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Appendix 1: Summary of changes

	Drakes Cross	Hollywood	Wythall North	Wythall South	Total
Start (Electorate)	2552	2434	2496	2418	9900
Alcester Road (Even nos South of Silver St)	-11			11	
Alcester Road (72 - 92)	40	-40			
Alcester Road (nos 2 - 70)		-27	27		
Alcester Road South		-1	1		
Alder Close	-27	27			
Alfreda Avenue		-48	48		
Arden Road	60	-60			
Aspen Grove	-23	23			
Beaudesert Road	70	-70			
Beaudesrt Close	17	-17			
Beech Road	-61	61			
Bramley Drive	-62	62			
Cherry Walk	-39	39			
Crabmill Lane	-2		2		
Dark Lane (north side - evens)		-90	90		
Dark Lane (south side - odds)	34	-34			
Elmwood	33	-33			
Forest Way	-78	78			
Hawthorne Drive	-86	86			
Hazel Drive	-68	68			
Holly Drive	-23	23			
Hollywood Gardens		-25	25		
Hollywood Lane	-33	33			
Houndsfield Lane	-76	76			
Houndsfield Lane (south side)	-8			8	
May Farm Close	54	-54			
May Lane	31	-31			
Middle Lane (east between Silver st & Packhorse)	50		-50		
New Road		-67	67		
Oak Tree Lane	-43	43			
Oakwood Road	128	-128			
Orchard Way		-36	36		
Packhorse Lane	46		-46		
Rowan Close	-58	58			
Shawhurst Lane (50 - 186)	-102	102			
Silver Birch Drive	-56	56			
Silver St	53		-53		
Sycamore Drive (total)	-119	119			
The Hurst	55	-55			
Warmington Road	48	-48			
Woodcroft	-14	14			
Woodleaves		-44	44		
Proposed amended electorate	2282	2494	2687	2437	9900
Variance	-6%	2%	10%	0%	

- Wythall South has been created using the current electoral role
- Wythall North has been created by the residual area not including Wythall South, and the proposed Hollywood and Drakes Cross wards
- The above change log includes proposed amendments to Drakes Cross and Hollywood wards

Appendix 2: Breakdown by Street

Proposed Amended Drakes Cross Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester Road	169
Arden Road	60
Baccabox Lane	30
Batemens Lane	26
Beaudesert Close	17
Beaudesert Road	70
Burford Road	20
Chesterwood	49
Danford Road	12
Dark Lane	35
Drakes Close	3
Elmwood Grove	33
Falstaff Avenue	100
Flax Close	25
Hadley Close	56
Houndsfield Lane	16
Houndsfield Grove	32
Laburnam Close	66
Lime Close	62
Love Lane	7
May Farm Close	54
May Lane	31
Middle Lane	50
Mynors Crescent	75
Oakwood Road	128
Packhorse Lane	75
Paddocks Road	58
Park Croft	14
Pearmans Croft	45
RyeCroft	31
Shawfield	48
Shawhurst Lane	116
Silver Street	192
Simms Lane	101
Sycamore Drive	43
The Close	26
The Hurst	55
The Innage	81
The Reddings	18
The Willows	22
Warmington Road	48
Wilmore Lane	28
Woodrush Drive	40
Yarn Close	15
Total	2282

Proposed Amended Hollywood Ward

Street	Electorate
Alcester Road	126
Alder Close	27
Alveston Road	58
Aspen Grove	23
Beech Road	61
Bramley Drive	62
Chantry Close	49
Cherry Walk	39
Coppice Gardens	29
Corbett Road	137
Douglas Road	152
Dyas Road	116
Easton Grove	32
Fenton Road	49
Fieldways Close	30
Forest Way	78
GreenGables Drive	39
Hawthorne Drive	86
Hazel Draive	68
Heath Road	46
Holly Drive	23
Hollywood Drive	29
Hollywood Lane	163
Houndsfield Lane	76
Kenway	14
Lee Road	40
Lynbrook Close	107
May Lane	70
Mill Close	18
Oak Tree Lane	43
Rowan Close	58
Shawhurst Croft	45
Shawhurst Gardens	10
Shawhurst Lane	219
Silver Birch Drive	56
Simon Road	71
Sycamore Drive	119
The Orchards	12
Woodcroft	14
Total	2494

Proposed New Wythall North Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester Road	29
Alcester Road South	1
Alfreda Avenue	48
Barford Crescent	29
Bell Green Lane	23
Berry Mound View	41
Cambria Close	32
Chelworth Road	79
Clewshaw Lane	8
Cophthorne Drive	23
Crabmill Lane	60
Dark Lane	118
Drawbridge Road	21
Druids Lane	47
Fordrough	0
Fords Road	68
Foxhope Close	68
Gay Hill Lane	4
Goodrest Lane	6
Grimpits Lane	21
Harbinger Road	34
Haslucks Green Road	143
Hayle Close	25
Headley Heath Lane	2
Hecroft Grove	69
Hillaire Close	40
Holly Dell	36
Hollywood Gardens	25
Hollywood Lane	114
Houndsfield Close	43
Houndsfield Lane	49
Icknield Street	20
Lindford Way	45
Lint Meadow	23
Littlemead Road	124
Mayhurst Close	25
Mayhurst Road	70
Middle Lane	32
New Road	67
Nursery Gardens	12
Orchard Way	36
Peterbrook Road	163
Redhill Road	8
Richmond Close	60
Rolan Drive	49
Rosebriars	24
Rowbrook Close	43
Rushleigh Road	99
Swansbrook Gardens	45
The Fordrough	47
Three Corner Close	19

Truemans Heath Lane	110
Walkers Heath Road	3
Windrush Road	136
Woodleaves	44
Wythwood Grove	22
Wythwood Road	55
Total	2687

Proposed New Wythall South Ward

Street	electorate
Alcester road	127
Ann Road	120
Avon Drive	27
Barkers Lane	151
Brick Kiln Lane	18
Brockhill Lane	6
Chapel Drive	30
Chapel Lane	14
Church Close	26
Church View	7
Clewshaw Lane	5
Fulford Close	20
Gorse Lane	66
Green Close	21
Hill Lane	18
Houndsfield Lane	8
Innisfree Close	34
Jeal Close	6
Lea Green Drive	114
Lea Green Lane	30
Littleshaw Croft	16
Littleshaw Lane	25
Manor Road	26
Meadow Croft	26
Meadow Road	188
Middle Lane	4
Mill Lane	6
New houses	475
Norton Drive	8
Norton Lane	60
Norton Mews	3
Private Road	9
School Drive	14
Selsdon Close	19
Severn Way	16
St Marys Park	81
Station Road	348
Tanners Green Lane	31
Thames Court	6
The Spinney	81
Three Oaks Road	114
Trent Crescent	11
Watery Lane	12
Wilmore Lane	10
Total	2437

Appendix 3: Illustrative map

