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Wards Affected:	All wards

1.0 Recommendations for decision:

1.1 It is recommended that the Boundary Review Committee:-

- a) Places on record its thanks to all of those who have responded to the third phase consultation of the Community Governance Review 2025;
- b) Places on record its thanks to Shropshire Association of Local Councils for its support and feedback during the third phase of consultation;
- c) Notes the contents of **Appendices A – H** containing responses in respect of each of the areas that were subject to the third round of consultation;
- d) Notes the contents of **Appendix I** summarising the consultation responses and the draft proposals in respect of the seven areas that were subject to further consultation;
- e) Considers the contents of section 5 of this report in respect of councillor numbers, warding arrangements for some Councils and the proposed boundary for Muxton Parish Council;
- f) Considers the summary contained in **Appendix J** and associated maps in **Appendix K** for the proposed Town and Parish Council arrangements for the entire borough of Telford & Wrekin including councillor numbers, names of Town and Parish Councils, warding arrangements and boundary maps;

- g) Confirms the final proposals to be adopted in respect of Town and Parish Council arrangements for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin; and
- h) Notes the next steps as set out in section 6 of this report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Committee with further information following the last meeting of the Committee on 4 September. This report includes:-

- Consultation responses in respect of the 7 areas that were subject to a third round of consultation:-
 - Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley;
 - Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct;
 - Lawley & Overdale;
 - Madeley;
 - St Georges & Donnington;
 - The Gorge;
 - Wrockwardine and Rodington
- Summary analysis of the consultation responses received during that third phase of consultation;
- A document summarising the recommended proposals for each of the proposed Town and Parish Councils within the Borough

2.2 The Committee is asked to consider the information contained in this report and the accompanying Appendices and reach a final decision in respect of the Town and Parish Council arrangements for the entire Borough. Specifically, with reference to **Appendix J**, the Committee is asked to confirm whether or not each of the arrangements set out therein are to be approved to take effect from the ordinary elections in May 2027 notwithstanding the information provided in the Next Steps section of this report.

3.0 Background

3.1 At its meeting of 13 February 2025, the Boundary Review Committee agreed to commence a Community Governance Review in respect of the Town and Parish Council arrangements within Telford & Wrekin. A Community Governance Review is undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Statutory guidance under the Act provides further information that the Committee is required to take into account when undertaking a review. Earlier reports to the Committee summarise this guidance.

3.2 It should be noted that a Community Governance Review took place in 2023 which, at that time, concluded that no changes should be made to the current arrangements. In some of the consultation responses received during the third phase of consultation, there is some confusion about the reason for commencing another review so soon after the last.

- 3.3 For clarity, the 2023 review followed the same process as has been followed in this current review, commencing with a first round of consultation in autumn/winter 2023. Less than 80 were received during that first phase of consultation. Following publication of the second round of consultation responses, there was an increase in the number of submissions received responding to the draft proposals that were being consulted upon. At that stage, the Boundary Review Committee was concerned that the level of engagement throughout both rounds of consultation was insufficient to enable it to make an informed decision. The Committee therefore resolved to conclude the review with no changes but stated that a further review should be commenced in early 2025.
- 3.4 The statutory guidance referred to at paragraph 3.1 provides significant detail on the important role that Town and Parish Councils play within their communities, enabling them to build cohesion, address social exclusion and deprivation and cultivating respect amongst communities. It is clear, from the guidance that, whatever the arrangements, there should be strong and accountable local government and leadership with Town and Parish Councils being able to take the lead on local matters in some cases whilst, at other times, they may act as an important stakeholder or partner to key organisations such as the principal council, police, fire and the private sector. Given the variations in size of Town and Parish Councils, it is clear that they will each have their own priorities, providing services that are relevant to the communities that they serve and will function differently depending upon their size and funding capabilities. Throughout this process, the Committee has been unanimous in its support for Town and Parish Councils and the role that they play within their local communities.
- 3.5 There is no 'one size fits all' approach to community governance with the guidance setting out that in some communities there will be specific characteristics which help to define a parish, for example representing particular groups whilst, in others, the community may coalesce around particular interests such as lifestyle groups or leisure pursuits.
- 3.6 When considering the size and population of local communities and / or parishes, the guidance clearly sets out that it is often these matters that influence whether or not it is going to be viable. It also identifies the range of council sizes at a local level, from small hamlets in which the council represents 50 residents to large towns in which the council may represent more than 40,000 electors. Additional guidance is also available in respect of recommended councillor numbers. This guidance is limited in its usefulness in so much as there are differing views as to optimum councillor numbers and the indicative ranges do not align within the two guidance documents. As a result, when it comes to councillor numbers, wherever possible, the aim is to have equality of representation. However, it is not possible to deliver this in areas which comprise both large, highly-populated urban areas and large sparsely-populated rural areas. That being the case, there is also a need to consider quoracy within Councils and ensuring that smaller Town / Parish Councils are able to transact business.

First phase of consultation

- 3.7 The consultation process is set out in the statutory guidance and has been followed throughout this review.
- 3.8 The first phase of consultation which ran from 17 February 2025 until 14 April 2025 was aimed at inviting as many submissions as possible on what the Town and Parish arrangements should be in the future. At this stage, Telford & Wrekin Council did not provide any potential options for people to consider; rather, it was a case of there being a 'blank canvas' with an opportunity for people to share their views without limitation.
- 3.9 To support those wishing to make a submission in this first phase of consultation, a consultation pack was created setting out information on what a community governance review was, what it could take into account and details around the electorate for each local area within Telford & Wrekin. A survey was also created to help people shape their submission although there was no requirement to submit a survey response for a submission to be valid.
- 3.10 The consultation pack was shared with:-
- Local MPs;
 - Town and Parish Councils within Telford & Wrekin;
 - Community Groups within the Borough;
 - Chief Officer Group;
 - Community Centre Managers;
 - Telford Crisis Network Group;
 - Lloyds Bank Foundation;
 - Shropshire Association of Local Councils;
 - Shropshire Council;
 - Interfaith Council;
 - Strategic Partners; and
 - Ward Members
- 3.11 As well as sharing documents with those listed above, officers held a session that Clerks and Town / Parish Councillors were able to attend during which the community governance review process was explained and attendees had an opportunity to ask questions. Additionally, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Boundary Review Committee, together with officers, met with the Chair, and colleagues, of Shropshire Association of Local Councils ("SALC").
- 3.12 Officers also attended two sessions attended by Town and Parish Clerks during this first period of consultation.
- 3.13 A total of 292 responses were received comprising 219 completed surveys and 73 emails were received during this round of consultation. In addition, 8 emails were received requesting additional information.

Second phase of consultation

- 3.13 At its meeting on 12 May 2025, the Committee agreed the draft proposals to put out to consultation. These proposals were put forward having taken account of the statutory guidance in relation to Community Governance Reviews, the legislation and the responses received in the first round of consultation. The second phase of consultation ran from 19 May 2025 until 14 July 2025.
- 3.14 Again, a consultation pack was prepared which included a set of maps setting out the draft proposed town and parish boundaries and information regarding each area. This consultation pack was shared with the same individuals and organisations as set out in paragraph 3.10 above. Comments were sought on the proposals and submissions could be made by completing an online survey, by email or by letter.
- 3.15 Officers also attended 7 drop-in events where people could find out more information about the proposals. These took place at:-
- Southwater 1 library;
 - Madeley library;
 - Wellington library;
 - Newport library;
 - Brookside Community Centre;
 - Waters Upton Village Hall; and
 - Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill
- 3.16 The drop-in events were held at alternative times of the day having engaged with the venues to assess their times of highest footfall. Notwithstanding this, with the exception of one event, attendance numbers were low.
- 3.17 In addition, the radio station playing in all Council-owned leisure venues also publicised the review on an hourly basis to raise awareness of the review and to encourage residents to have their say.
- 3.18 Again, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, along with officers, met with representatives from SALC.
- 3.19 During the second period of consultation more than 1,300 responses were received. These were provided to the Committee at its meeting on 30 July 2025. Whilst those consultation responses are not provided again in this report, they are available to view online using the link at the end of this report. All reports relevant to this community governance review are linked at the end of this report under the “Background Papers” section.
- 3.20 At its meeting on 4 September 2025, the Boundary Review Committee reached a position in principle in respect of many areas of the Borough. There was a small number of areas, however, that the Committee felt warranted further consultation; these seven areas are those set out in section 4 of this report

Third phase of consultation

- 3.21 This third phase of consultation in respect of the seven areas commenced on 29 September 2025 ending on 19 October 2025. Again, notification was sent to the distribution list set out in paragraph 3.10 above and an information pack was prepared to support those wishing to comment.
- 3.22 Consideration was given to the holding of further drop-in sessions but, given the low attendance rate in relation to those held during the second consultation phase, it was felt that this would not support wider engagement.
- 3.33 Details were also included in a Telford & Wrekin Council e-newsletter which has an audience of more 18,000 recipients. Details of the third phase of consultation were also reported in the local press and by Town and Parish Councils, particularly in those areas affected.
- 3.34 As was the case during the first and second phase of consultation, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, along with officers, met with the Chair and Vice-Chair, together with colleagues of SALC.
- 3.35 Unsurprisingly given the small number of areas being consulted upon, a smaller number of responses was received during the third phase of consultation. The response rate varied between the areas with the highest number of responses being received in respect of Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley. The consultation responses in respect of each area are contained in **Appendices A – H** – one for each of the seven areas and one response that covered multiple areas.
- 3.36 Some responses have been included in more than one area based upon the comments they contain. Where a submission also included an attachment, this has been added as an Annex.

4.0 Themes arising from consultation responses

- 4.1 Whilst **Appendix I** provides a summary analysis of the responses, and the subsequent proposals for the Committee to consider, this section of the report touches upon some of the key points for the Committee to note.

Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley

- 4.2 At its last meeting, the Committee considered various options in relation to this area and decided to consult on a proposal to create two new Parish Councils; a standalone Brookside Parish Council and then a larger Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley Parish Council.
- 4.3 Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council also undertook a survey of residents which included an extract of the report presented to Committee in September. There were around 120 survey responses collected by Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council (note, this number differs from that quoted in their formal submission as

more were received following receipt of this submission). The overwhelming response (more than 99%) was to reject the proposals set out at paragraph 4.2 above. The main reasons that came through in the consultation were:-

- The current Parish Councils perform well;
- Making changes would result in a disproportionate split of assets and liabilities and would this would detrimentally impact upon the proposed Brookside Parish Council in terms of sustainability;
- The proposed changes don't reflect community identity;
- Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council provides a strong youth offering which is well attended;
- Concerns around accessibility, particularly in the proposed Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley Parish Council with a perception being that Hollinswood & Randlay would dominate the Council's priorities.

4.4 Of all of the responses, there were a small number (single figures) who supported the proposals.

Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct

4.5 This area generated around 25 responses in total. In general, there was support for the proposals contained in the consultation document with their being appreciation of the previous proposals not being progressed.

4.6 The majority of the responses were in favour of retaining the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council as it was felt that this reflects the heritage of the area and that to make changes would incur unnecessary costs for changing things such as signs stationery etc.

4.7 There was a small number of responses (again, single figures) who supported a change in name to South Telford Villages Parish Council reflecting the fact that the area is made up of a number of village areas; Lightmoor Village, Horsehay Village, Doseley Village etc.

4.8 There were some submissions regarding the area of Ellis Peters Drive which, currently, sits in the Great Dawley Town Council area. Those submissions advocated for it moving into the Dawley Hamlets area (whatever that may be called) as it was part of Aqueduct and looked to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for its services. Some of the comments referred to the difference in Council Tax precept between the two councils but, as Members are aware, this is not something that can be taken into account in a community governance review. The area of Ellis Peters Drive generated some discussion in the review carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on Borough wards. Although there were some comments regarding this area in the consultation, given the number of responses overall (across all three consultations), and the relatively small number of comments regarding Ellis Peters Drive, it is not proposed to change the arrangements for this area.

Lawley & Overdale

- 4.9 There were very few responses in relation to this area with the Parish Council welcoming the proposals that were set out in the second round of consultation. The Parish Council put forward an alternative councillor number and some warding arrangements. Whilst the reason for these proposals is understood, the warding arrangements proposed by the Parish Council would result in significant electoral inequality. However, **Appendices I and J** set out some alternative warding arrangements which would provide the councillor numbers suggested and better electoral equality.

Madeley

- 4.10 There were only one response in respect of these proposals which was from the Town Council and was supportive of the proposals. However, the proposals regarding The Gorge required further consideration, as set out in **Appendix I** and so this has resulted in a change from the proposals to bring about better electoral equality for the two Town / Parish areas.

St Georges & Donnington

- 4.11 Of three responses, two were in favour of the proposals. They both put forward suggested alternative warding arrangements. The one response that was against referred to concerns around competing priorities between Donnington and St Georges and felt it would be detrimental to bring two parishes, with similar challenges and opportunities, together.
- 4.12 However, throughout the phase 2 consultation, there was broader support for the proposed St Georges & Donnington Parish Council.

The Gorge

- 4.13 Although generating only a small number of responses, upon considering the impact of the proposals further, there is concern about the electoral equality of both Madeley Town Council and The Gorge Parish Council, something which was mentioned in the last report to Committee. That being the case, **Appendix I** sets out some amendments to the proposal with the changes proposed being the Nightingale Walk are moving into The Gorge Parish Council rather than Madeley Town Council area, the Academy ward moving from Madeley Town Council into The Gorge Parish Council area and the area of Roberts Road moving into The Gorge Parish Council area also. The move of the Academy Ward will reflect the current Borough ward arrangements. Movement of Nightingale Walk and Roberts Road will provide good electoral equality as set out in Appendix I. It will also ensure the sustainability of both The Gorge Parish Council and Madeley Town Council moving forward.

Wrockwardine and Rodington

- 4.14 Just over 20 responses were received with the majority view being that the proposals were not supported. This was for the following reasons:-

- Concern about a dilution of priorities between the communities;
- Concerns about Rodington being underrepresented on a merged Parish Council;
- Not reflective of community identity;
- The geographical make up of the two areas are not conducive to efficient representation;
- Concern about accessibility for residents in one area or the other in terms of being able to attend meetings;
- Both Parish Councils are currently well-run and there is no need for changes to bring about improvements;
- It has been challenging ensuring alignment between Rodington and Longdon-on-Tern and to extend the boundaries to include Wrockwardine will compound this

4.15 It is clear from the submissions that some of the proposals contained in the second phase of consultation were particularly unwelcome whilst others attracted more support. It is worth reminding Committee members that, in cases such as these, obtaining unanimity in submissions is highly unlikely to occur and that the responses received during consultation are just one element that needs to be taken into account when deciding the outcome of the review.

4.16 Furthermore, it also worth mentioning that every change made will necessitate further changes elsewhere in order to ensure that the 'jigsaw' of the Borough's geography fits together as it should. Clearly, therefore, there might be instances where some changes are supported and clearly have benefit which result in consequential changes that are less well supported. This is the balancing exercise that the Committee needs to undertake when reaching a decision.

5.0 Other matters

5.1 Whilst Members have, in principle, agreed to the proposals in respect of a number of areas, the Committee will be asked to confirm final proposals at its next meeting. That being the case, there are some other matters that Members are asked to consider, set out below.

Councillor numbers and wards

5.2 Since the last meeting of the Boundary Review Committee, correspondence has been received in respect of two existing parish councils raising concerns about councillor numbers and the need for a meeting to be quorate. These are set out below:-

Kynnersley Parish Council – currently has a membership of 5. They have had a situation recently where, due to sickness and holiday, the meeting of the Council was only quorate. There is concern that this membership could present challenges around quoracy and a request has been received to increase the number to 6. It should be noted that, where a Parish Council is unable to be quorate, the Borough Council is required to appoint Members to it so as to enable the Parish Council to transact business.

Ercall Magna Parish Council – currently has a membership of 12. There is a request to introduce new warding arrangements made up of High Ercall / Walton – 6, Ellerdine / Rowton – 4, Roden / Poynton – 2. It is felt that this would result in better representation across the three distinct communities that make up Ercall Magna.

Muxton Parish Council (new proposed Council)

- 5.3 Members will recall that there was a discussion at the last meeting of the Boundary Review Committee of the proposed boundary for the Muxton Parish Council. A suggestion was made that the southern boundary should extend down School Lane, then head east along Granville Road to Lodge Road.
- 5.4 Whilst, on a map, the current proposed boundary looks unusual, it can be confirmed that it is based upon existing polling districts and it is good practice to use existing polling district boundaries wherever possible.
- 5.5 Members are asked to confirm the decision in relation to the boundary for Muxton Parish Council.

6.0 Next Steps

- 6.1 When the Committee makes its final decisions in relation to the Town and Parish arrangements for the Borough, if changes are made, there will be a need to support affected Councils to navigate the change. This commences with the setting up of “advisory groups” made up of councillors drawn from the existing Town / Parish Councils that are affected. These advisory groups will look at the distribution of assets (if relevant), Council Tax setting, staffing, contracts and similar in advance of the first round of elections in May 2027.
- 6.2 Officers have had preliminary meetings with some Town and Parish Clerks to explain the next steps and this will be followed up with any affected councils by sharing project plans and more details around what is needed throughout the transition. Understandably, there is some apprehension about ensuring that this is done right with Town and Parish Clerks keen to ensure they have an understanding of the impacts of the proposals on their existing Councils.
- 6.3 Elections to the new Town and Parish arrangements will take place in May 2027 at the next scheduled local elections. Until then, any vacancies that arise will be elected to based upon current arrangements. This will apply unless any vacancies arise in the 6 month period leading up to the scheduled elections in May 2027 in which case, the vacancy will be ‘held’ until that election.
- 6.4 Upon conclusion of the review, a legal order will be prepared to give effect to any new arrangements.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Depending upon the final arrangements that are agreed by the Boundary Review Committee, there may be a need to consider the impact on any Special Fund arrangements in respect of Town and Parish Councils.
- 7.2 Additionally, it should be noted that, where new Town or Parish Councils are created, the legislation sets out that they are able to delay the setting of their precept until October of the year in which the new Council takes effect. This is due to the fact that elections to the new Council will only take place in May 2027. Having said that, in the approach to May 2027, there will be a need for any new Town / Parish Councils to work in 'shadow form' to ensure that matters arising from the review are dealt with.

8.0 Legal and HR Implications

- 8.1 The legal implications are as set out in this report.

9.0 Ward Implications

- 9.1 The final arrangements decided upon by the Boundary Review Committee may have implications for particular Borough wards. These will be confirmed once the final arrangements have been confirmed.

10.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

- 10.1 Whilst the communities served by the current Town and Parish Councils have diverse needs, there are no direct health, social or economic implications arising directly from the proposals contained in this report other than already set out in the body of this report.

11.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 11.1 There are no groups that are disproportionately affected by the proposals contained in this report.

12.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

- 12.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

13.0 Background Papers

- 1 Consultation Pack (phase 1)
- 2 [Report to Boundary Review Committee 13 February 2025](#)
- 3 [Report to Boundary Review Committee 12 May 2025](#)
- 4 Consultation Pack (phase 2)
- 5 Presentation to Boundary Review Committee 3 July 2025
- 6 [Report to Boundary Committee 30 July 2025](#)
- 7 [Report to Boundary Committee 4 September 2025](#)
- 8 Consultation Pack (phase 3)

14.0 Appendices

A – H	Consultation Responses in respect of the seven areas consulted upon and any which commented on multiple areas
I	Summary of consultation responses
J	Proposed Town and Parish Council arrangements for Telford & Wrekin Borough
K	Proposed boundary maps

15.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	27/10/2025	27/10/2025	RP
Finance	27/10/2025	27/10/2025	ER

Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley

Email Responses:

1	Please be advised that if any of the changes to the Stirchley boundaries engender closure of the Sambrook Centre then we wish our objection to be noted.
2	I am commenting for myself, as a parish councillor, and [REDACTED] for 21 years. I am also in agreement with the SBP committee and any documents sent by the Parish Clerk. I support the attachment 100 per cent. Demographics is key to this review. The Review Committee (RC) in its latest incarnation, has completely ignored clause 3.4 No matter how the RV chops up neighbourhoods to make the population/finances work you will always create more problems. A problem that started 60 years ago by a short-sighted government and in particular the local authority that eventually came into existence. The problem is Brookside, always has been, always will be, unless the committee takes extreme measure or gives the appropriate advice to the TWC, and ensures positive action is takes to rectify the problems as explained below. The original Brookside. 1. An overflow settlement for Birmingham and surrounding towns. 2. Much of brookside is built on an American design. a. Front doors open onto a community area b. Cars parked many metres away at the rear or a side road 3. Only 1 car per 2 homes 4. No HMOs 5. No bad or absent landlords 6. Families, on the whole, grateful for the opportunity 7. This, I have been told, worked well for the first few decades Brookside Now 8. 2 two 4 cars per household, plus commercial vehicles 9. Excessive HMOs 10. Excessive bad or absent landlords 11. Excessive resentful tenants. 12. The American design is not working now 13. Excessive crime Brookside Now (BN). This is a product of TWC mismanagement 14. It is contained in a ring road, Brookside Avenue. 15. There is no room for expansion. 16. It is completely surrounded by mostly freehold properties of much higher quality that the owners have an interest to improve. 17. There are a few small pockets of good housing 18. In the main, it is rundown, neglected, uncared for, trashed 19. It is a hot bed for crime, centred around the community centre 20. The crime figures flatten out considerably at Brookside Avenue

	BN. 21. You can chop up the communities outside of Brookside Avenue as much as you like 22. You can ignore the demographics as much as you like 23. That will never change the empirical evidence that is BN 24. Much of brookside, in my opinion, needs to be flattened and rebuilt on British designs 25. There is an opportunity to build up to 10 stories of flats. Affordable housing in the area is grossly neglected Brookside should be its own parish. Looked after and managed by people that know the problems in depth Cygnnet Drive and Lake End Drive do not belong in Brookside. They are on the wrong side of Brookside Avenue Their demographics do not fit Brookside They belong in Holmer Lake Ward The Hem Why has 350 homes not been included? The Hem development must be included in the Storchley Parish Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Storchley – Annex A
3	Dear Team Please find attached the response from Storchley and Brookside Parish Council to the third consultation of the Community Governance Review. I would be grateful for your acknowledgement of this document and that it will be presented to the next meeting of the Boundary Review Committee for their consideration. Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Storchley – Annex B
4	Good evening Please see attached the formal response from Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, as agreed by Councillors. The 90 paper copies will be handed to yourselves very early w/c 20th October at a time to be arranged. Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Storchley – Annex C
5	I have looked at the proposal that has been put forward on the change of the geographical areas of the parish council.

	I honestly can't see how this change has been arrived at. Why are you splitting Stirchley up? With some of it being still with Brookside and us to join with Randlay and Hollinswood. The area is a ridiculous plan, Randlay and Hollinswood already have a large area and many public buildings and open areas to look after, will it mean that Stirchley gets missed (forgotten about) when it comes to groups in these areas being missed or told there is already provision for that on one of the other estates? There is a large population of senior citizens living in Stirchley, close to the Sambrook Centre who don't have a way of getting to other estates, they rely on their mobility scooters etc to get places and would miss out on their social interaction. This could also apply to young people in the area. Please reconsider.
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Survey Responses:

1	Breaking up the existing parish councils will have a detrimental effect on the residents in the area. Stirchley and Brookside currently have the biggest youth provision in Telford which is funded by the existing parish council and opens 6 days per week for the younger residents in the area. ASB has significantly decreased since the youth offer in the area has expanded. Brookside is a deprived area and needs consistent people who are trusted by the residents and who understand their needs, to be available and able to help when needed. It is a small area and allowing it to be split from the existing Parish is ridiculous. Extending the Brookside boundary into Stirchley Village also goes against the Borough boundary and will cause confusion. Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council have in recent years really stepped up and consulted with the residents to find out what they need and want for the area. Using councillor resignations as an excuse for this break up is poor. Councillors resign across all Parishes for a number of reasons. Stirchley and Brookside should be kept as it is and not changed in my opinion.
2	The proposal goes totally against the wishes of the huge majority of those that commented in the second consultation. There was clearly no need for a third consultation. Stirchley has more of a shared identity with Brookside than it does with Hollinswood and Randlay. Using Cllr resignations as an excuse to suggest Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council might be failing is just that, an excuse. One resigned because of work commitments, one was elderly with health issues and another had family issues. Hardly anything that reflected on the council. You are suggesting changing the Parish boundaries of Brookside so that they would match the previous Borough boundary, that you changed in 2023. That goes completely against one of your main criteria. This proposed change would have a hugely negative impact on the Parish, with a loss of staff and services, such as the pensioners gardening scheme and the youth provision (currently the best in Telford). Although you can't take this into account, this will have a huge impact on how people in these areas vote in 2027 and will help result in a loss of votes by Telford Labour.

