

Birmingham District

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Dear Sir/Madam, I note with concern your projected electorate figures for the new Edgbaston Ward. The variance on the 2015 figures is -32% and on the 2021 figures it is -5%. This equates to a prediction that the population of the new Edgbaston Ward will increase by over 5000 (or a 50% increase) in 5 years. I fail to understand what this prediction is based upon. A population increase of 50% in an area of the city would represent a major demographic shift, requiring a huge response from the council. Furthermore, if this is based on the potential of registering the areas considerable student population, this is completely unrealistic under the new IER system that is a huge barrier to participation in the electoral process in this group. The current plans for Edgbaston will result in the smallest ward in the city that is represented by 2 councillors. I strongly urge the LGBCE to reconsider this proposal and increase the population of this ward. The two areas which could easily be included are the Benmore Estate or the Waterworks Estate. Both these areas have considerable connections to Edgbaston (especially the Benmore). Yours Tom Keeley

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