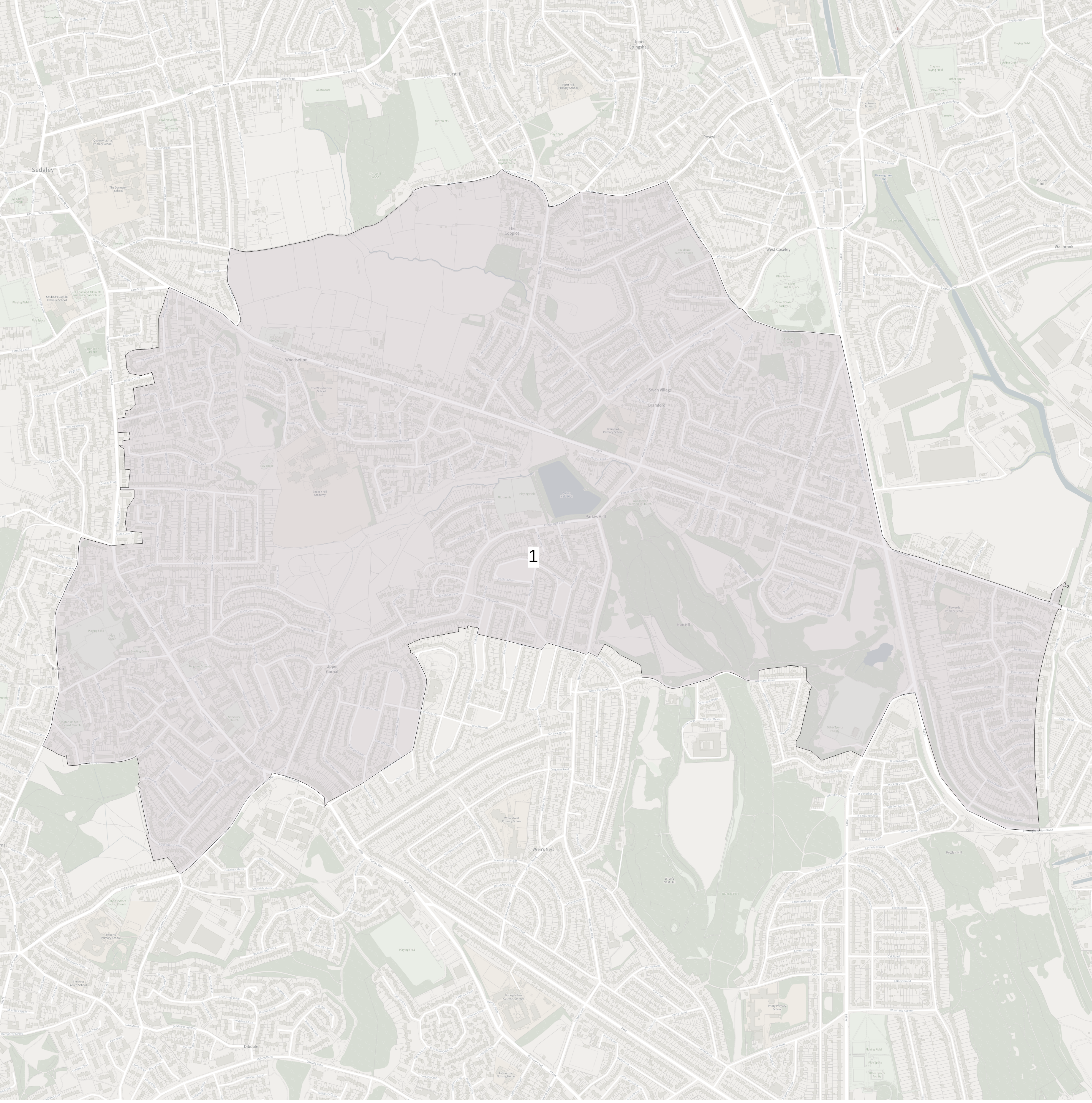
Coseley East Ward

Council seats	3
Property count	5807
Total Electorate	10302
Electoral Balance	3434
Electoral Status	Balanced
Electoral Margin	
Date of Review	3115 - 3807
Submitted	17 02 2023 10 57



Sedgley Ward

Council seats	3
Property count	5788
Overall Electorate	10659
Candidate	3553
Electorate Status	Balanced
Electorate age	
Date time	3115 - 3807
Submitted	27 02 2023 13 31



Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward

Councilors	3
Open type count	5844
Overall Electoral	10692
Climate Electoral	3564
Electoral Status	Banded
Electoral range	3115 - 3807
Date time Submitted	17 02 2023 10 57



Sedgley Ward (3553)

Coseley East Ward (3434)

Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward (3564)

Gornal Ward (3560)

Castle and Priory Ward (3567)

St. James's Ward (3589)

Kingswinford North and Wall Heath Ward (3389)

St. Thomas's Ward (3662)

Brockmoor and Pensnett Ward (3483)

Kingswinford South Ward (3468)

Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews Ward (3564)

Wordsley Ward (3425)

Brierley Hill Ward (3567)

Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood Ward (3465)

Amblecote Ward (3535)

Halesowen North Ward (3356)

Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Ward (3577)

Stourbridge North Ward (3258)

Cradley and Wollescote Ward (3378)

Hale Vale Ward (3575)

Halesowen South Ward (3391)

Norton Ward (3258)

Pedmore and Stourbridge East Ward (3302)

Havley Green and Cradley South Ward (3138)