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4	this change creates a huge parish the figures do not appear to include the hem which on its own will have a large population, it does not seem the the hem resident numbers have been included within the published figures which gives a blurred picture. I am extremely concerned as to what impact this will have on the youth provision provided by stirchley and brookside pc this is an extremely valuable service that if lost will have a huge impact on the lives of our next generation
5	I do not think all 4 should be put together. It will make too big an area. What is needed in one area wont necessarily be needed in another. I think the area would be too large, in turn making it difficult to assess all areas needs
6	I oppose the alignment of Randlay with Brookside and Stirchley , our local parish looks after the area very well and I can only see our focus bending diluted and services reduced . I work in all the local areas and see the areas like brookside and the deprivation and fly tipping around the estate and worry the areas like brookside would need the most focus and funds to bring the environment to Randlay standards which I am proud to live in , I have lived in Telford all my life and on many of the estates and Randlay is one of the best kepted parishes I have lived in
7	I do not wish for the Parish of Hollinswood and Randlay to merge with other parishes. I feel like Hollinswood and arandlay would lose their identity.
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9	As a resident of one of the current parishes with relatives and friends in the other, I am thoroughly disgusted by the proposal. The proposal is absolutely ridiculous and should not be being consulted on for a number of reasons. First being that it completely ignores the feedback from the first round of consultations when all parts of both parishes (from residents' consultations) made it clear that they did not want anything to change and that the current two parishes worked as well as having the correct number of councillors. Some of those that disagreed were not from the area and have a general vendetta against parish councils, they post obnoxious content online on social media. It is not fair for anyone not in the area to have a say about what happens to Hollinswood and Randlay and Stirchey and Brookside. Second that you have ignored your own terms of reference. "3. Reason for the CGR 3.1. The Council has a duty to keep parish arrangements under review. This is particularly important taking account of:- changes made by a full Borough Electoral Boundary Review in 2022 which resulted in misalignment between the Borough and Town and Parish Wards;" Your new proposal completely goes against this in so much as splitting Brookside and the expensive houses of Stirchley to be a parish does not match the Ward boundaries in the slightest, in fact you rectified this in 2022 with

	incredibly strong arguments as to why this was done including "a better reflection of the community identity of the area in question." Thirdly, you are pairing those houses in Stirchley that pay the highest precept with the lower bands of the majority of Brookside which is completely unfair. Those parts of the current parish have nothing in common which is why they are currently better served by a parish council that understands their differing needs. Fifth, you use the argument that there were several resignations from Stirchley and Brookside Parish council ("The recent spate of councillor resignations from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council may be considered to indicate that the arrangements need to be reviewed.") but I would argue that there has been a lot of interest from the public in serving their community as elections were called. It is now that there is a decent set of councillors who are not in it for political gains or their own ends that it is now being run properly. Sixth, you have not even considered the "the growth in certain town and parishes;" as you are ignoring the Hem development. Seven, you are not considering, "ensuring that there is a clear rationale between the organisation and grouping of parishes." there is nothing linking the area in Stirchley with Brookside other than road but you could claim that about any road, including the A442 which connects a whole host of areas of Telford. It seems like you don't believe Brookside can cope on its own without cash input from those paying more precept. Eight, you have mentioned identity of areas as being important and want to rename the 'new' parishes but that would take away their identities. Whatever you call it, it cannot retain the original identity. It appears to me as if the committee were throwing a lot of ideas in to make the process more complicated and forgetting their initial reason for the process. This option is contradictory to the consultation prior to this as well as ignoring the terms of reference.
10	No to change The parish is under enough pressure Changing the boundaries will take away our community and parish Stirchley is a wonderful community with a fantastic mix of people of different ages, cultures and beliefs The loss for me would be devastating in so many ways as well as money still not been spent on stirchley it would be even less. Parish need to be smaller not larger Having the (hem), stirchley, brookside and Holmer lake (with brookside taking most of the the council tax and funds already) we would be left and forgotten. STAY AS IT IS
11	I'm in full support of the suggestion to break up the current Stirchley & Brookside parish council. This council has been failing us for years. They struggle to recruit and keep councillors and have been unable to employ a full time clerk for years. Leaving us to pick up the tab for an overpriced locum clerk. How much as this failing cost us taxpayers over the past couple of years????
12	I believe keeping Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council is very beneficial. Mainly keeping the Sambrook Centre which is in the heart of keeping Brookside, Stirchley and The Village all as one! Having an accessible library which benefits neighbouring schools and nurseries, aiding in education. Our younger members of the community actively use the facilities that the Sambrook Centre has to offer. Especially funzone. It also benefits in a safer community, due to children having an accessible and friendly place to socialise. The events that also ran through the Sambrook centre are so memorable! Helping children in low income families look forward to something when times are hard! These community/event days do bring the community together and also local businesses do profit from it. There's a fair few activities for our older generation ect. Indoor Bowling, boxing, art club and many more. The Sambrook centre truly has a lot to offer! Including a food bank collection point. Recently they were nominated for an award which just shows how important the Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council is.

13	As a resident I cannot see any benefit to the residents of the Hollinswood and Randlay Parish. There is nothing within the information supplied from TWC that identifies any benefits to the existing parish. It is interesting to note that monies have been allocated to Brookside from TWC, and that significant sums have been provided to other areas - with this context it is difficult to not take from that, that this decision to separate Brookside into its own area is due to the monies being invested in this area (I wish to be very clear that I have no objection to any monies being invested and that this is a positive to our town) - however in light of this, i cannot see how messing with boundary of H&RPC is fair. We have all seen the request for residents to say how they would like the monies spent in that area by the local MP! There is still a very unclear reason to the new suggested boundaries for the parishes, especially looking at why the houses at the bottom of Aquaduct Lane are cut off in such a way. Why the decision not to propose the following (or similar):- Brookside Parish as current but to include Holmer Lake - any properties to the south of Holmer Farm Road Stirchley Parish - to match the exsiting boundaries minus Arundel Close but include all of The Hem Leaving H&RP (with Arundel) as it is had not been considered as one the options from phase 2 is just bizarre. This was not the direct phase 2 proposal but would have been a far closer and more reasoned result of the phase 2 consultation and the responses! Not another one affecting this parish, as it was clear the residents do not want any changes to H&RPC. To use the reasoning of councillor resignations as justification for any form of merge, really is an insult to the existing S&BPC. Separating that Parish into 2 areas, could reasonably be deemed a suitable solution, as each Parish can then focus directly on its own residents and not be affected by any frustrations regarding support for one area or another - by implication, allowing a small area to be merged into an existing parish could potentially result in friction within that new parish, at no fault to the residents of either area. Finally, when one of the key objectives of this process has been to ensure better co-terminous of the parish and ward boundaries, there is nothing within this proposal that achieves that objective, if anything it succeeds in doing the exact opposite. But having a Brookside Ward (1 Ward Councillor), Stirchley Ward (1 Ward Councillor) and a new Ward called, i dont know, say The Valley (2 Ward Councillors) solves all of those issues!
14	Various points as follows :- 1. The CGR members seem obsessed that the current two parish councils must be changed. Firstly, the previous consultations introduced The Nedge as though it already was an entity when it wasn't. Even the first round doesn't use the existing parish names, but consciously breaks them up as though a change has to be made, it doesnt. 2. Has the CGR investigations received any real evidence that the resignations referred to are because of parish boundary organisations. If not, then does this referred to that changes to be made because someone has resigned. If the boundary organisation was specifically referenced then exactly what was the issue? You seem to have concluded that there were resignations and parish boundaries are responsible and must therefore change. 3. You have cited there were views expressed in the past, why are they relevant, they were in the past, you should only be looking at views by residents now. You had hundreds of those in round 2 which said do not make changes, but you still seem to think that changes must be made, THEY DON'T. 4. I still haven't seen anything that says here is a problem and by making this change it will be resolved. 5. Each of the four areas has a different identity and culture and the two parish councils have worked hard to bring the areas they are neighbours to together, making the changes you are proposing will destroy that as Hollinswood and Stirchley are not neighbours. 6. The new three area parish will be physically to spread out, making the sharing of services difficult. Not everyone has a car to move around the parish in. In summation, I totally oppose the proposed changes to the current Parish Council outlined in this third round of changes.

15	We should remain a small parish council, centred around our community values in which they listen to regularly, not what the central council want to leverage themselves into better positions politically. I myself have an allotment through the parish council and my daughter attends and assists on the funzone project, all funded through the parish, which will no doubt have no funding should this change. Please let our community decide for ourselves.
16	Stupid no need to change. My address is Brookside but we access school and services in stirchley as they're closer. I can't see any reasoning for moving any of these provision away from the locals
17	Although the proposal has now been amended to amalgamate only Stirchley with our existing Holinswood & Randlay Parish , I would still consider this is not a good proposal. The overall size of the Parish would be too large for management purposes and would undermine the excellnt work that our Parish Council Clerk and her team do to provide ameneties in our area .The help from our PC towards our Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley group is invaulable , and this cannot be guaranteed should the boundaries and workload change. Although the definition of a parish in non-clerical terms is often different in urban areas as opposed to Rural ones , the intended result should be clearly to create an area where people feel a shared sense of responsibility towards contributing to maintaining a nice , safe , well looked after place to live and work . The numbers of people and area within that parish should reflect a "traditional" rural parish as much as possible and increasing ours to the size you propose would distinctly change that feeling of belonging . Please reconsider changing things - they run perfectly well as they are .
18	We have resided in Stirchley for over 13 years and firmly advocate for the establishment of an independent parish in Stirchley. Stirchley has been significantly underappreciated for at least three decades, and there has been a noticeable decline in the community areas, such as the regular upkeep of the grass, roads, and general maintenance throughout the estates..make it look unloved and feel an unsafe place to live. Money has created new housing and 2 schools.. this is amazing process! Additional financial resources could significantly enhance the overall condition of the Stirchley community! The establishment of additional parking facilities surrounding Church Way areas, would be beneficial for the Community Centre, which serves as a vital link between the elderly and the younger generation. It would also provide support and assistance, along with the indispensable kids' club, ensuring the safety of our children and promoting their social interaction. Reinstating the park near church way. Upgraded bus shelters equipped with seats for the disabled and elderly to ensure their comfort and accessibility. Potential recreational area? Healthy and energetic children, please stay away from any potential hazards Let's transform Stirchley into a joyful, secure environment, fostering unity within the community. Also includes The heart of the Community , the Community Centre, Older Council housing estates, Streets, More Available Street Car parking, Shops, (park taken away near church way) many children enjoyed that park! Any new Bus Stops with seats for the ageing and disabled community. As a family with a vulnerable disabled teenager

19	I am writing in strong opposition to the draft proposal within the Telford & Wrekin Community Governance Review to divide Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council; specifically, the suggestion to place Stirchley with Hollinswood & Randlay, and Stirchley Village within a separate Brookside Parish. This submission sets out the reasons why such a change would undermine established community identity, reduce local government effectiveness, create unnecessary financial burdens, and be opposed to local opinion. 1. Community Identity and Interests Stirchley & Brookside has functioned as a shared community for decades, bound by common facilities, services, and a shared sense of belonging. Residents of both areas use and identify with the same schools, library, shops, post office, sports fields, youth facilities and community centres – the majority of which are based in Stirchley Centre but serve the entire parish effectively. These are not simply service points, but genuine community hubs that foster social interaction, belonging, and cohesion across both neighbourhoods. Youth provision offers a particularly strong example of this shared identity. Programmes such as Funzone bring children and families together from across Stirchley and Brookside, and their success depends on a unified parish structure. A separation would risk undermining this provision, fragmenting funding and governance, and ultimately disadvantaging young people in Brookside who currently benefit from shared youth resources. Geographically, Randlay Avenue forms a clear, long-established physical boundary between Stirchley and Randlay. This boundary reflects genuine differences in community identity. Stirchley residents do not naturally look to Hollinswood or Randlay for their local facilities or sense of belonging. Similarly, Hollinswood operates as a wholly separate community, with its own facilities, playing fields, shops and community centres that Stirchley residents neither use nor identify with. There is no practical or social link that justifies merging the two. Finally, Stirchley Village residents strongly identify with Stirchley, not Brookside. Placing Stirchley Village within Brookside would erase that distinct identity and force residents to identify administratively with an area they do not live in, undermining the community's integrity. 2. Effective and Convenient Local Government The current parish structure is efficient and well understood by residents. It ensures that local services, facilities and representation are easy to access, and it reflects clear, logical boundaries recognised by residents. Splitting the parish as proposed would create confusion about which council provides which services, risk duplication of administrative functions, and potentially disrupt established maintenance responsibilities. It would also be impractical to split polling districts across parish lines. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) concluded in 2023, after extensive consultation and an Act of Parliament, that polling district TTT (formerly TBZ) should move away from Brookside and enter The Nedge ward. To now disregard those findings would be inconsistent and disingenuous, undermining the integrity of that process conducted by the commission on the request of Telford & Wrekin Council just a few short years ago. 3. Value for Money & Financial Considerations The current combined parish achieves economies of scale, allowing resources to be shared efficiently across both Stirchley and Brookside. Community grants, community interest organisations, and youth programmes all benefit from joint management and funding. If the areas were divided, both parishes may face increased administrative and staffing costs, duplicated governance structures, and reduced capacity to deliver community projects. It would also be unreasonable for Stirchley residents' council tax precepts to subsidise Hollinswood facilities they do not use. With significant housing development planned on The Hem, the responsibilities for maintenance, play areas,
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	bus stops (17 of 25 within Brookside), and community spaces will only increase, requiring strong, unified local governance rather than fragmentation and confusion. 4. Local Support There is no evidence of local demand for this change. On the contrary, local opinion is overwhelmingly opposed. During recent canvassing for the Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council elections in August 2025, I encountered widespread opposition to both the previously proposed Nedge Parish Council (since rejected) and to the idea of merging Stirchley Village into Brookside. Residents consistently expressed pride in living in Stirchley, and a desire for their identity and representation to reflect that fact. It is therefore clear that the proposal does not have community support and, if implemented, would generate significant opposition. Conclusion The proposed reorganisation is unnecessary, divisive, and inconsistent with the principles of community identity, effective governance, and value for money that underpin the Community Governance Review process. Stirchley & Brookside has a long, successful record of joint working, shared services, and community cohesion. Splitting it would deliver no identifiable benefit and would instead undermine the social, financial, and administrative integrity of both communities. I therefore urge the Committee of the CGR to reject this proposal and instead retain the existing boundaries of Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council, and Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council. With regards [REDACTED] – Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council
20	The current arrangements should stay the same. The services Brookside and Stirchley provide for the community and youth sector are next to none and merging with other areas, having a shuffle, or changing will only see services struggle across all sectors. Stirchley and Brookside work well together, they are in appropriate walking distance for services and provisions to be merged. Personally, Brookside will struggle as its own 'area' due to the negative thoughts on the area! Things as they are work well and provide support to both areas residents.
21	Stirchley is more then Brookside and it caters for everybody. if it was to close the facilities would not be accessible everywhere else. The parish council is a big part of the community where everybody meets and the veterans get support and this is nowhere to be found elsewhere. The youth would not have any services which would be out causing mayhem and we know they need the support. Overall it needs to stay open as it is so we can keep functioning as a community.
22	If it was to close because of my Daughter who has autism we would lose the support from youth club which helps mixing with other children. The center helps me with support when i need it and advice due to citizens advice ect being there on a weekly basis. The center should not close as it supports so many people and families who need help and support. The groups that are run vary with ages and give socialization to all and enable people to meet other and get out of the house saving them from loneliness. Brookside is not the safest area and people dont feel safe going there so if it was our only option it would real shame.

23	All the concerns and objections raised about the previous proposal are still applicable. This revised proposal doesn't satisfy any of the requirements of a Community Governance Review: ie the size and population will adversely affect both community cohesion and the identities and interests of the communities and will be neither effective nor convenient for council employees or residents. The proposed Brookside parish mainly fits the requirements (although the partial inclusion of Stirchley & particularly Holmer Lake is not conducive to maintaining these communities' identities. The proposed Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley parish is no better than the original proposal as it still creates one huge, non-local parish which covers the whole distance from Hollinswood through to Holmer Lake and the sprawling new estate on the Nedge/ Halesfield. It would be around 3 times the physical size & more than twice the population of both the current parishes and the proposed Brookside one. This proposal will adversely affect community cohesion as the proposed parish excluding Brookside is too big to reflect the identities and interests of the communities – each of the communities have separate identities and are focused around different centres which provide for the specific needs of the local community. The communities of Hollinswood and Randlay are currently strong, sustainable and supported well by the parish council. Stirchley is also well supported with the local centre providing support & services to the community with familiar faces known to & trusted by residents who use the services. The Brookside centre also provides essential targeted support to its residents which is specific to the area because of its nature & demographic of the residents. The vast area and population covered by the proposed Stirchley, Hollinswood & Randlay would mean that it isn't possible to manage it effectively and cannot be convenient for either the council employees or for residents. No consideration appears to have been made for the large increase in population /electorate which will result from the large development on the Nedge. (still shown as greenfield on the maps). 300 dwellings will increase the electorate by at least 600, and the population of the area by 1000 or more. (most properties are 3 or 4 bedroom) Why does the proposal create such an uneven split by isolating Brookside and force the merger of the other three parishes unless there's some ulterior motive such as politics (which isn't a valid reason) or to isolate the government levelling up funding – which is relatively short term (10 years) & doesn't stand up anyway as it includes part of Stirchley & Holmer Lake. It doesn't make sense to split either Holmer Lake or Stirchley between 2 parishes. Neither does it make sense to split a polling district (TTT) – I assume this is either Holmer Lake or Stirchley. It is also illogical to have the Station Quarter (either the Town Centre side or the railway station side in Lawley & Overdale as the new housing is nowhere near any other housing in the parish (whereas the former Boyd House site is physically adjacent to Hollinswood and the section across the A442 (Railway side) aligns geographically with either Stafford park (part of Hollinswood & Randlay) or St Georges. It would make more sense to create 3 Parishes, formed of either: - Brookside as per the proposal minus Holmer Lake Stirchley & all of Holmer Lake plus the new Nedge development Hollinswood & Randlay – ideally plus the new Station Quarter on the site of the former Boyd House. (actual boundaries may be adjusted to include complete roads in one parish) OR - Brookside plus all of Holmer Lake All of Stirchley (including the part that's currently in the Brookside proposal) plus the Nedge development. Hollinswood & Randlay – plus the new Station Quarter on the site of the former Boyd House. (actual boundaries may be adjusted to include complete roads in one parish eg using Stirchley lane & south end of Randlay Ave as the boundary) - Or if the intention is to isolate Brookside for whatever reason, then create 2 parishes consisting of all of Stirchley plus all of Holmer Lake, and Hollinswood & Randlay, with possible boundary adjustments. I believe this would create more evenly sized & manageable parishes, with an area which it is reasonable for councillors to be familiar with and to carry out their duties as local focal points for their community. The statement in the documents that "The recent
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	spate of councillor resignations from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council may be considered to indicate that the arrangements need to be reviewed.” appears to be the Borough Council taking the easy way out of the problem! If there is an issue, the Borough Council should look into the cause(s) and support the parish in addressing & resolving the issue(s). Instead the Borough Council is just offloading the problem onto the proposed new combined parish council and likely transferring the problem which will cause disruption to the wider area.
24	Brookside and stirchley parish council is beyond amazing the help they do for the community goes beyond and the work they do for the children with the youth clubs and days for the kids is just amazing it gives them all a place to be safe warm and if I'm honest fed because some children locally don't get what they need but youth club provides all of those, my children go to the youth clubs and they absolutely love it I honestly don't know what they'd do without it it's so lovely knowing their in a safe environment seeing friends having fun not worrying about them walking round the streets
25	I've been a [REDACTED] for over 20 years for Stirchley and Brookside parish council. We have worked so hard in building up a fantastic youth club for the community and the number of kids coming through our doors has exceeded our expectation.
26	Our parish council do a brilliant job and in my opinion amalgamating would be detrimental to us.
27	As a long-standing resident of Stirchley, I am writing to strongly oppose Telford & Wrekin Council's proposal to divide Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council — specifically, the suggestion that Stirchley should be placed within Hollinswood and Randlay Parish, and that Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park should form a separate Brookside Parish. I believe this proposal would damage the identity of our area, reduce the effectiveness of local government, and create unnecessary confusion and financial strain for residents. The current structure works — it's fair, familiar, and community-driven. Splitting it would solve no real problem and would instead undo years of progress in building a cohesive, active, and supportive local community.
28	As a councillor for Stirchley Ward, I oppose the proposal to divide Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council. Moving Stirchley into Hollinswood and Randlay, and Stirchley Village and Park into Brookside, would harm our community's identity, weaken services, and create unnecessary costs. Stirchley, Holmer Lake and Brookside have long worked together as one community. Residents share the same schools, youth clubs, library, and community spaces, most based in Stirchley Centre and used by everyone. Our parish structure supports that unity. Splitting it would only fragment funding and leadership. The boundary between Stirchley and Randlay is clear, both geographically and socially. Stirchley residents do not look to Hollinswood or Randlay for facilities or representation. Likewise, Stirchley Village and Park have centuries of history and strong identity — moving them elsewhere

	would erase that heritage and alienate residents. The current parish is efficient, fair, and widely understood. Shared resources mean lower costs and stronger services, such as the Sambrook Centre, youth provision through FunZone, and environmental maintenance. Dividing the parish would create confusion, duplicated administration, and a risk to services residents depend on. Local opinion is overwhelmingly against this proposal. People value the unity and progress we've achieved and see no benefit in change. I therefore urge the Review Committee to reject the proposal and retain the existing Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council boundaries — protecting our community's identity, efficiency, and cohesion.
29	I categorically do not support the merging of these parish councils; the needs of each are different and the compromise-decisions that would need to be reached would not best serve the requirements of each parish. I welcome challenging how these established institutions operate however this consolidation approach does not serve the communities best interests and would ultimately lead to a reduction in the quality of life for residents, businesses and community groups.
30	I write , on this occasion , ██████████ Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley The Friends oppose teh suggested merger of Hollinswood and Randlay tParish with parts of Stirchley and Holmer Lake to create a new parish and parish council Our Friends Group was created to offer support to the Parish Council and work to improve the Randlay Valley area and to provide a safe outdoor space. The \valley is an official Local Nature Reserve (LNR) We work as volunteers to litter pick and to cut back shrubs and bushes, to keep paths clear and areas accessible. We do this through regular volunteer days We also hold meetings and events to organise the group and raise money and advertise the benefits of the Valley. Money is also raised through grants obtained from local companies and organisations. Although welcoming the opportunity to respond the draft proposal, we have severe reservations about its possible effects upon our group and the future of Randlay Valley At Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council the 5-year strategy is continuous, and longstanding, and includes support for the Randlay Valley Area. This support includes but is not limited to: • Administrative help • Publicity • Cooperation • Encouragement of the staff to take part in and support FoHRV events and environmental upgrades • Grant financing • Provision of meeting spaces • Provision of storage areas for tools and materials • Lobbying with outside bodies Without these elements of support, we believe that it will be far more difficult for our group to carry out its tasks and reach its objective - to maintain access to the Valley for the local population Our concern is that a new council , not having this previous knowledge and experience, will not support the Friends actions until such time as the council can develop its own set of priorities, if at all. This would tend to be detrimental to the well being of the population in Hollinswood and Randlay who would see reduced accessibility to the Valley into the future
31	The draft proposal is NOT a tweak to the previous proposal but a significantly different proposal, necessitating the creation of two new parish council to replace the present two . The previous proposal would have created one parish council to cover a sprawling geographical area. This proposal creates two new parish councils one much smaller than the other , so this is not a tweak. The short period of the consultation for this new proposal is insufficient for meaningful consideration by the community and gives little opportunity for the Borough to obtain meaningful feedback. This proposal , as before, means that the 5 year strategy adopted by Hollinswood and Randlay Parish council , and teh services we provide are put at risk. This strategy has been built up over 17 years from representations via the local community and annually updated leading to major improvements to teh services provided by the council from SNAC to allotments , to multicultural community events, from the Valley , to leases taken on for the muddy , pavilion , improved new community centre and huge progress to reaching net zero by 2030. This is all at risk

	Further , the new H , R and S council would still be providing services for a large unconnected, unwieldy set of communities as the distance between Holmer Lake and Hollinswood without interconnected links and differing economic outlook would make the council less cost effective. In all , this is proposal is likely to lead to deteriorating , more costly services for the communities and would be step backwards for Hollinswood and Randlay
32	The last proposal to merge Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council was overwhelmingly rejected with 97% of residents opposing the proposal when presented with the case for it provided by the borough Council. The present proposed merger, to merge the council area with parts of Stirchley has even less support - 99% of respondents are opposed to this proposal . This proposal does not appear to have been formulated from discussions with the community or with the council . Such communication has been very limited . In our conversations with the residents, the most common comment is that the Parish Council is doing a good job ,is not broken and does not need to be fixed Within, the parish council, this proposal is even now, leading to employment uncertainty for its staff , putting pressure on them when they are expected and desire to give their best within the roles they hold. [REDACTED] a duty of care towards all staff and am concerned in the event of this proposal being enacted, for how a longer period of uncertainty ,until the new council is created , might affect their well being and services they provide for our community. The proposed new council's number of councilors will affect the ability of councillors to represent the community and this will be worsened by the increased geographical spread of the whole council area. The proposal will lead to the risk that the plans the council have developed to further the objectives we have agreed with the community in Hollinswood and Randlay , over many years, will be in whole or partly rejected by the new council. This would be a waste and against the interests of the residents. We are not opposed to any change in the parish boundary. We have, for example, previously suggested that Arundel Close and Botfield close be moved into the parish of Hollinswood and Randlay as they are both part of the geographical areas of Randlay (the Stirchley sign is beyond both) however, the suggested scope of this proposal is too vast to enact without significant , and deleterious , effects on the community and I strenuously oppose them

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Objection to Proposed Boundary Changes Affecting Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

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1. Community Identity and Interests

Stirchley & Brookside has functioned as a shared community for decades, bound by common facilities, services, and a shared sense of belonging. Residents of both areas use and identify with the same schools, library, shops, post office, sports fields, youth facilities and community centres – the majority of which are based in Stirchley Centre but serve the entire parish effectively. These are not simply service points, but genuine community hubs that foster social interaction, belonging, and cohesion across both neighbourhoods.

