

5. Electoral Equality

- 5.1 The LGBCE guidance states that ‘new wards should leave each councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other councillors elsewhere in the authority’
- 5.2 Currently, Barnet Council is currently comprised of 63 councillors across 21 wards. All wards elect 3 councillors to represent them on the council. This uniform pattern of three-member wards across the borough is currently consistent with most London borough councils.
- 5.3 As part of the Stage 1 part of the electoral review, the council projected the electorate for 2024. The Commission have reviewed these figures and have published the projected electorate to increase to 276,266 by June 2024. The Commissions published projected electorate can be found on their website - <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/barnet> and included in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - LGBCE Electorate for 2018 and projected to 2024

	2018	2024
<i>Number of councillors:</i>	63	63
<i>Overall electorate:</i>	252,772	276,266
<i>Average electorate per cllr:</i>	4,012	4,385

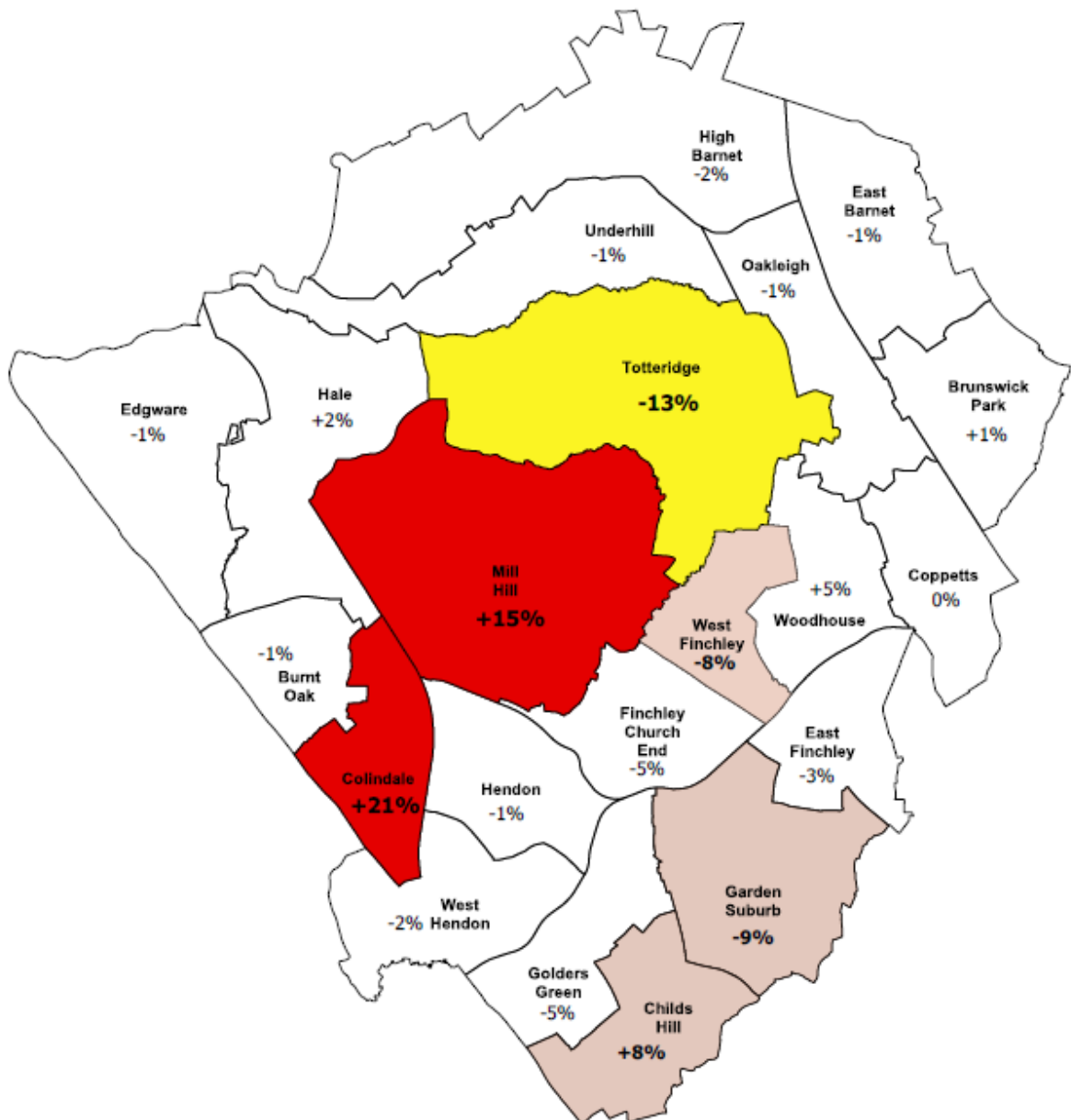
Name of ward	Currently Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2018	Variance 2018	Electorate 2024	Variance 2024
Brunswick Park	3	12,217	1%	13,670	4%
Burnt Oak	3	11,895	-1%	12,320	-6%
Childs Hill	3	13,053	8%	13,738	4%
Colindale	3	14,570	21%	22,454	71%
Coppetts	3	12,027	0%	12,100	-8%
East Barnet	3	11,901	-1%	12,682	-4%
East Finchley	3	11,679	-3%	11,919	-9%
Edgware	3	11,966	-1%	13,030	-1%
Finchley Church End	3	11,461	-5%	12,051	-8%
Garden Suburb	3	11,008	-9%	11,250	-14%
Golders Green	3	11,473	-5%	13,376	2%
Hale	3	12,286	2%	12,575	-4%
Hendon	3	11,868	-1%	12,087	-8%
High Barnet	3	11,743	-2%	12,246	-7%
Mill Hill	3	13,855	15%	16,926	29%
Oakleigh	3	11,955	-1%	12,607	-4%
Totteridge	3	10,503	-13%	11,443	-13%
Underhill	3	11,883	-1%	12,406	-6%
West Finchley	3	11,027	-8%	11,357	-14%
West Hendon	3	11,738	-2%	13,159	0%
Woodhouse	3	12,664	5%	12,870	-2%

5.4 A council size of 63 equates to an electoral ratio of 4012 electors for each councillor in 2018, which is projected to increase to 4385 by 2024.

5.5 Based on the June 2018 Electoral register 3 wards currently have an electoral inequality of +10 or -10% to the average – see Map 1. These are:

- Colindale (+21%)
- Mill Hill (+15%)
- Totteridge (-13%)

Map 1 - Current Electorate variance to average by ward (June 2018)



5.6 Map 2 shows the forecasted electorate for 2024 split into the current 21 wards and the electorate representations. This shows that 5 wards are forecast to have an electorate inequality of 10% or -10% to the average:

- Colindale (+71%)
- Mill Hill (+29%)
- West Finchley (-14%)
- Garden Suburb (-14%)
- Totteridge (-13%)

Map 2 - Forecast Electorate variance to average by ward in 2024