Youth provision offers a particularly strong example of this shared identity. Programmes such as Funzone bring children and families together from across Stirchley and Brookside, and their success depends on a unified parish structure. A separation would risk undermining this provision, fragmenting funding and governance, and ultimately disadvantaging young people in Brookside who currently benefit from shared youth resources.

Geographically, Randlay Avenue forms a clear, long-established physical boundary between Stirchley and Randlay. This boundary reflects genuine differences in community identity. Stirchley residents do not naturally look to Hollinswood or Randlay for their local facilities or sense of belonging. Similarly, Hollinswood operates as a wholly separate community, with its own facilities, playing fields, shops and community centres that Stirchley residents neither use nor identify with. There is no practical or social link that justifies merging the two.

Finally, Stirchley Village residents strongly identify with Stirchley, not Brookside. Placing Stirchley Village within Brookside would erase that distinct identity and force residents to identify administratively with an area they do not live in, undermining the community's integrity.

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The current parish structure is efficient and well understood by residents. It ensures that local services, facilities and representation are easy to access, and it reflects clear, logical boundaries recognised by residents.

Splitting the parish as proposed would create confusion about which council provides which services, risk duplication of administrative functions, and potentially disrupt established maintenance responsibilities. It would also be impractical to split polling districts across parish lines. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) concluded in 2023, after extensive consultation and an Act of Parliament, that polling district TTT (formerly TBZ) should move away from Brookside and enter The Nedge ward. To now disregard those findings would be inconsistent and disingenuous, undermining the integrity of that process conducted by the commission on the request of Telford & Wrekin Council just a few short years ago.

3. Value for Money & Financial Considerations

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RESPONSE TO THIRD CONSULTATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

At a meeting of Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council on 14 October 2025 Council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO OPPOSE the proposal by Telford & Wrekin Council under their Community Governance Review to divide Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council; specifically, the proposal to place Stirchley within Hollinswood and Randlay Parish and place Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park within a separate Brookside Parish.

The following points detail the reasons why the Parish Council believes that the correct course of action is to remain as it currently exists and allow the Parish Council to continue delivering ever improving services and offerings on an equitable basis to the residents of Brookside, Holmer Lake and Stirchley.

This submission sets out the reasons why such a change would undermine established community identity, reduce local government effectiveness, create unnecessary financial burdens and in opposition to local opinion.

1. Community Identity and Interests

Stirchley and Brookside has functioned as a shared community for decades, bound by common facilities, services, and a shared sense of belonging. Residents of both areas use and identify with the same schools, library, shops, post office, sports fields, youth facilities and community centres – the majority of which are based in Stirchley Centre but serve the entire parish effectively. These are not simply service points, but genuine community hubs that foster social interaction, belonging and cohesion across both neighbourhoods.

Youth provision offers a particularly strong example of this shared identity. Programmes such as FunZone bring children and families together from across Stirchley and Brookside and their success depends on a unified parish structure. A separation would risk undermining this provision, fragmenting funding and governance, and ultimately disadvantaging young people in both Stirchley and Brookside who currently benefit from shared youth resources.

Geographically, Randlay Avenue forms a clear, long-established physical boundary between Stirchley and Randlay. This boundary reflects genuine differences in community identity. Stirchley residents do not naturally look to Hollinswood or Randlay for their local facilities or sense of belonging. Similarly, Hollinswood operates as a wholly separate community, with its own facilities, playing fields, shops and community centres that Stirchley residents neither use nor identify with. There is no practical or social link that justifies merging the two.

Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park residents strongly identify with Stirchley, not Brookside. Placing Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park within Brookside would erase that distinct identity and force residents to identify administratively with an area they do not live in, undermining the community's integrity. That erasure would totally undermine the history of Stirchley Village and Stirchley, which has been a parish since the 1200's. It should be noted that should Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park be placed within Brookside it would be the third time since the early 2000's which is considerable totally unacceptable to residents. As stated, residents

of Stirchley Village and Stirchley Park do not associate themselves with Brookside and fear that any move to make them become part of Brookside would result in their views and interests being ignored and that the majority of funding would be spent on the part of Brookside within the ring road.

2. Effective and Convenient Local Government

The current parish structure is efficient and well understood by residents. It ensures that local services, facilities and representation are easy to access and it reflects clear, logical boundaries recognised by residents.

Splitting the parish as proposed would create confusion about which council provides which services, risk duplication of administrative functions and potentially disrupt established maintenance responsibilities. It would also be impractical to split polling districts across parish lines. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) concluded in 2023, after extensive consultation and an Act of Parliament, that polling district TTT (formerly TBZ) should move away from Brookside and enter The Nedge ward. To now disregard those findings would be inconsistent and disingenuous, undermining the integrity of that process conducted by the commission at the request of Telford & Wrekin Council just a few short years ago.

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5. Potential Risks to Current Services and Offerings

The proposal throws into doubt the following services currently provided by Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council to residents of Brookside, Holmer Lake and Stirchley:

a. The Sambrook Community Centre, Stirchley

The building incorporates (i) community library; (ii) hub for social, recreational and educational activities; (iii) activities by groups including arts and crafts, short mat bowls and other wellbeing-focussed sessions; and (iv) hub for support organisations providing counselling and advice services to the community.

Adding another building to those currently maintained by Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council questions the sustainability and viability of the Stirchley centre. Closure of the centre would remove a key amenity for the community for groups as well as support organisations working within the local community. Vulnerable members of the community will not wish to travel to other parish buildings.

b. Youth Provision

Provided by the FunZone team within the Parish Council through the last 20 years. The youth offerings are delivered through The Sambrook Centre in Stirchley and the Brookside Central Community Centre. Question arises over the possibility of delivering these under a split environment. The Parish Council's approach towards youth provision in Stirchley and Brookside is strategically different to that of Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. The success of the provision by Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council is reflected in increasing numbers of youths attending and benefitting from the offerings. Membership numbers as at September 2025 were:

- i. Brookside at 118 (commenced November 2024);
- ii. Stirchley midweek at 242;
- iii. Stirchley Saturday at 230 (commenced April 2024).

Key to success of this provision is down to a well-trained and dedicated team living within and knowing the community and not solely relying on third party organisations who have no local investment. The combined offering enables young people to come together from differing elements from the community and improve social interaction.

Fragmentation of this provision runs serious risk of loss of team members heavily invested in improving the wellbeing of young people. Loss of this provision would run risk of increase in anti-social behaviour, an area where the local Police have noted improvements.

The Stirchley FunZone offering is dependent upon the Stirchley centre as its hub.

c. Environmental Services

The services provided by Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council differ in approach to those of Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council.

Stirchley and Brookside's services cover:

- i. **Gardening scheme** for eligible residents. Currently stands at 84. Question over how this could continue as operating model differs to Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council.

Implementation of the proposal would result in 40 properties being in scope of Brookside Council. Recruitment of an operative to deliver in Brookside would add to

- costs. Relying upon volunteers runs separate risks. For those properties in Stirchley, risk is the service not continuing at the level currently provided or at all.
- ii. **Bus stops** maintenance. 17 of the 25 stops are located within Brookside. Separate future maintenance within Brookside would add to costs.
 - iii. **St James Church graveyard** part of which is maintained by the Parish Council. Future responsibility would fall to Brookside. Future maintenance would add to costs. Relying upon volunteers runs separate risks.
 - iv. **Stirchley allotments.** If integrated into Hollinswood and Randlay question arises whether the new Council would wish to maintain two separate sites.
 - v. **Stirchley and Brookside roundabout;** half in Brookside, half in Stirchley. Separate future maintenance costs would increase.
- d. **Play Areas.** Maintenance of the 5 play areas owned by the Parish Council would fall under the responsibility of Brookside. Future maintenance of these would add to costs.
- e. **Community events.** Would these continue and be viable if the current parish is split? Current events see residents from Brookside, Holmer Lake and Stirchley all participating. Residents in Stirchley may not wish to travel to Hollinswood or Randlay for events and vice versa if event held in Stirchley.

6. Councillor Membership

The statement is made that “the recent spate of councillor resignations from Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council may be considered to indicate that the arrangements need to be reviewed.”

Like any other town or parish council councillor membership can evolve. The Parish Council rejects any suggestion that a review is required as a result of recent resignations which were for varying reasons.

The recent vacancies showed strong interest from parishioners in representing their community with three of the four positions being filled through the election process and the fourth via co-option. It can now be seen that with new membership the Parish Council is increasing its engagement with the community.

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Submission to The Boundary Review Committee regarding the Community Governance Review Phase 3.

At the full council meeting on Monday 15th September, Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council resolved to OPPOSE the expected proposal (and subsequently confirmed by the publication of the Phase 3 documents on the 29th September) of Telford & Wrekin's recommendation which is to create two new Parish Councils – one being Brookside and the second being Hollinswood & Randlay with a significant part of Stirchley coming together (as Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley)

(Note: - see comment below about the timescales – the 3-week consultation period meant that no pre-arranged full council meeting fell in the period.)

There was a debate about the proposal which Councillors believe will create a new parish council which is still too large with no clear reasoning as to the benefits for our residents, and the residents of Stirchley and most importantly will still result in communities losing their identities. There was further comment regarding the reduction in number of Parish Councillors of which brings into question adequate and appropriate local representation and democracy.

There is still concern over the overall process and how this does not meet the criteria of a Community Governance Review as outlined and explained in detail within our Phase 2 comments.

What was also noted, is the reduced timescales allowed for this consultation of Phase 3, bearing in mind the significant change from the original proposals being so different, it is extremely short and unnecessarily rushed which could result in not being able to provide a reasonable similar level of response from residents.

The Parish Council, within the timescales provided did arrange for 2 drop-in sessions to take place, on the 10th October at Randlay & 17th October at Hollinswood, the number of responses is lower than phase 2. This is not to do with apathy from the part of the residents, as any engagement has shown significant interest, but to do with the lack of promotion and publicity borough wide. It has been noted that TWC has not undertaken any drop in / information sessions on the new proposal.

Of those who did attend the results are as follows: -

Support – 1.2%
Oppose – 98.8%

Total number of forms – 90

All forms will be provided to TWC to verify. A number of the forms have comments on.

This does provide clear evidence that residents do not wish this proposal to go ahead and mirrors the previous levels of people opposing any change.



Conclusion

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council has opposed the previous recommendations for any creation of a new parish area from its first mention and continues to do so. This now includes the creation of a new Parish Council, which, will in effect, absorb all of the current Hollinswood and Randlay Parish with parts of Stirchley into a new Parish.

This stance was formed following a well-considered and discussed objective view of the options provided, based on community involvement, experience and knowledge of our local area. The Council has not just decided that this would be rejected out-of-hand. The proposal was and has been evaluated based on what is best for the residents, who are represented by the Councillors, taking time to discuss with them and then considerable effort to review all evidence. They also considered the suggested reasons for the creation of a new Parish area and concluded: -

- This phase 3 proposal would still not make the two new Parishes co-terminous with The Nedge Ward boundary nor the Brookside Ward boundary.
- There has been minimal movement in the boundaries – the Ward boundaries have had movement but not the parish boundaries. The existing Parishes still reflect the local communities they represent and there is clear demarcation between the areas. These are both hard and soft geographically.
- The reasoning provided regarding the Councillor resignations at Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council is not a valid or suitable reason to affect residents from a different area – if this is the case then should that Parish Council not be split as suggested as one of the options in phase 2.

The Parish Council has and will continue to offer its assistance to Telford and Wrekin in support of any minor changes to the boundaries to remove the few anomalies that do currently exist and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these ideas with the Boundary Review Committee to assist in regard to these (Arundel Close, The Hem and Station Quarter).

Finally, Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council wishes to make clear, again, that its working relationship with Telford and Wrekin has, in its view, always been a positive and supportive partnership, with residents' best interests at its core. It is of course hoped that this will continue for many years to come.

However, in this specific instance, it is unable to and cannot support this proposal and continues to oppose the recommendation on behalf of the residents.

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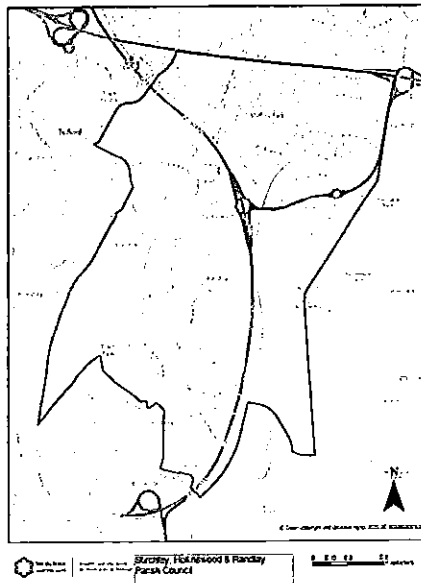
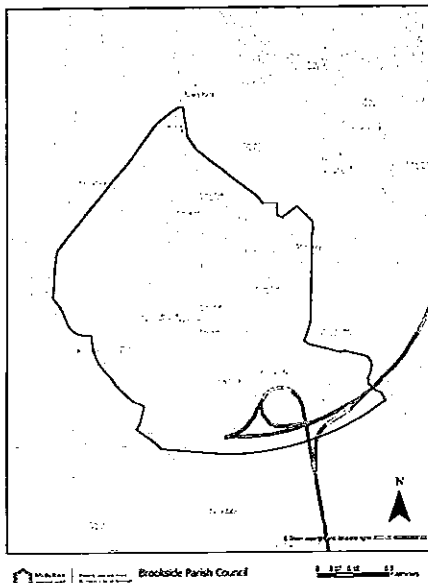
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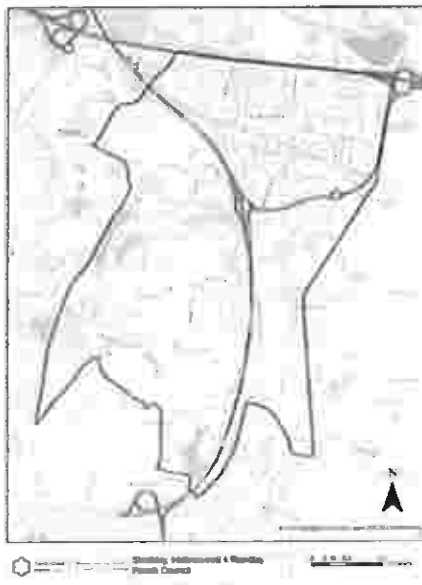
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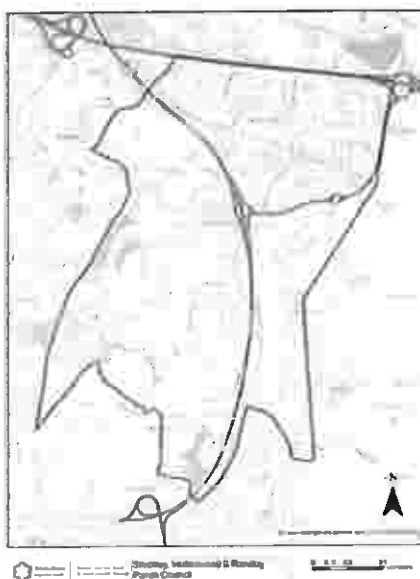
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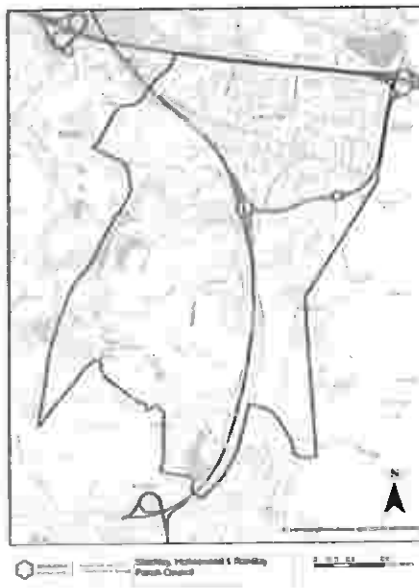
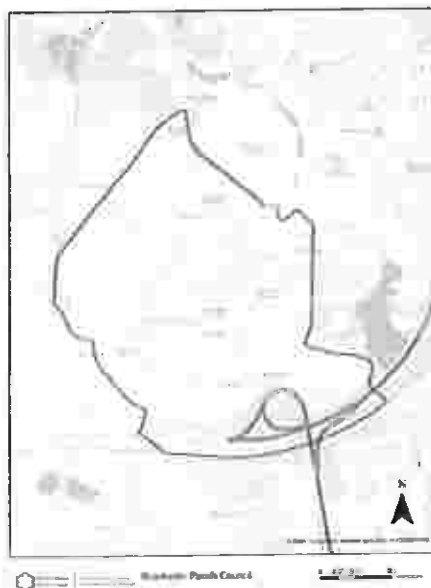
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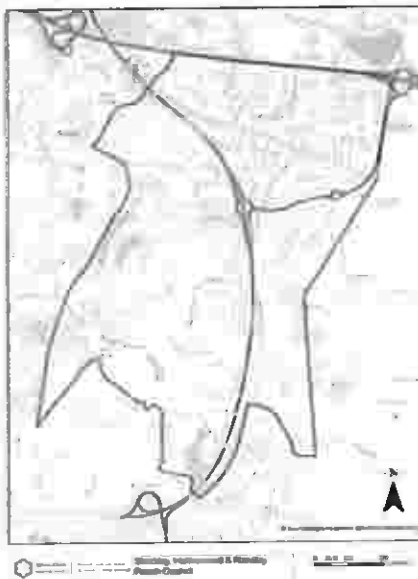
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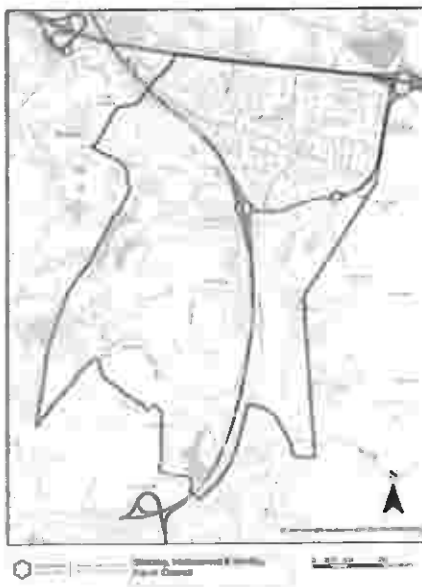
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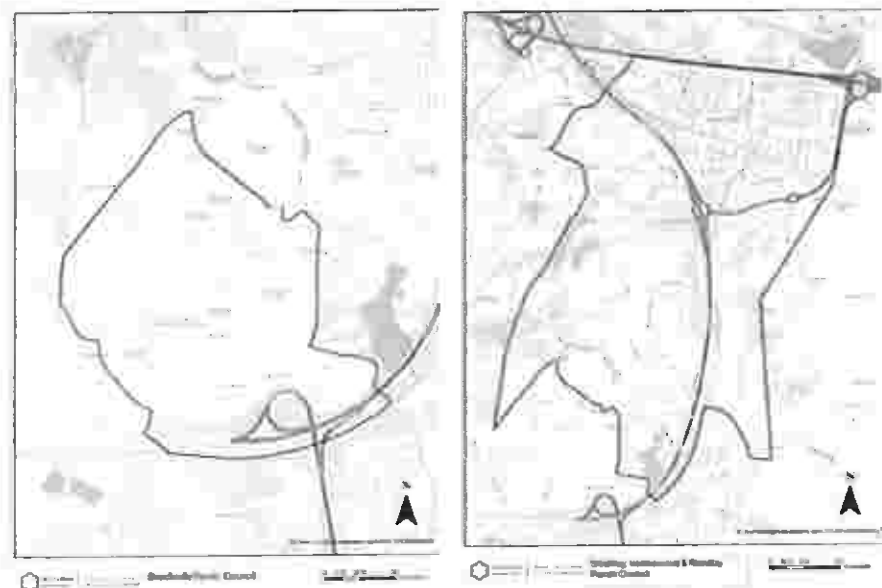
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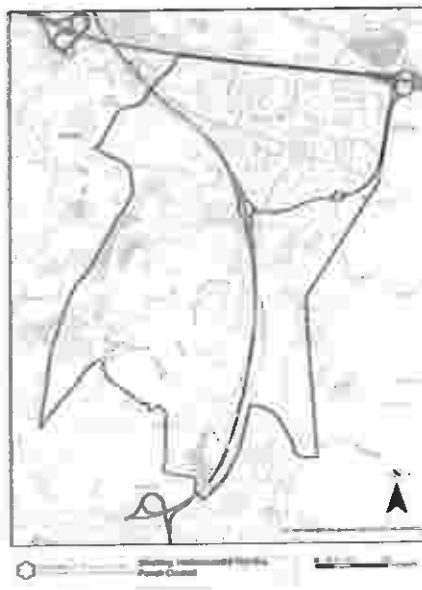
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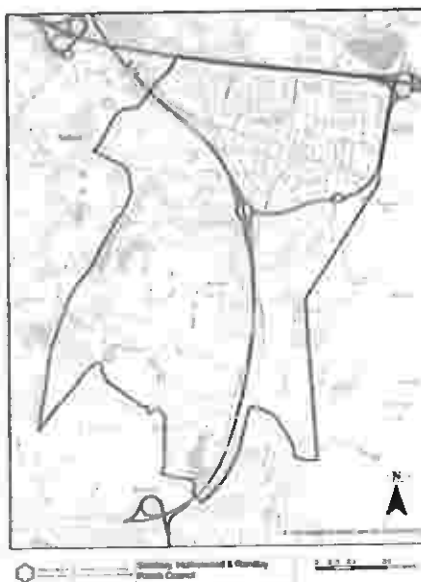
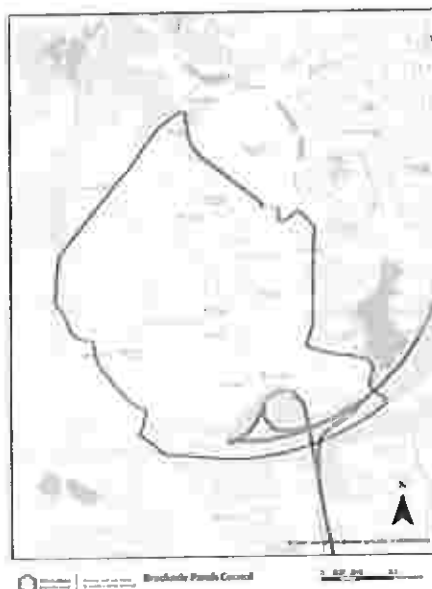
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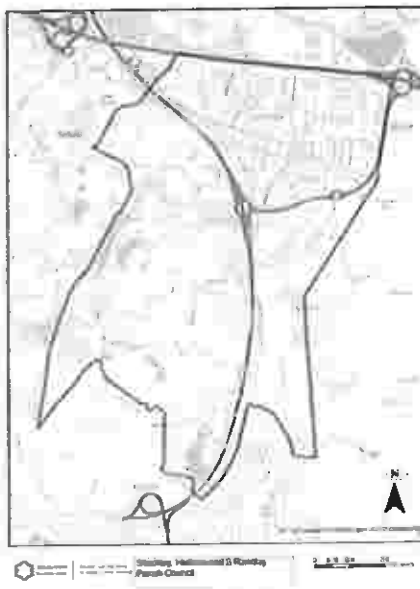
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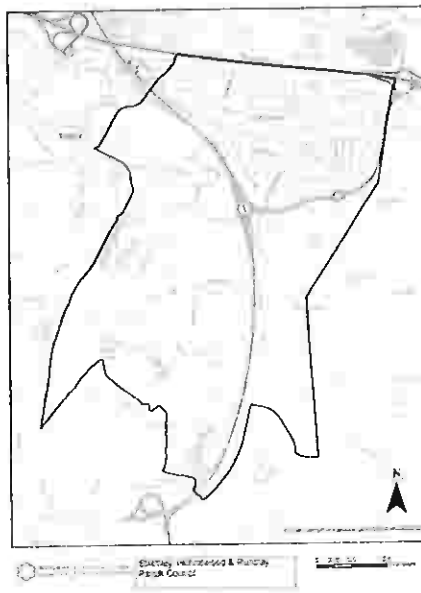
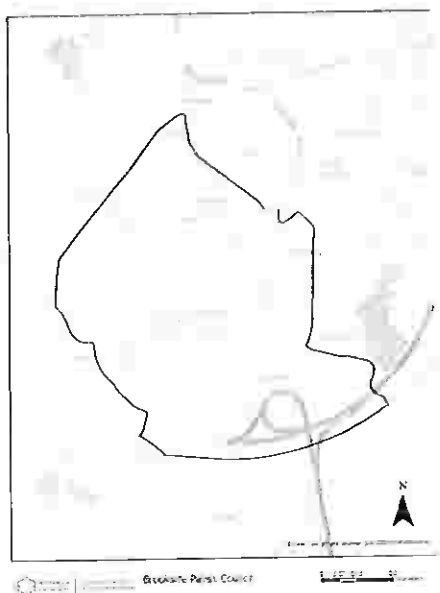
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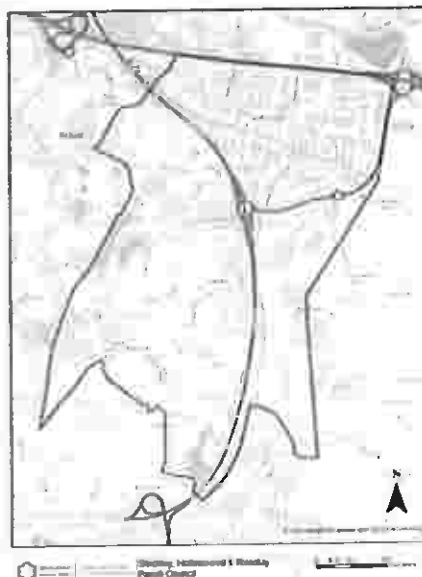
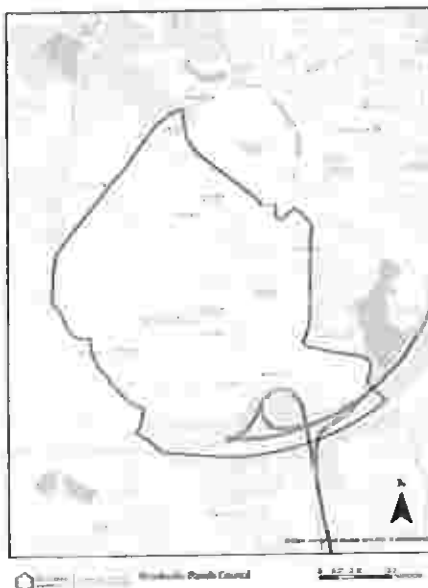
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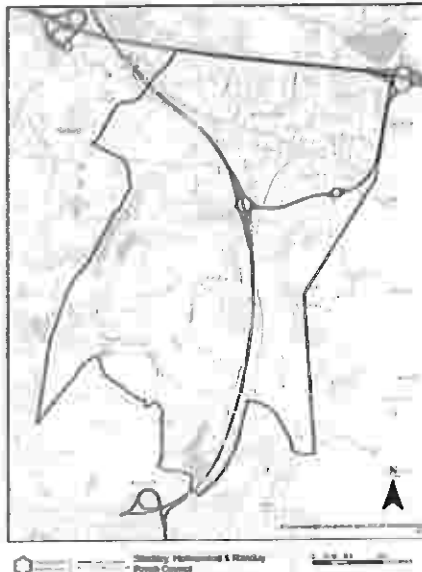
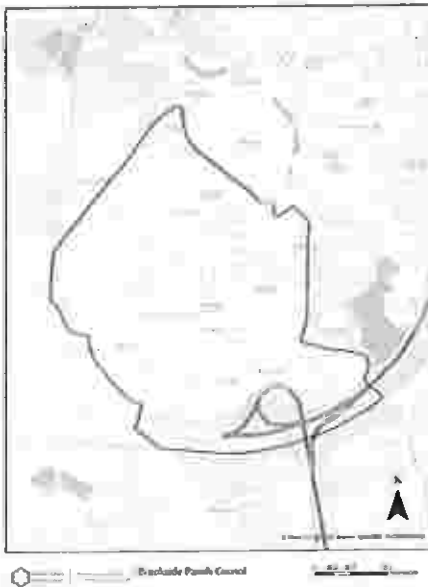
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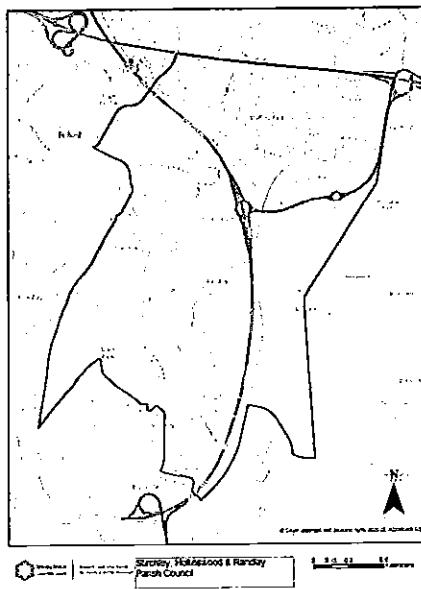
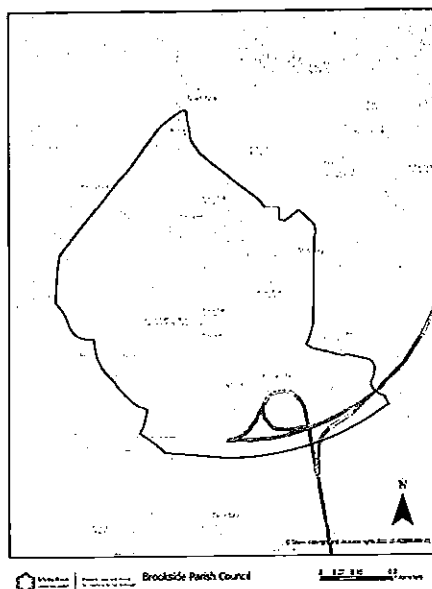
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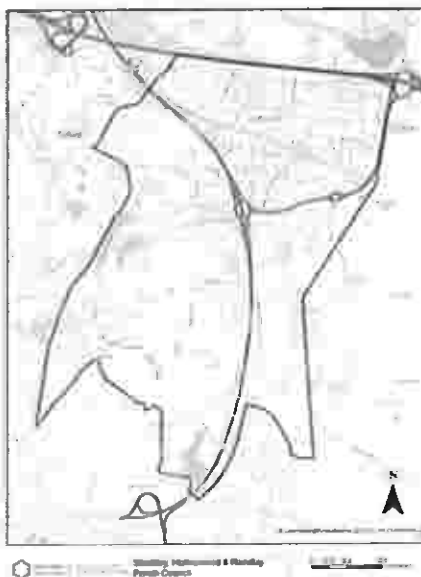
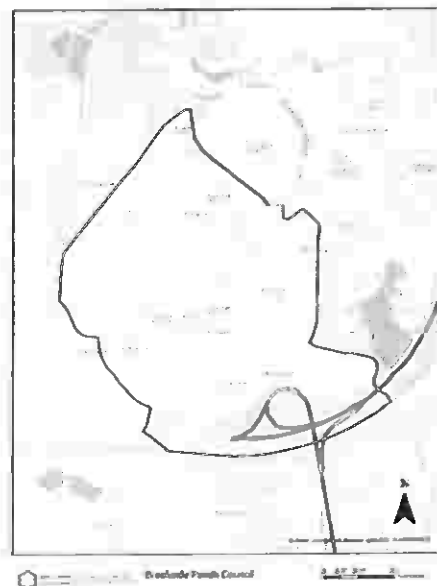
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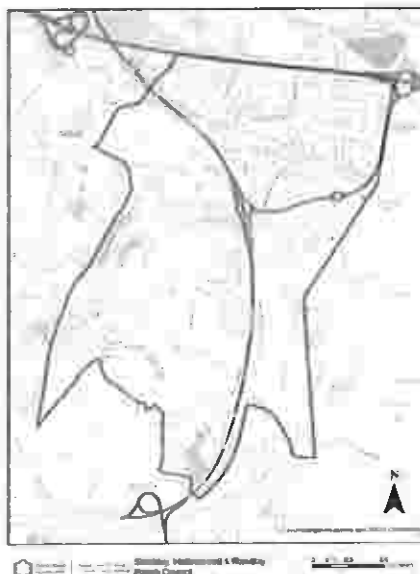
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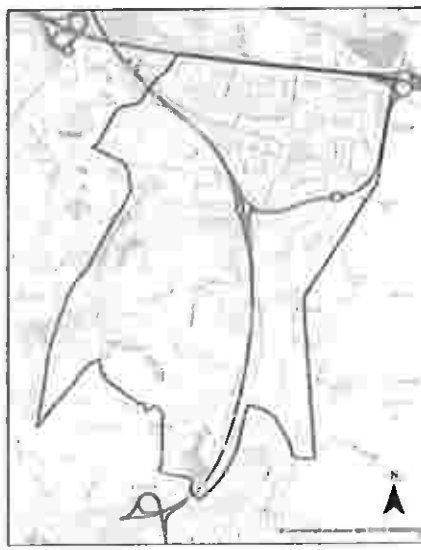
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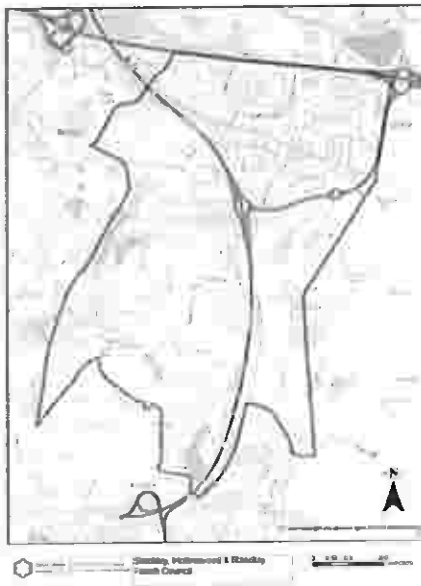
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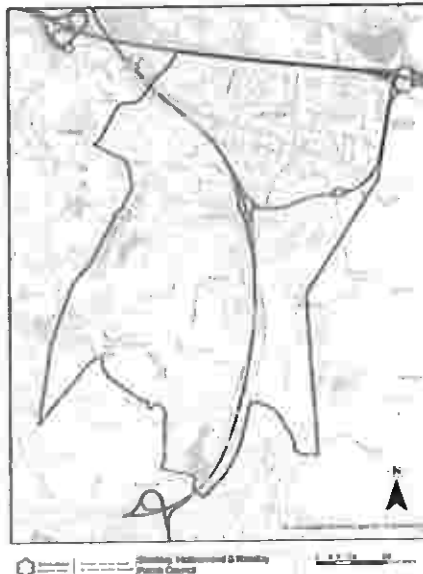
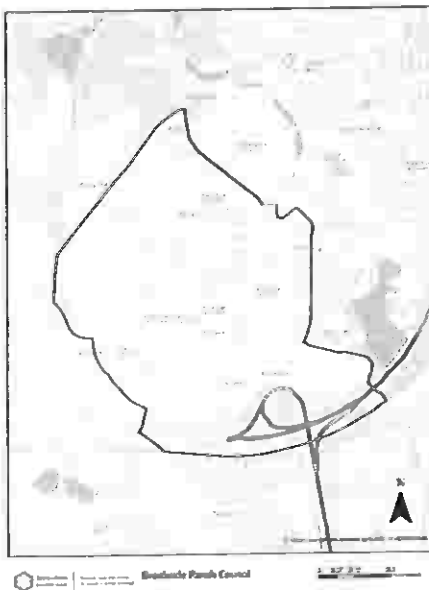
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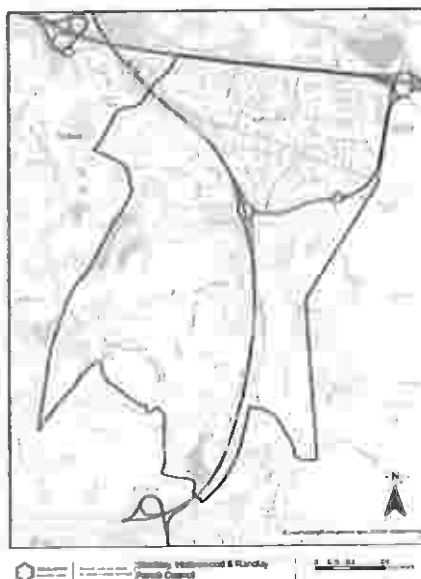
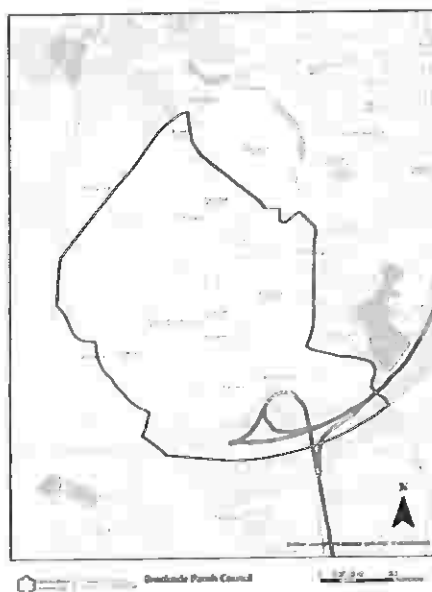
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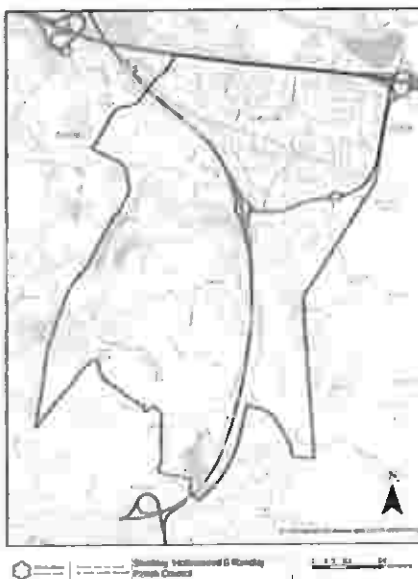
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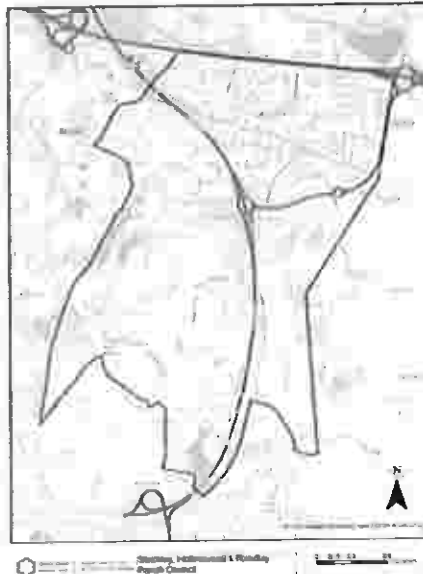
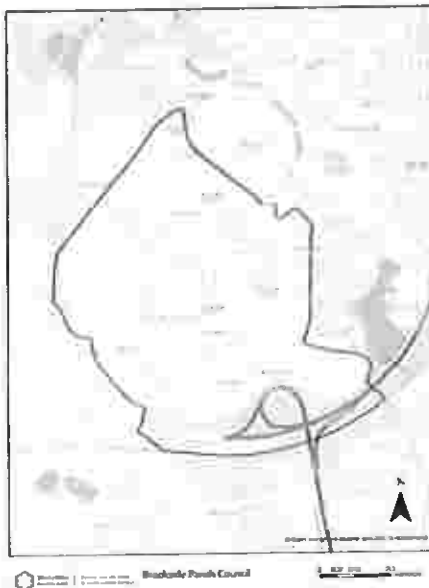
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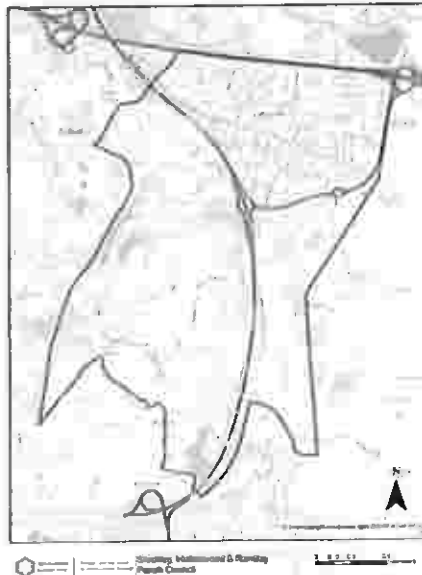
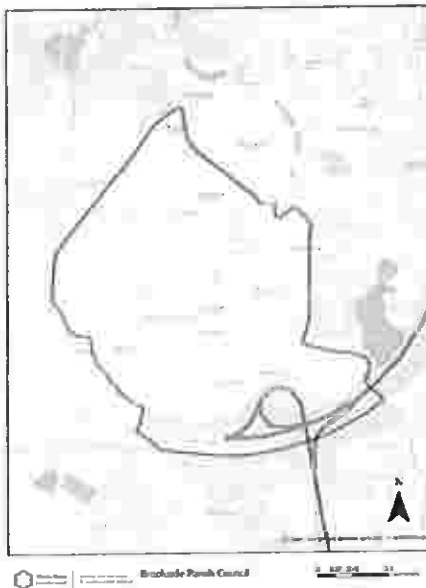
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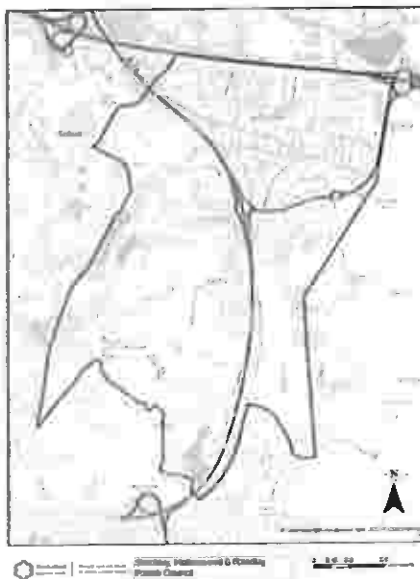
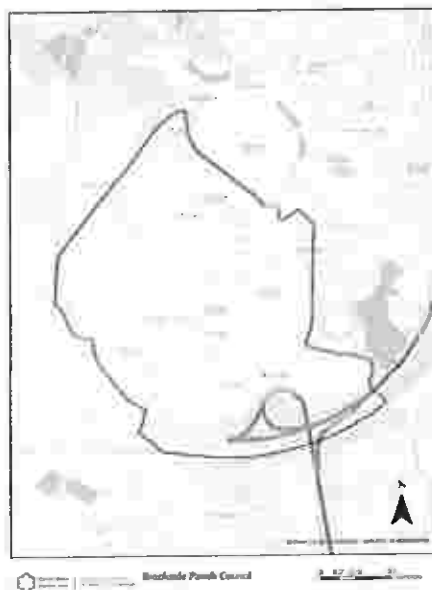
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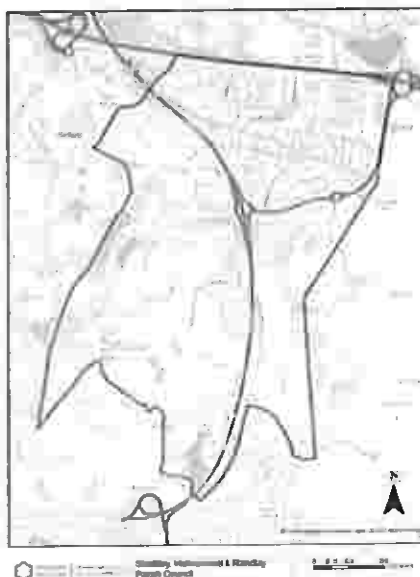
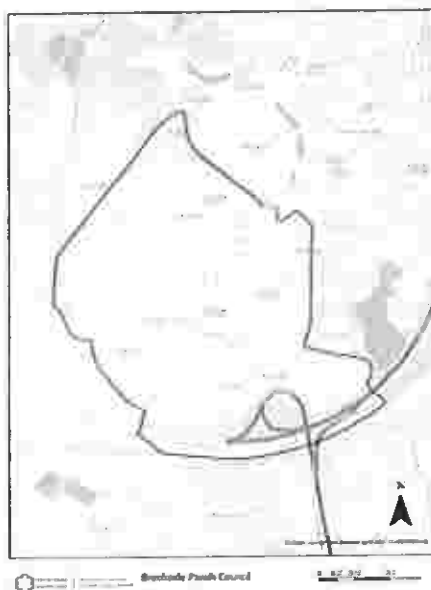
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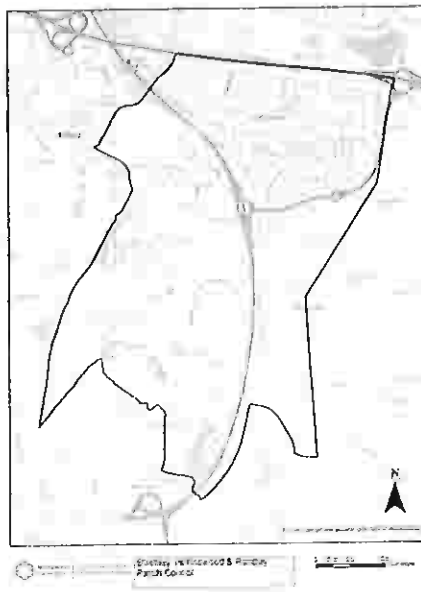
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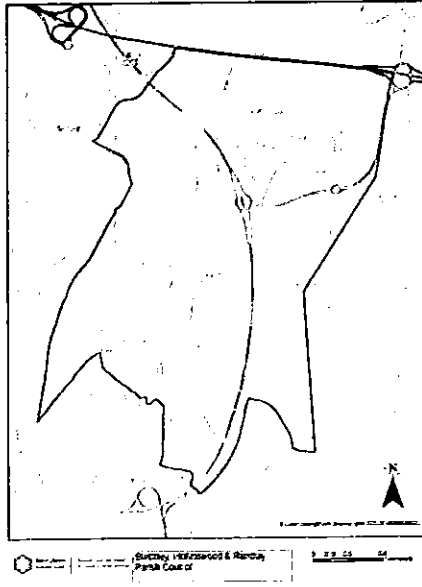
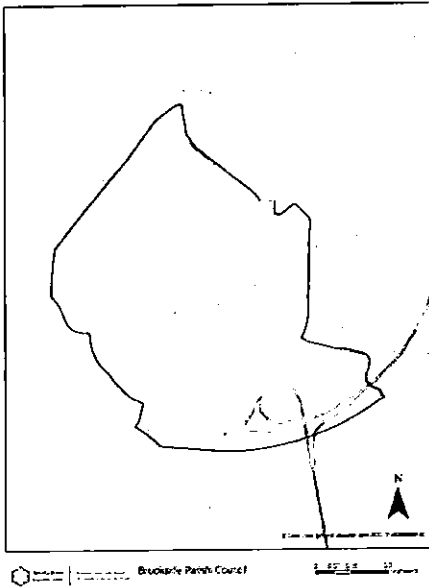
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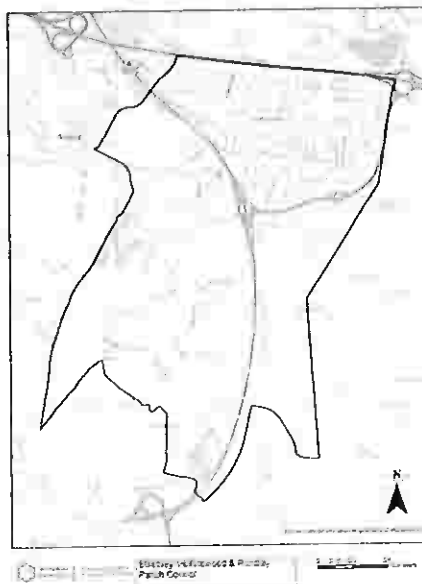
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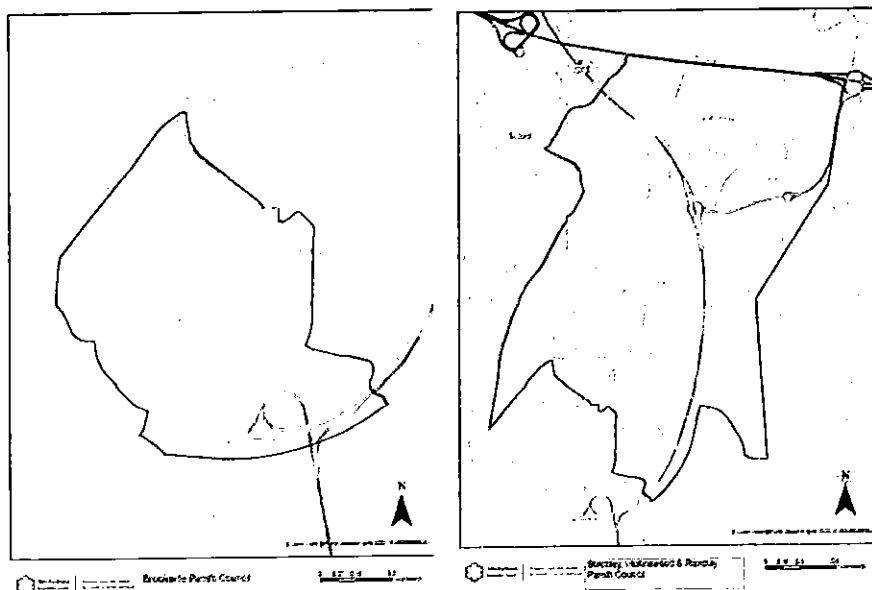
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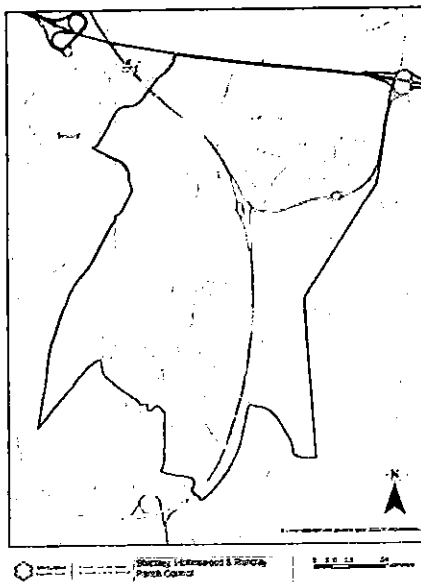
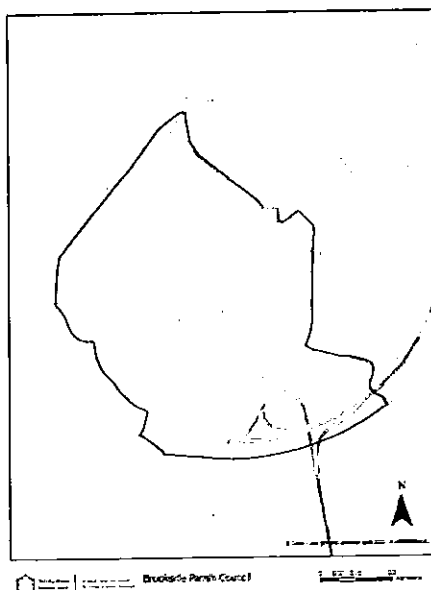
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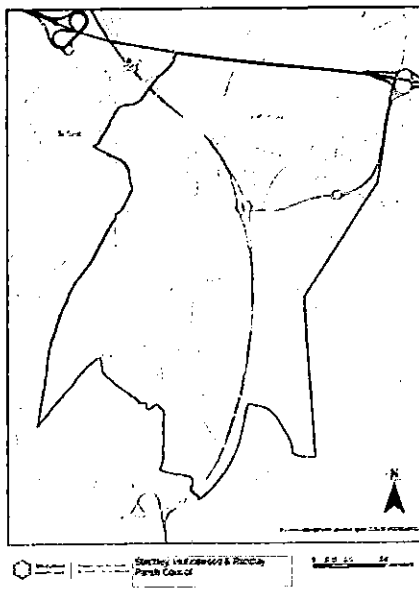
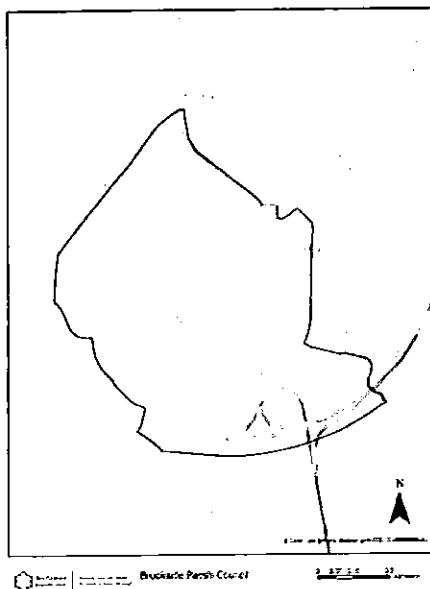
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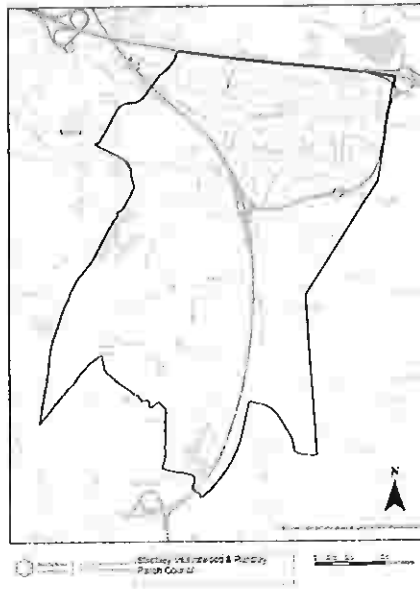
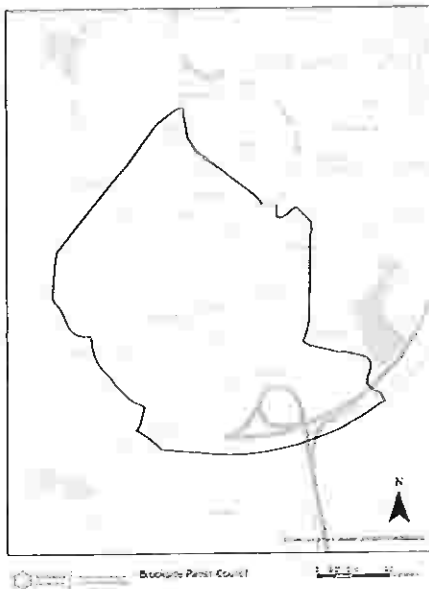
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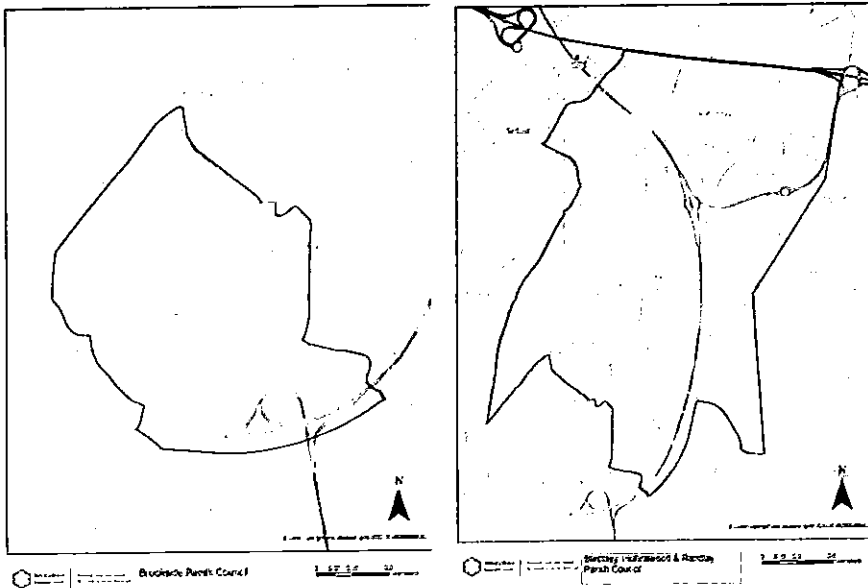
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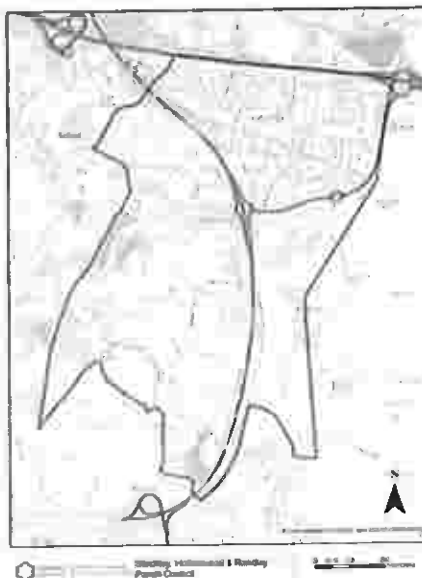
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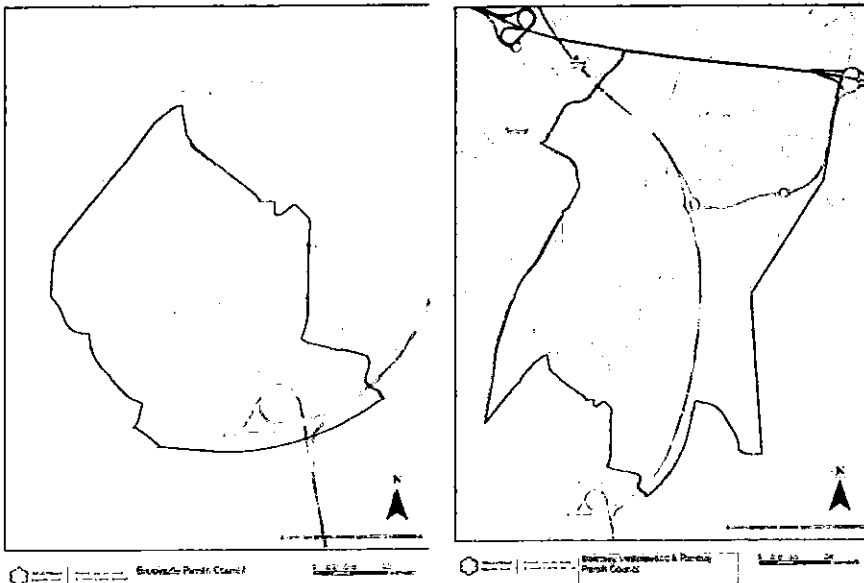
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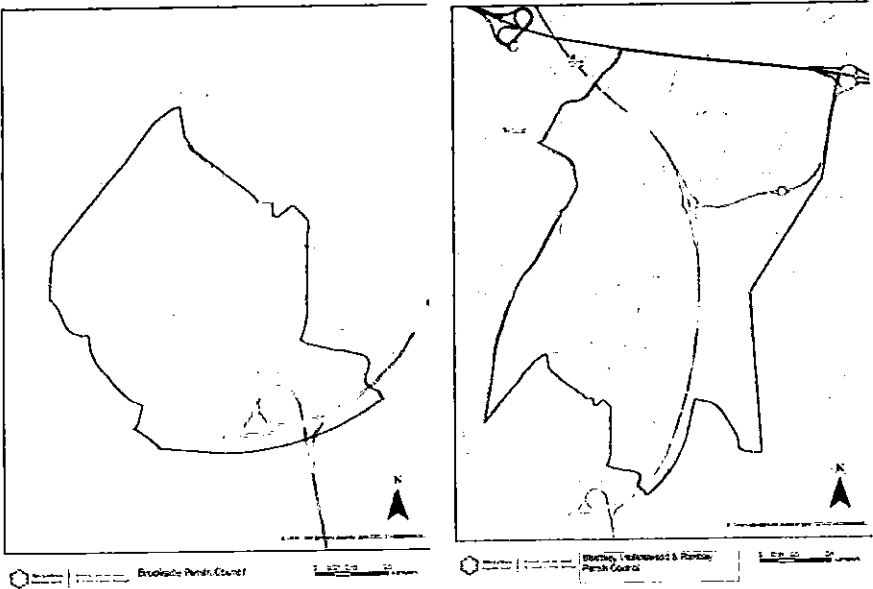
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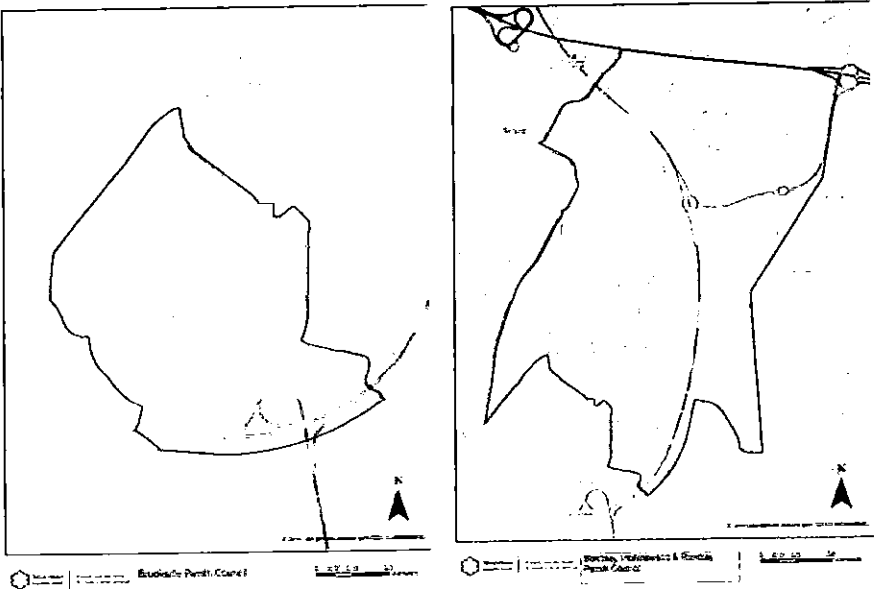
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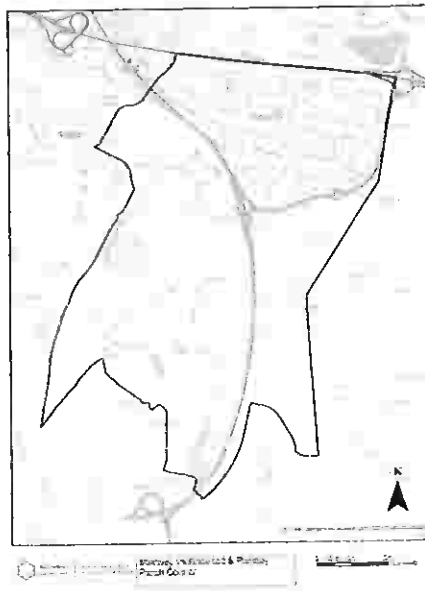
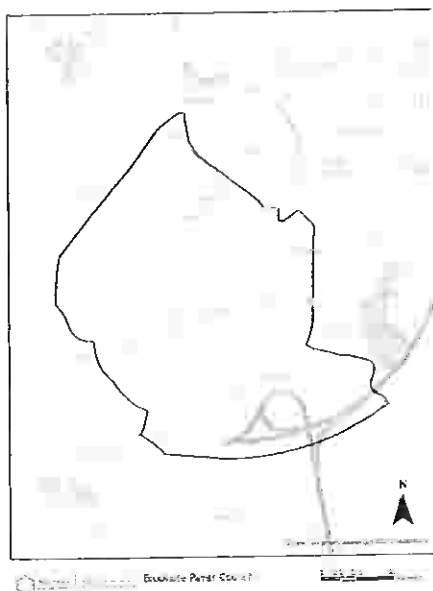
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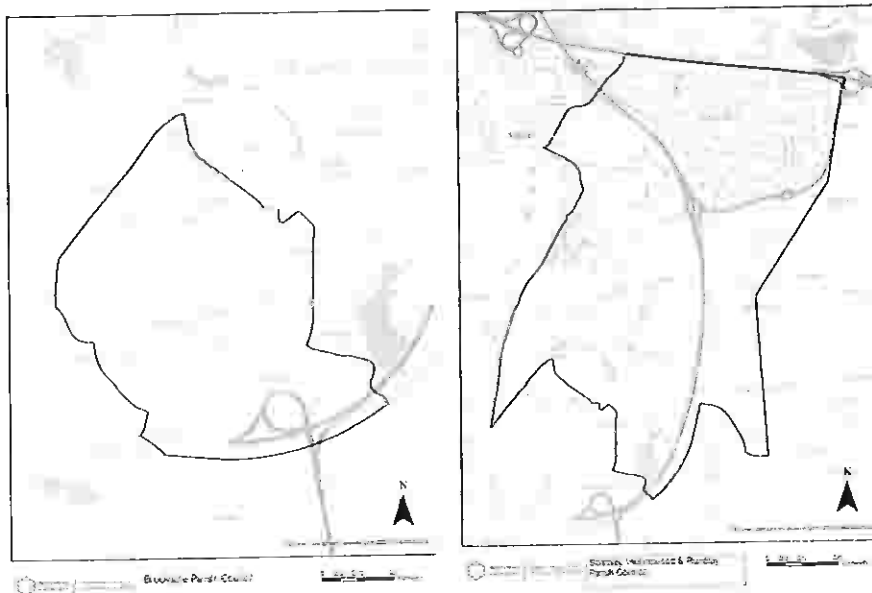
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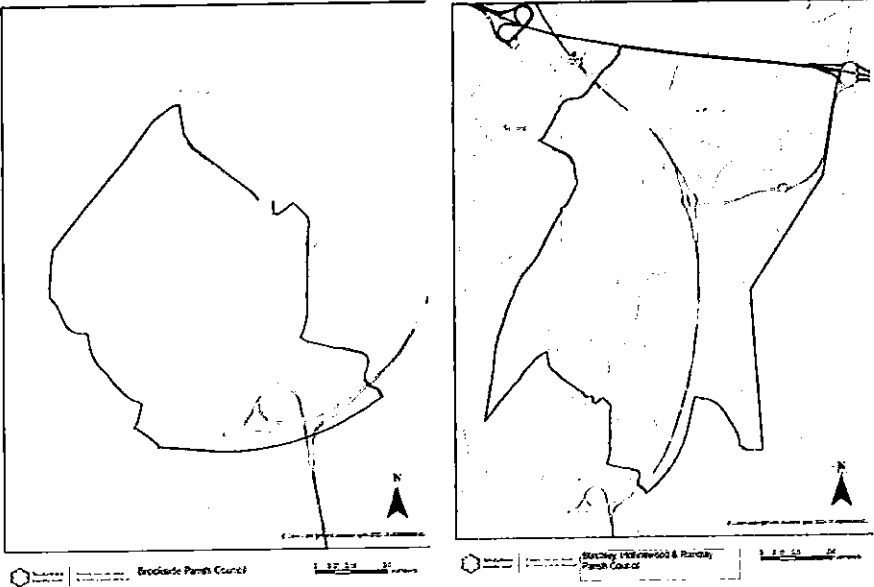
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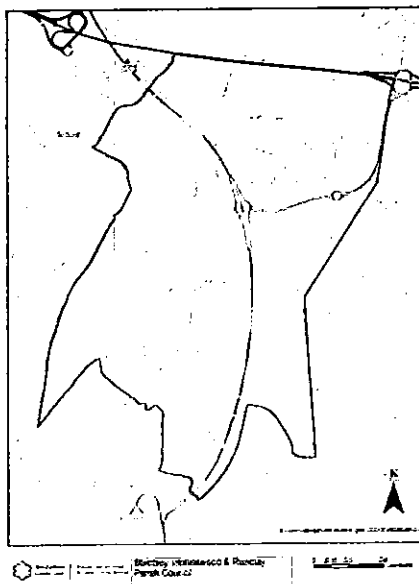
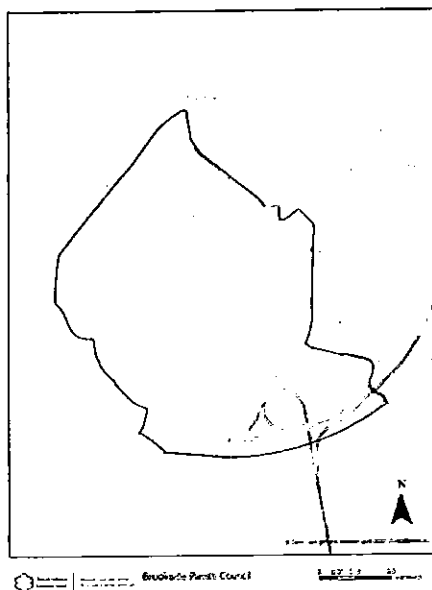
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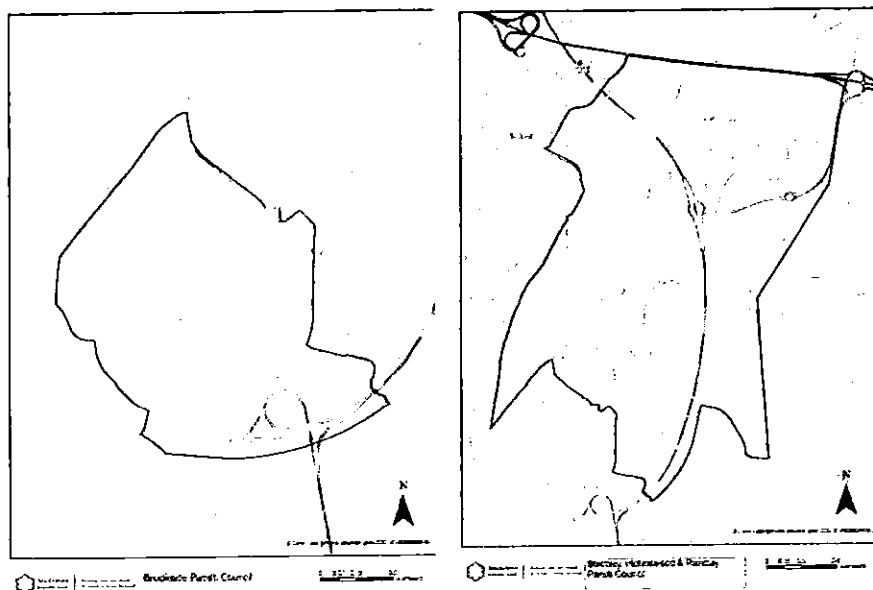
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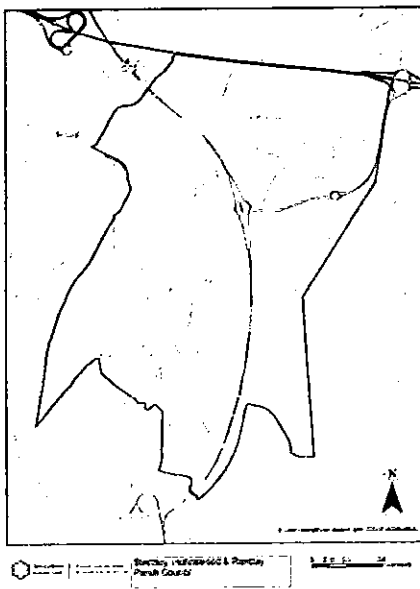
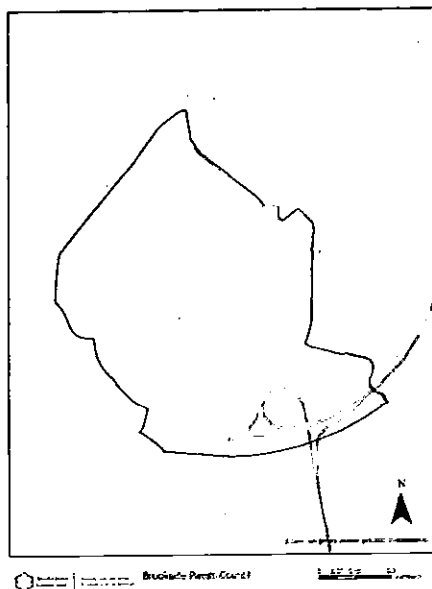
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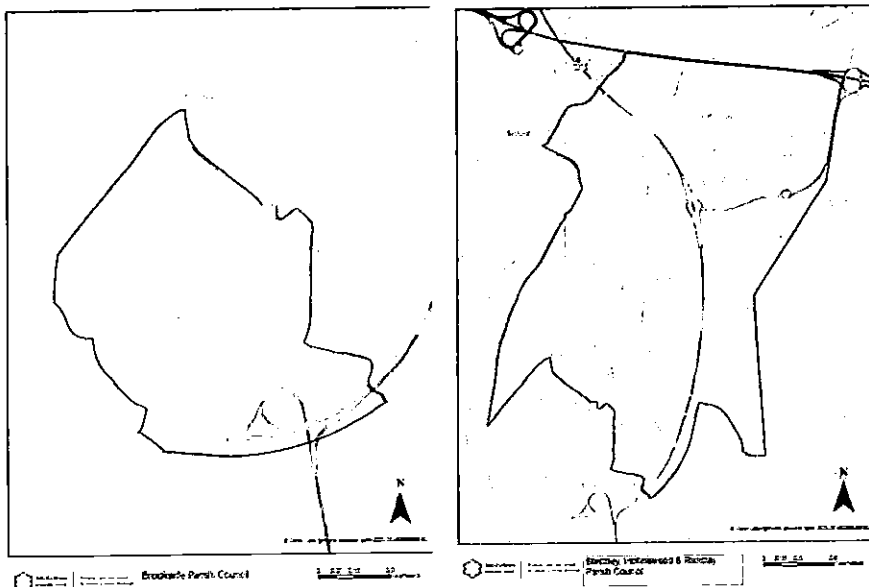
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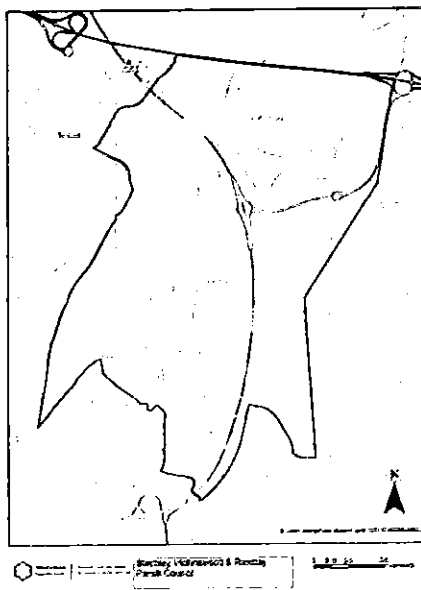
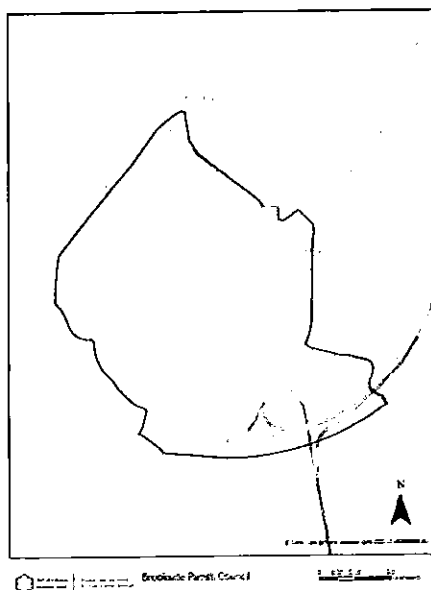
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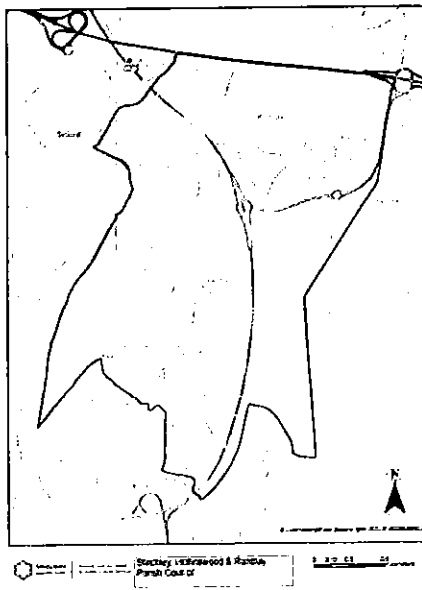
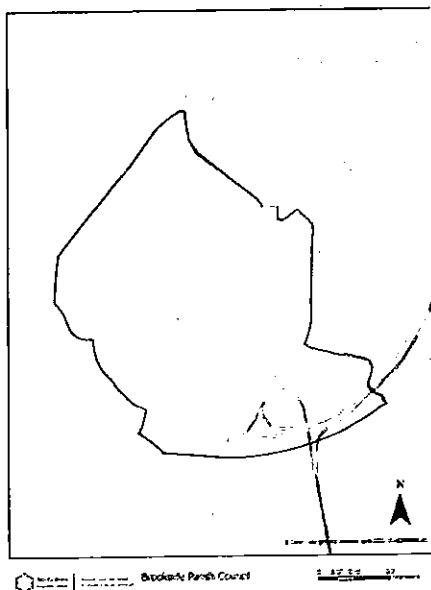
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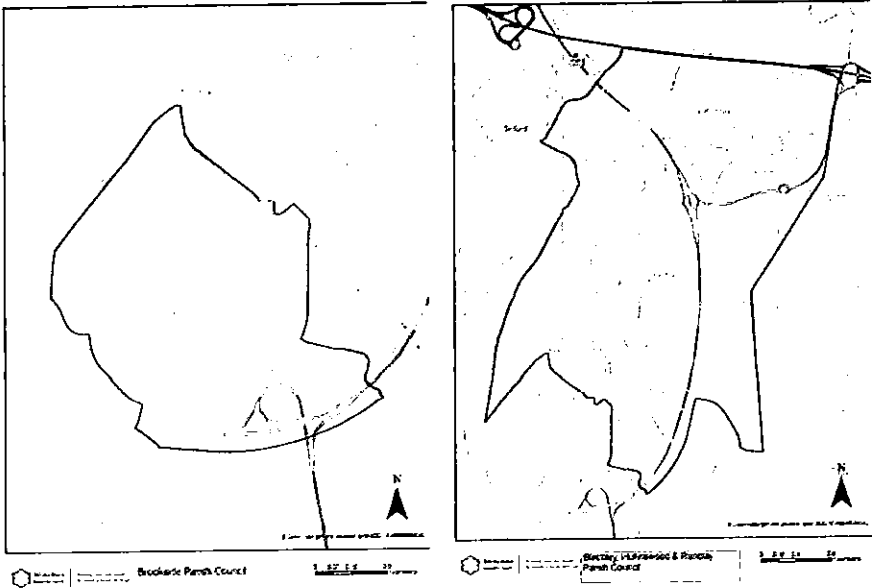
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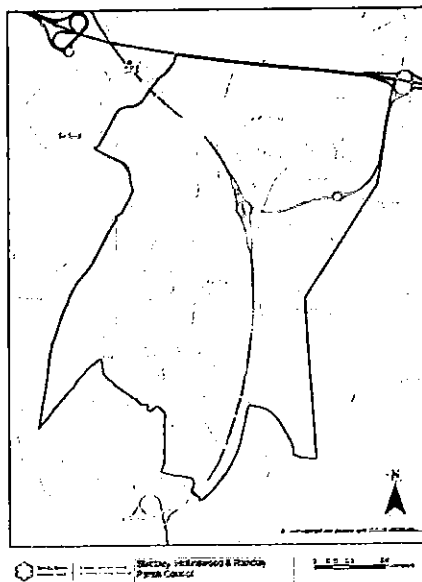
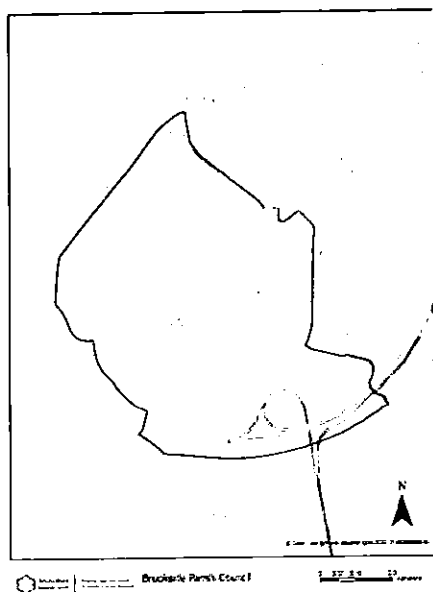
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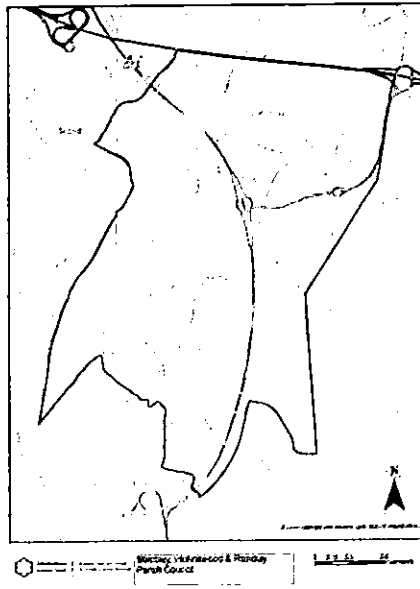
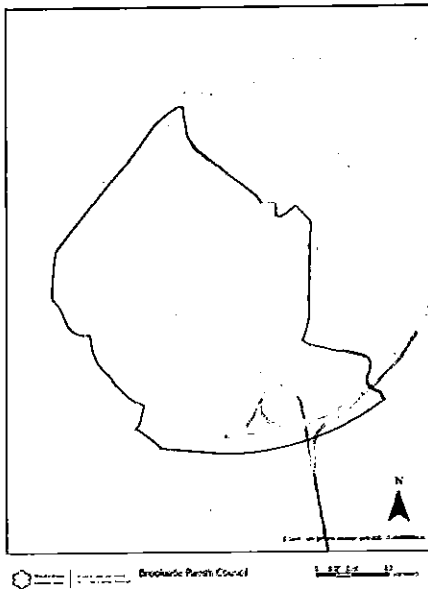
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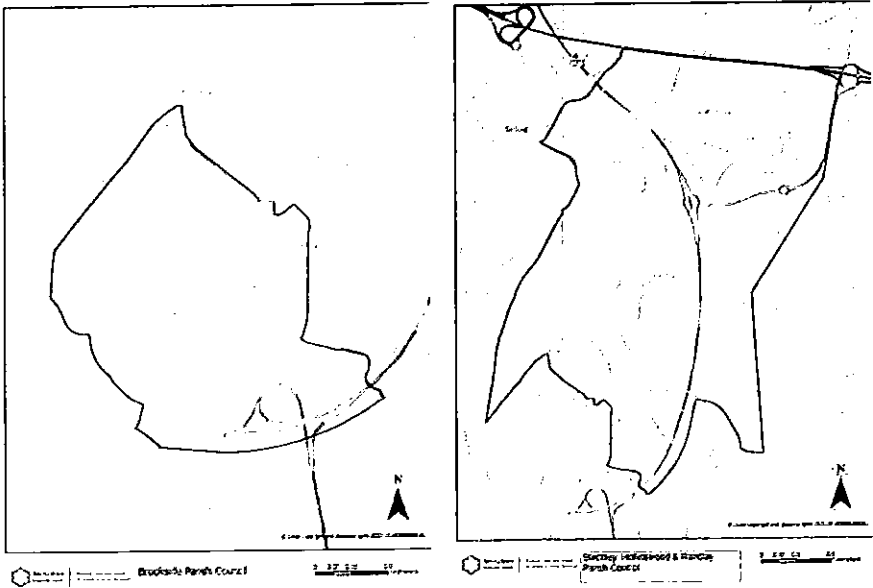
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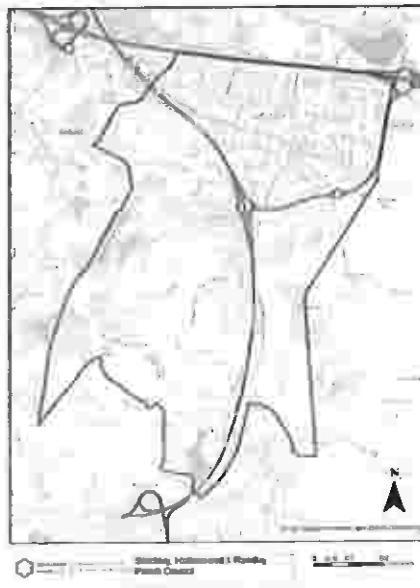
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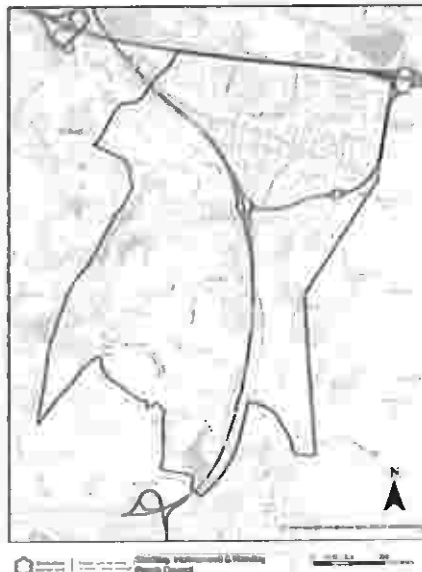
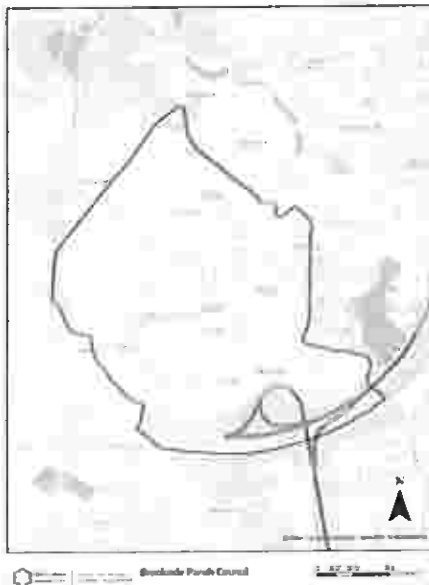
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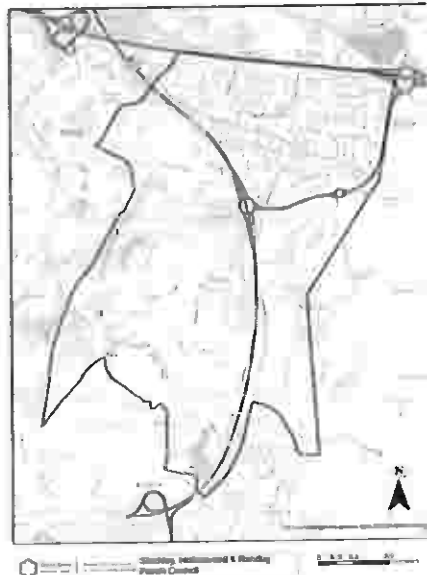
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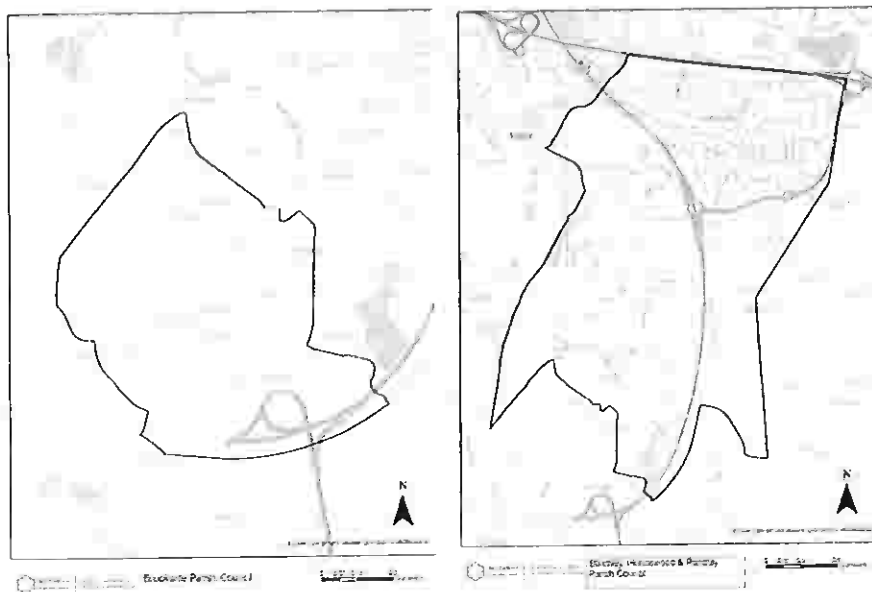
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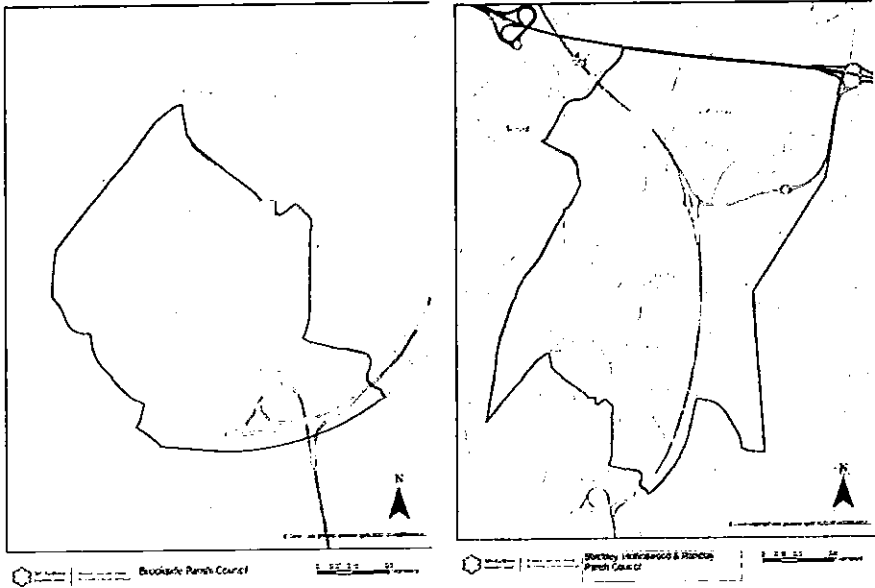
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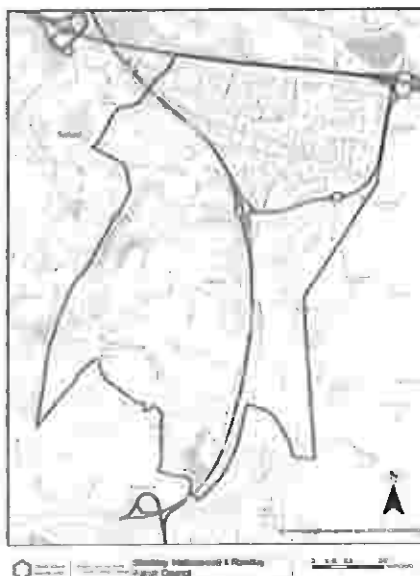
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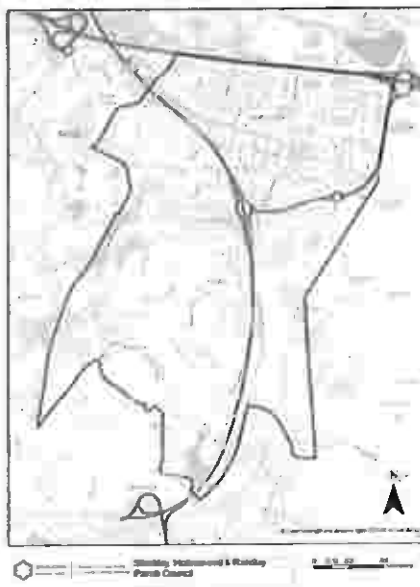
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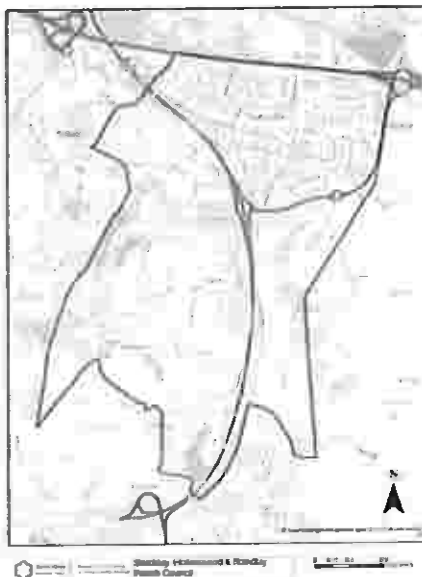
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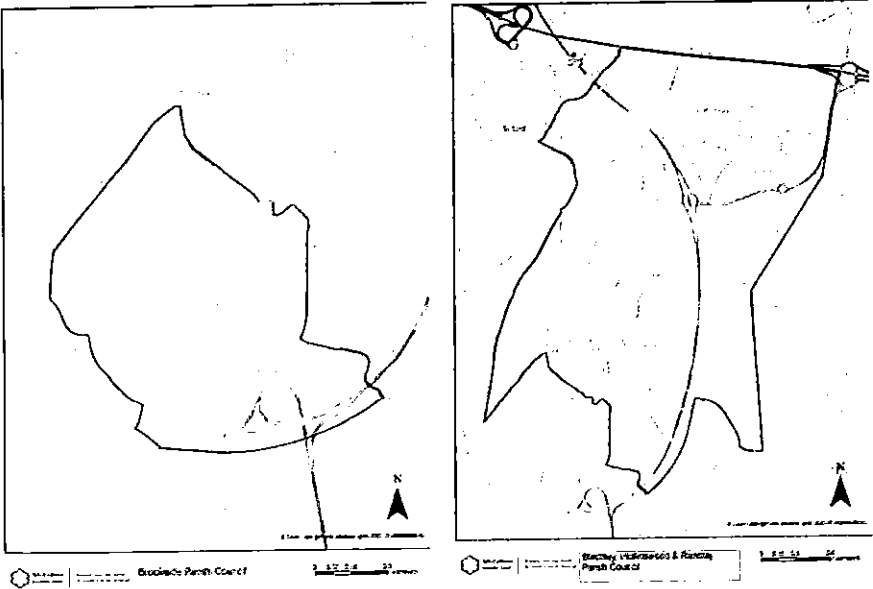
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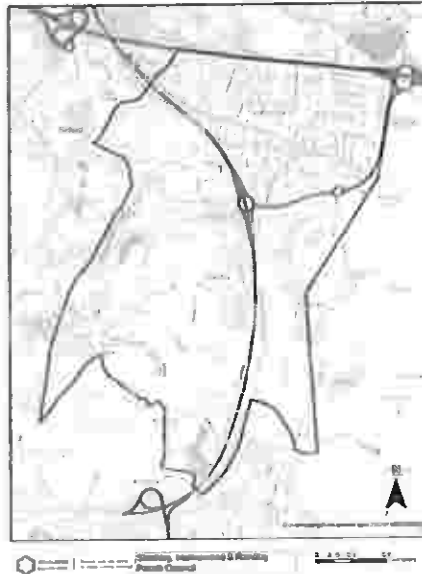
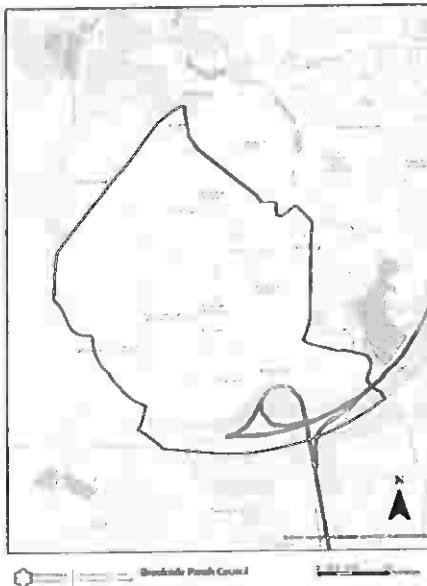
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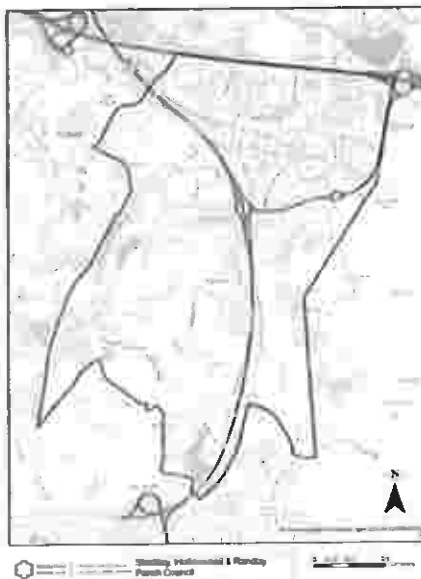
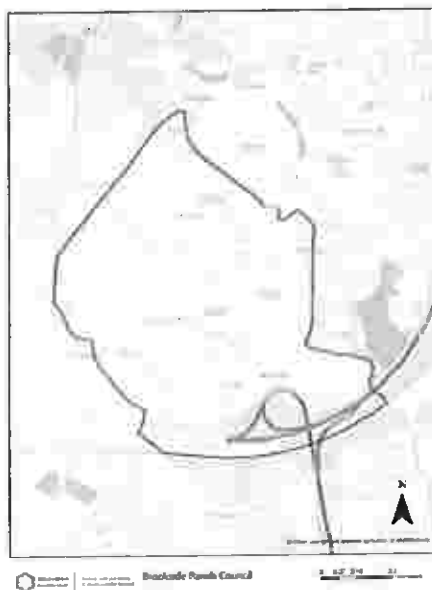
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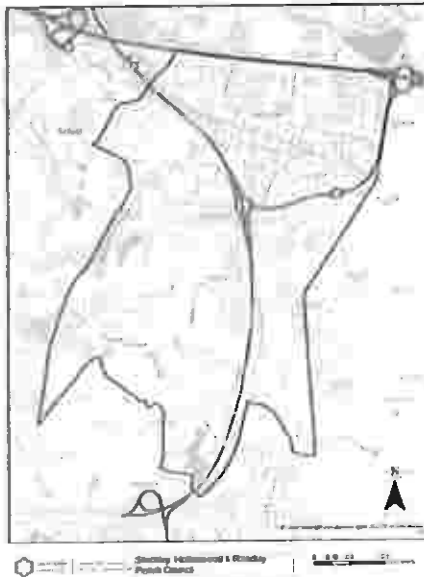
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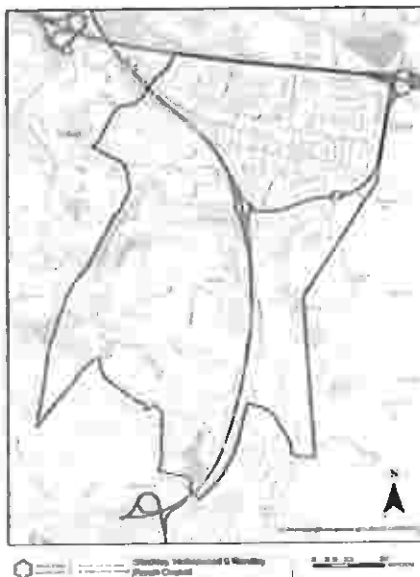
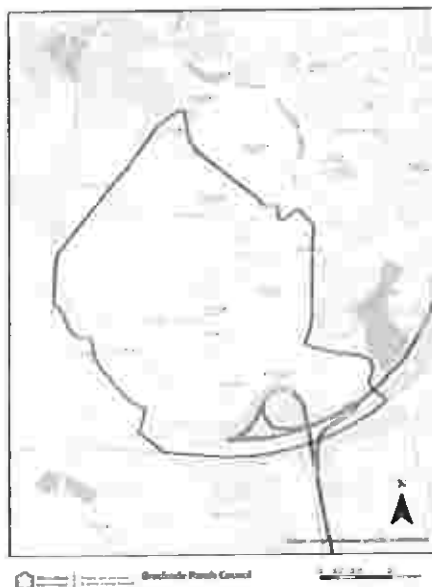
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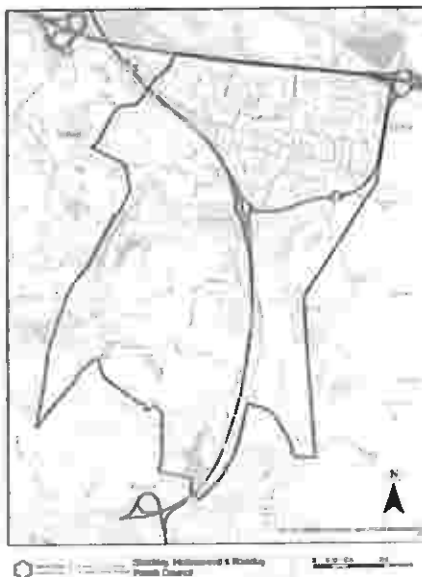
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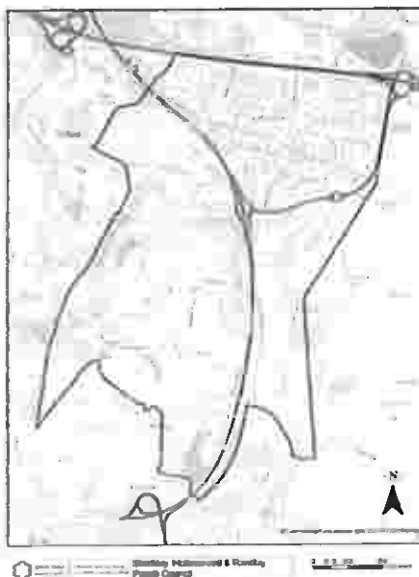
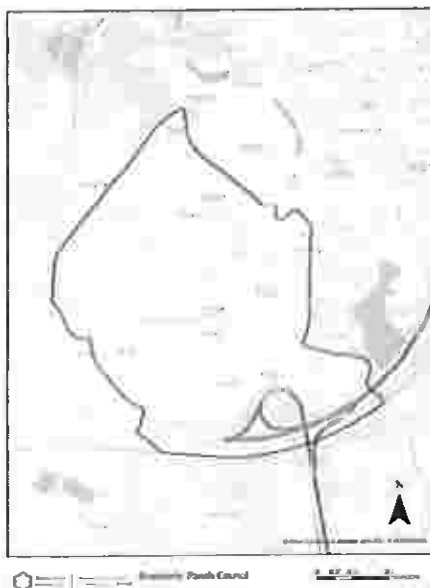
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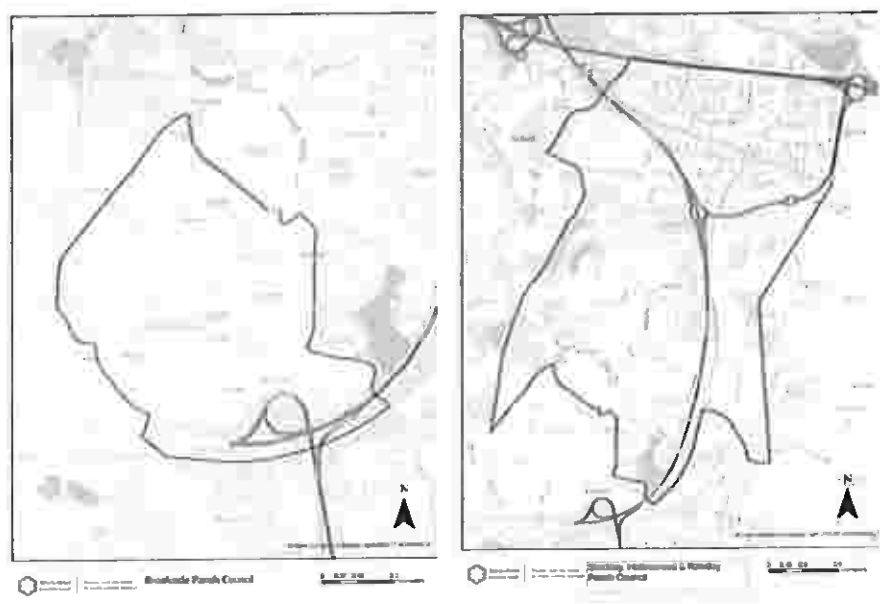
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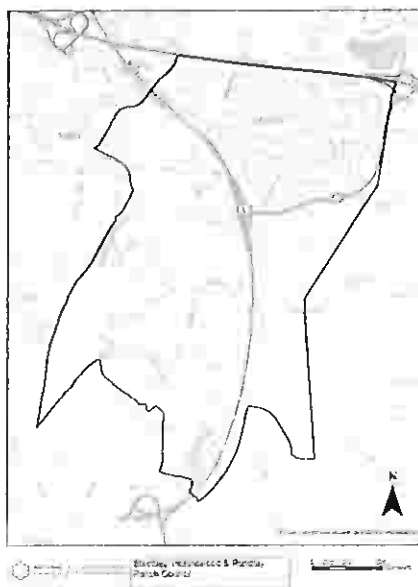
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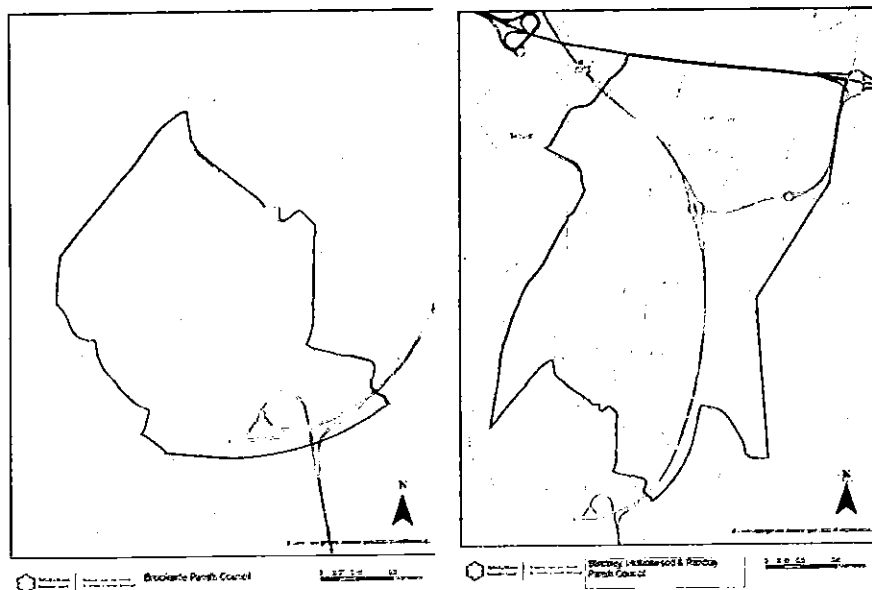
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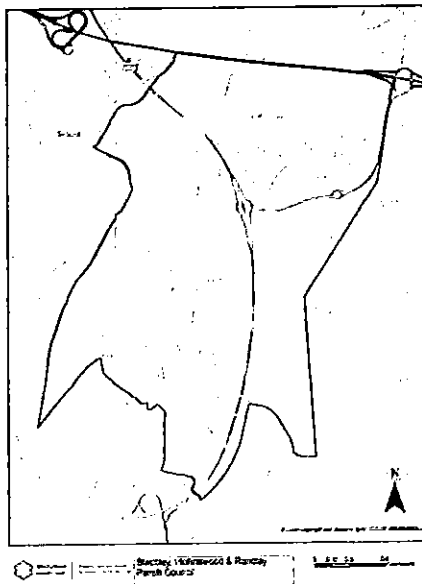
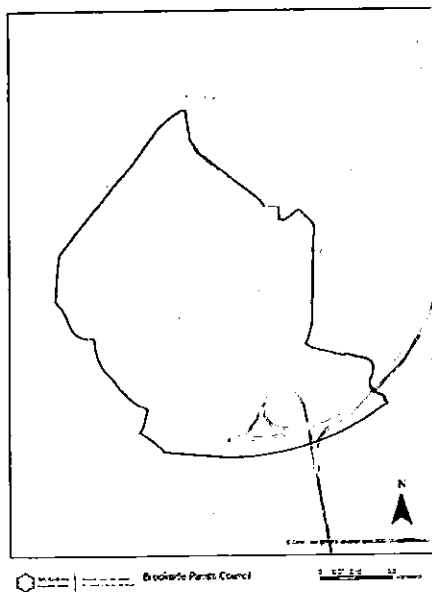
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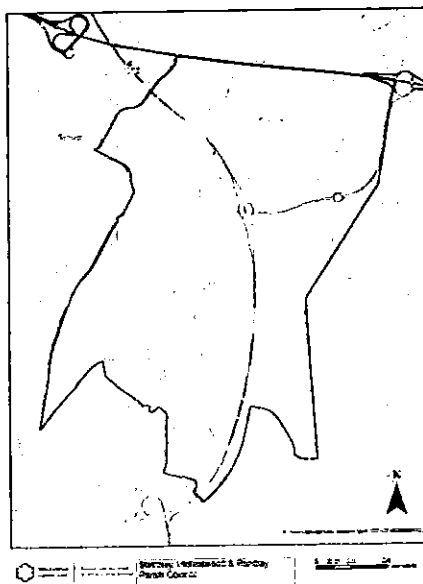
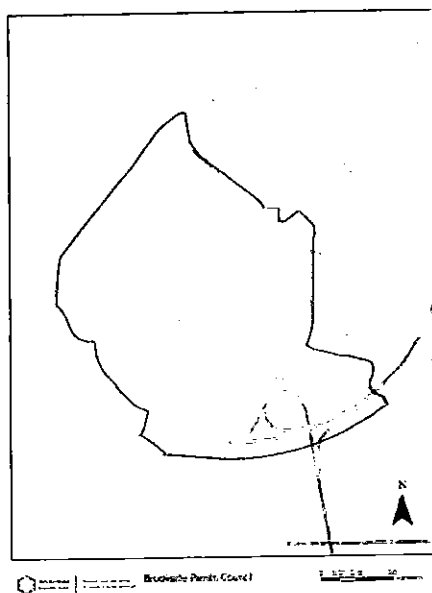
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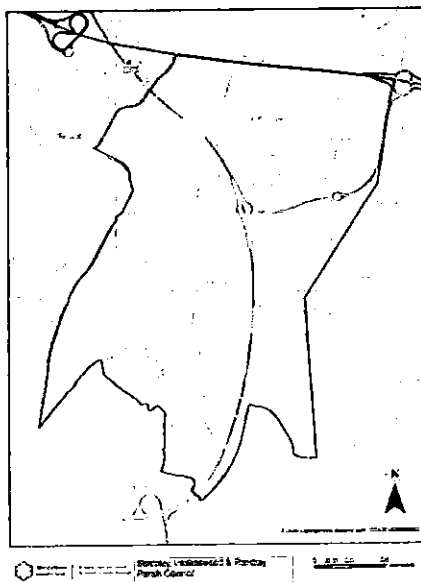
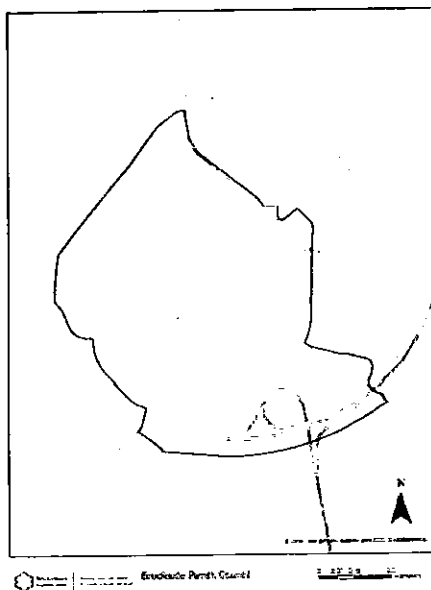
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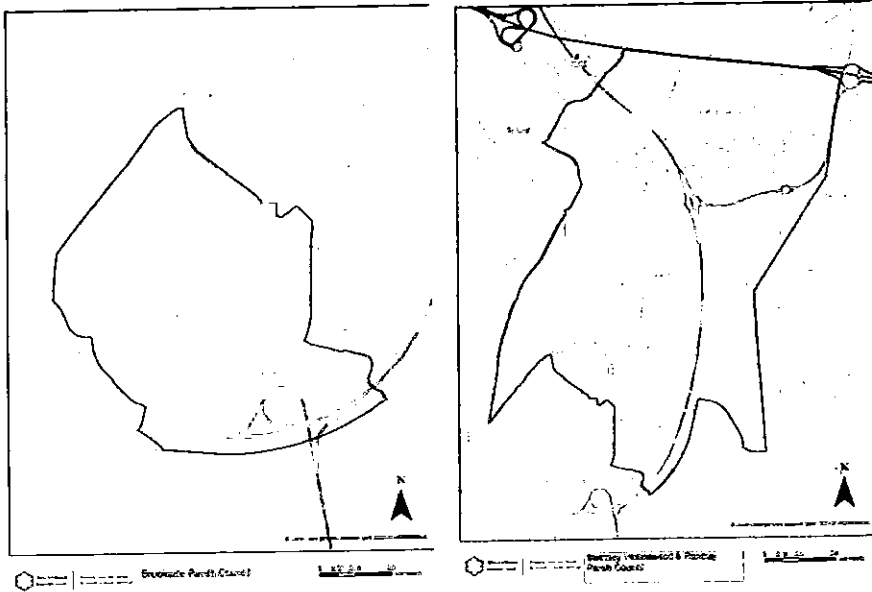
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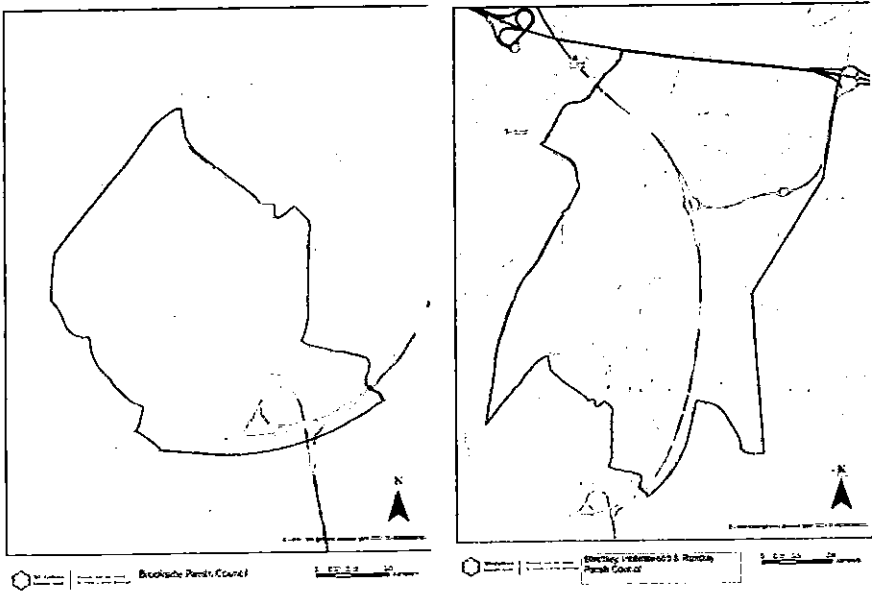
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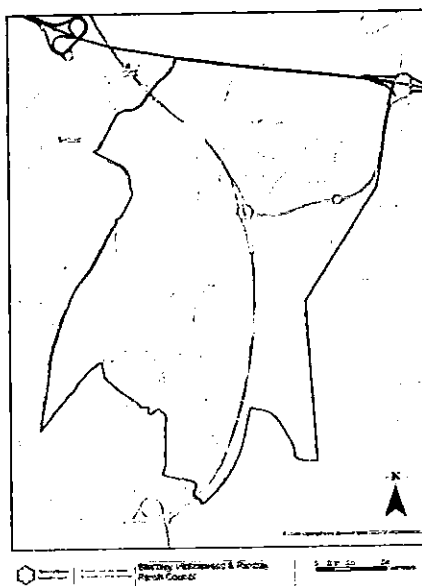
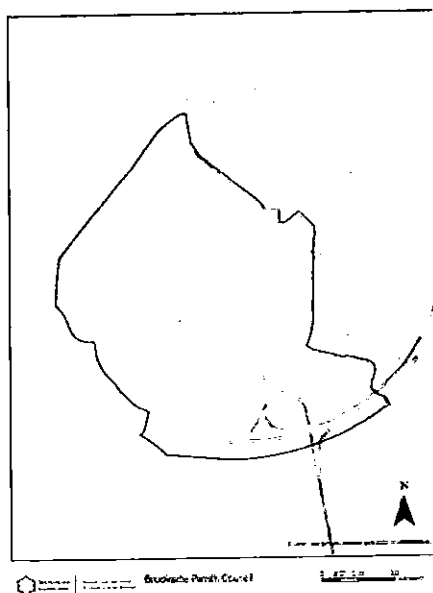
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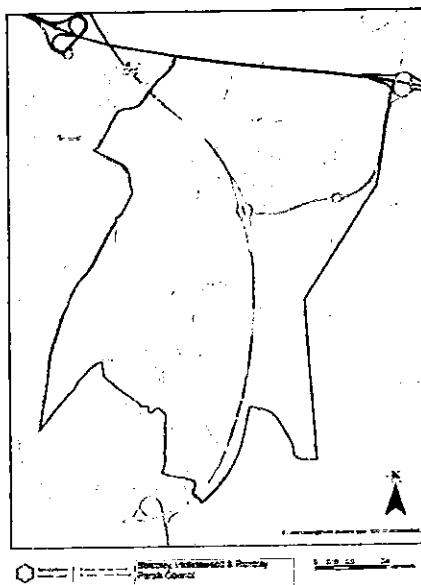
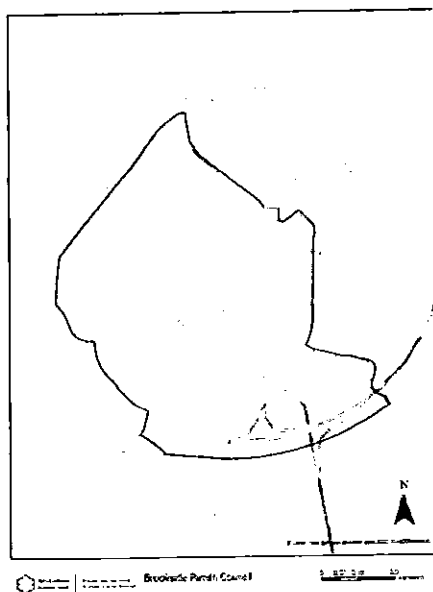
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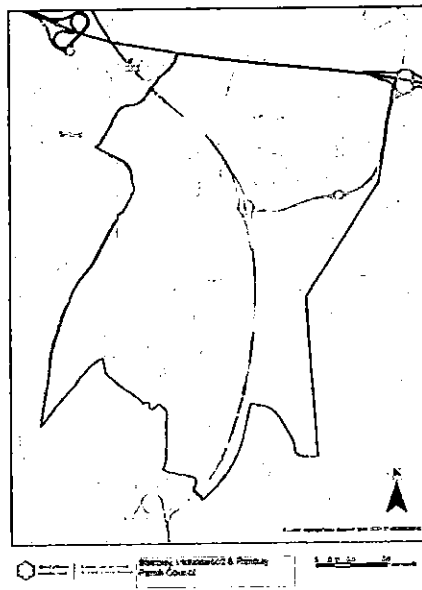
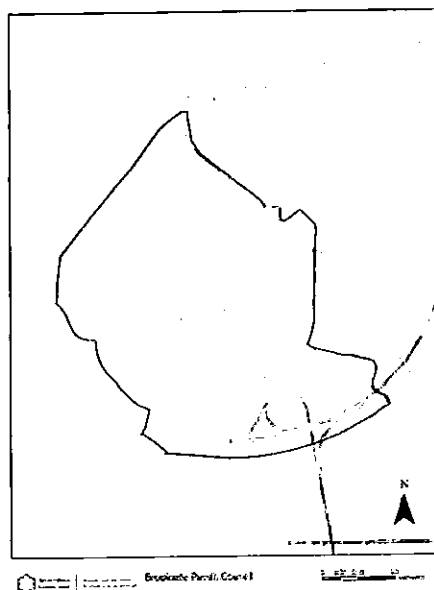
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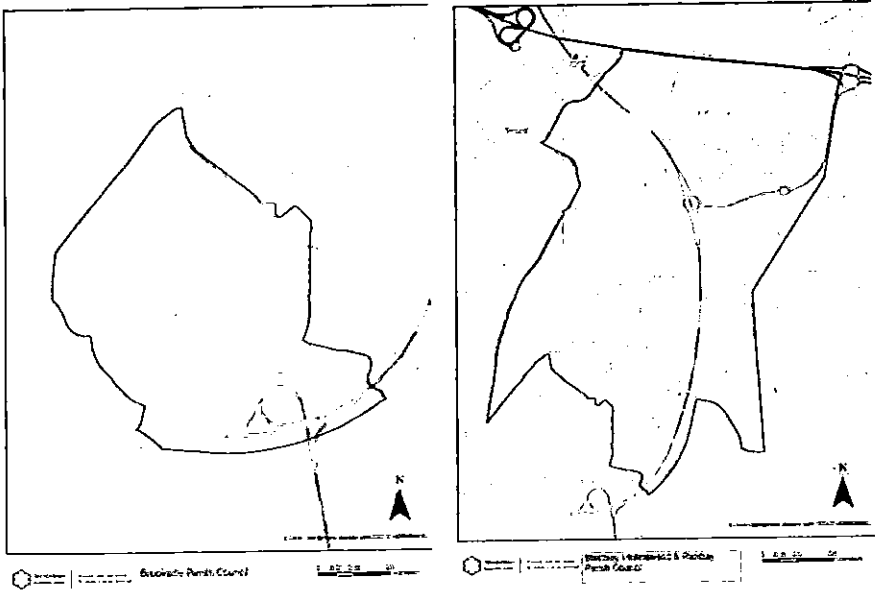
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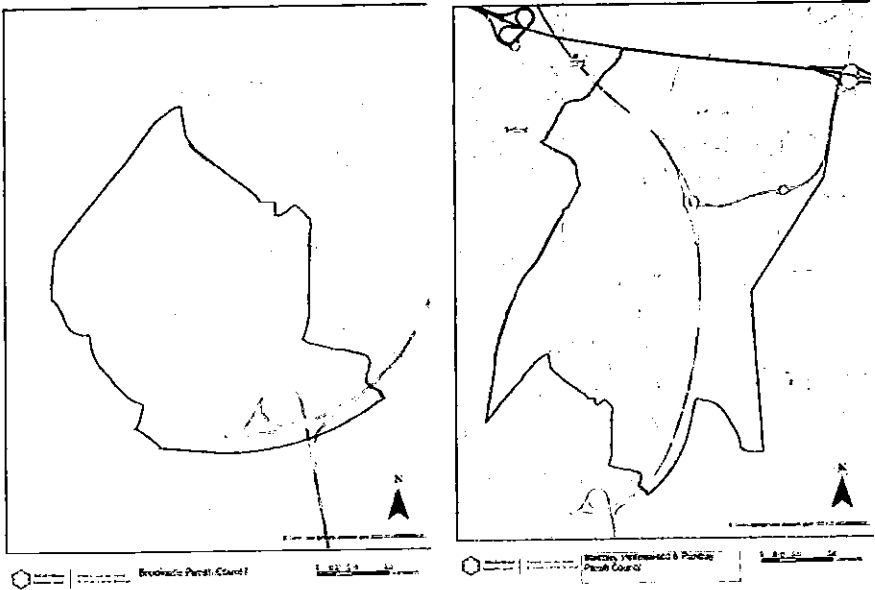
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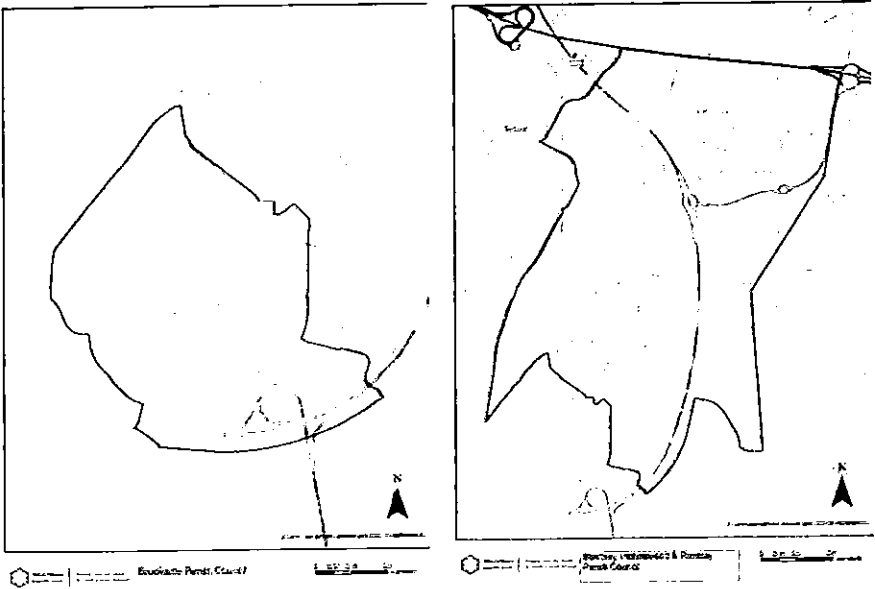
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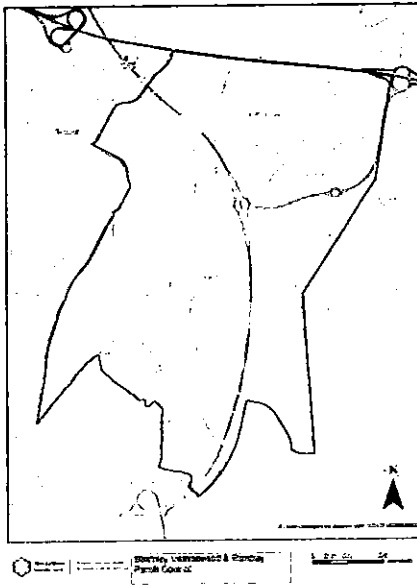
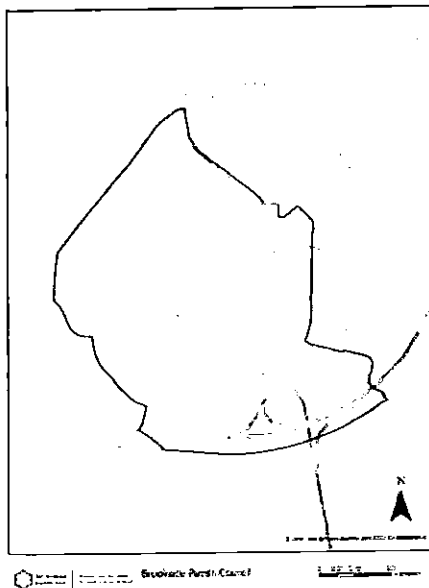
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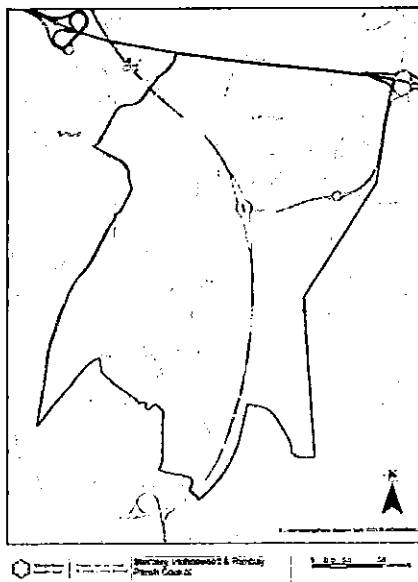
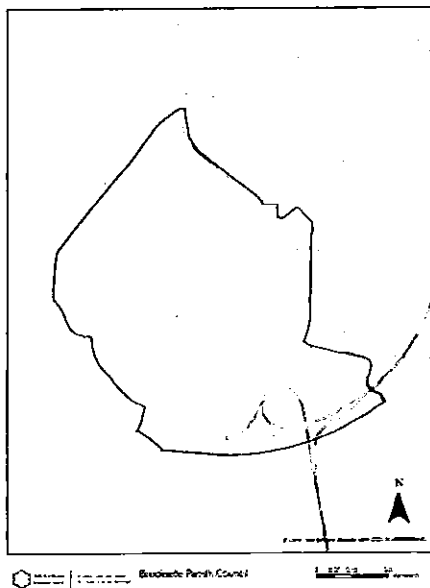
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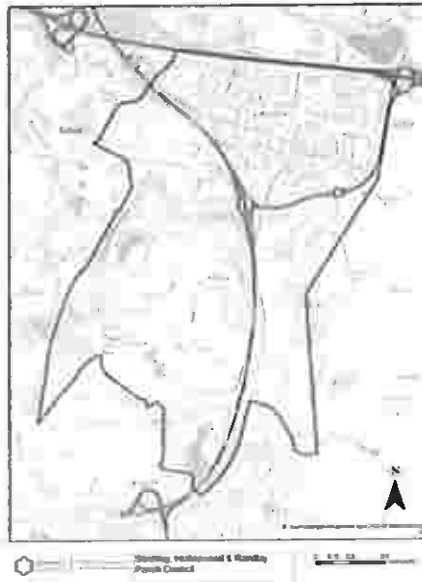
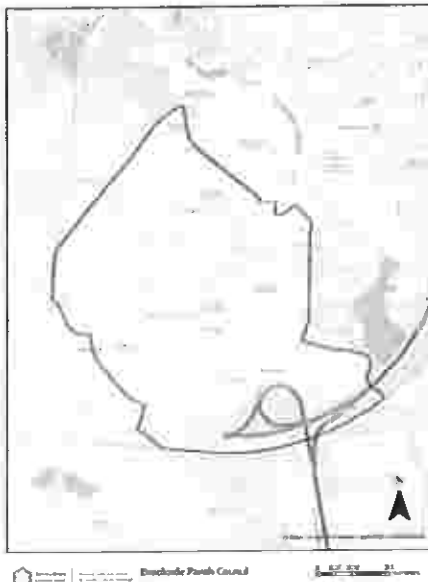
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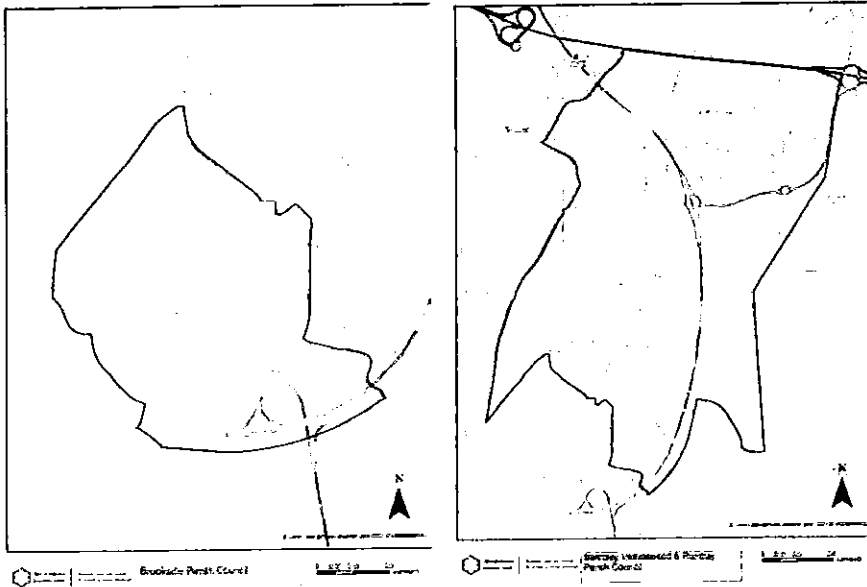
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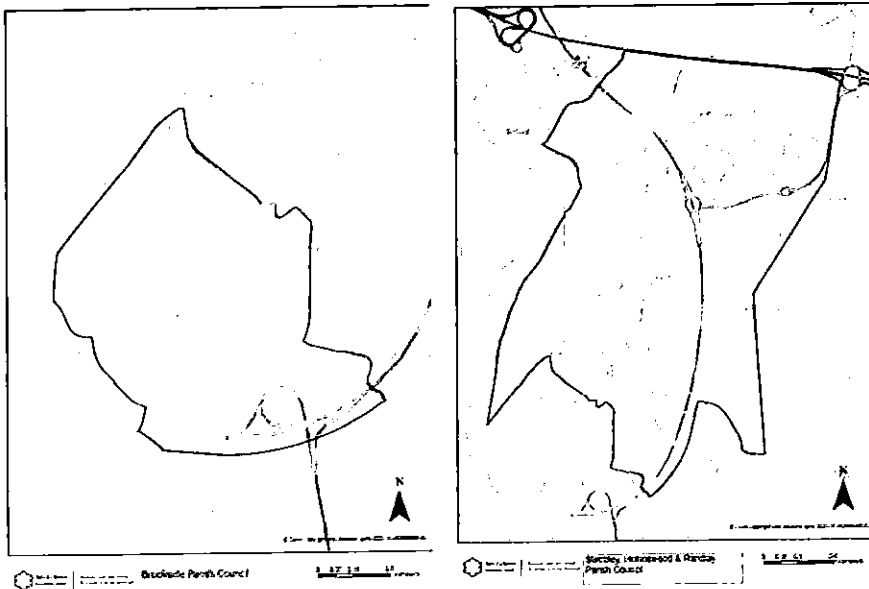
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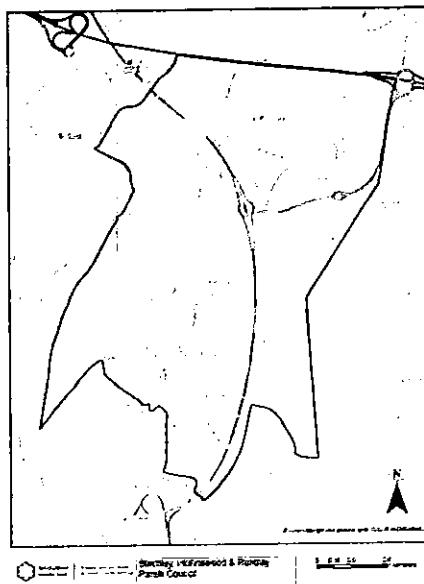
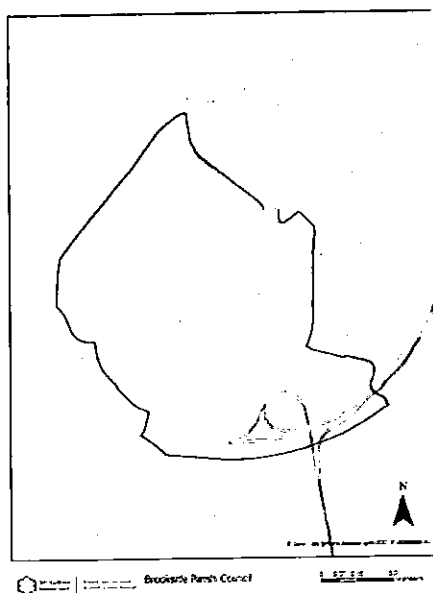
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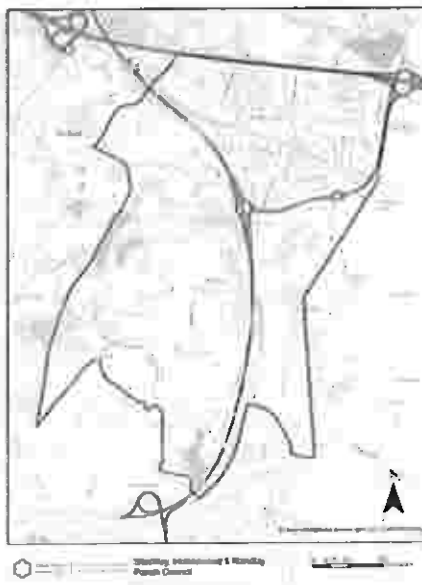
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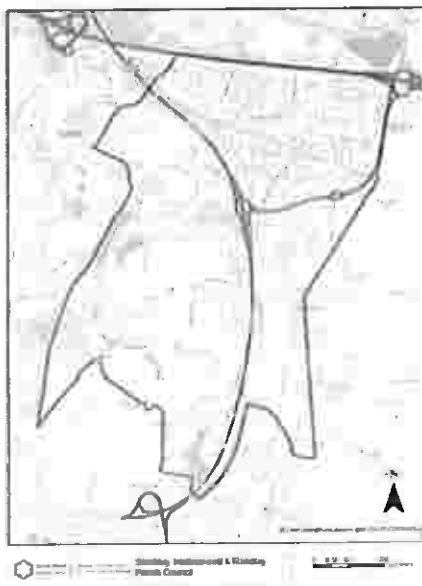
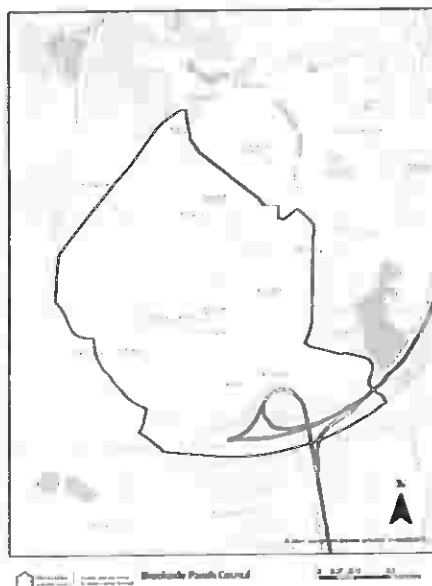
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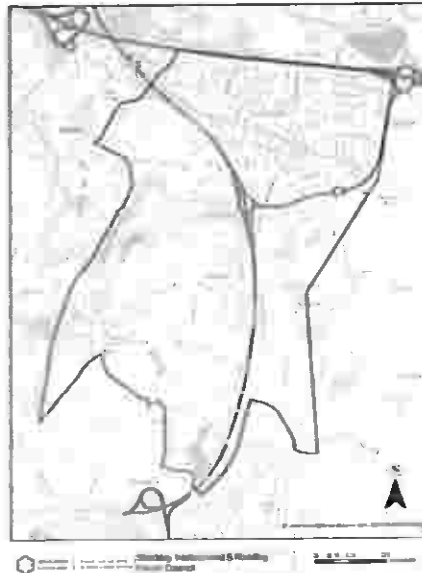
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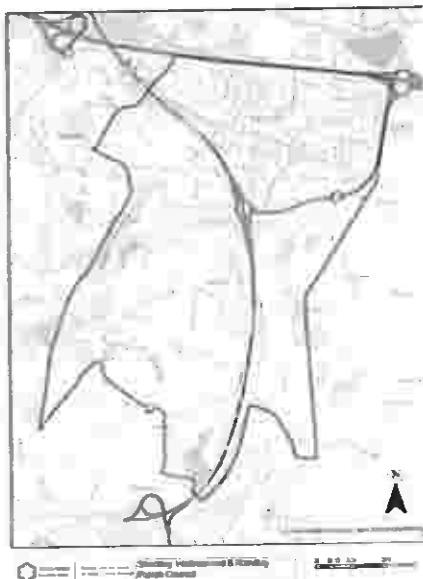
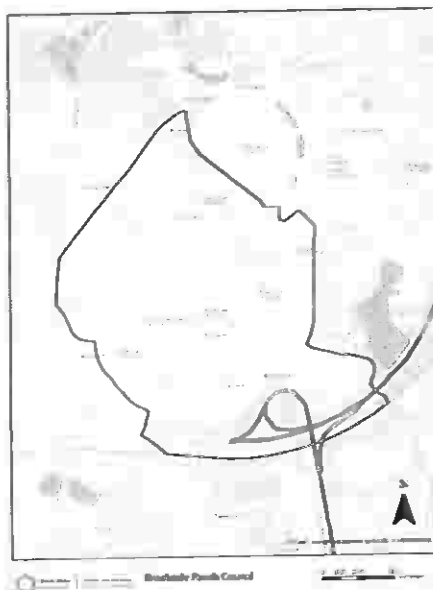
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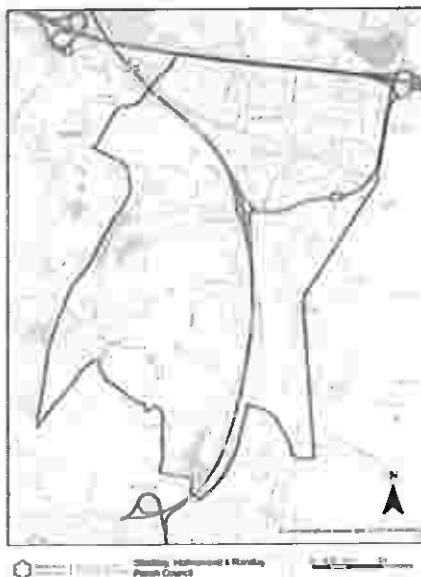
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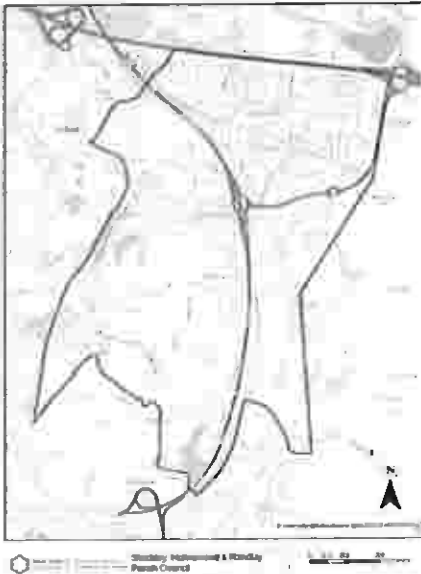
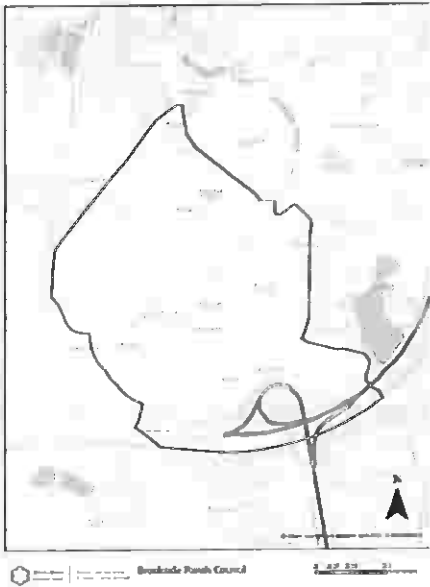
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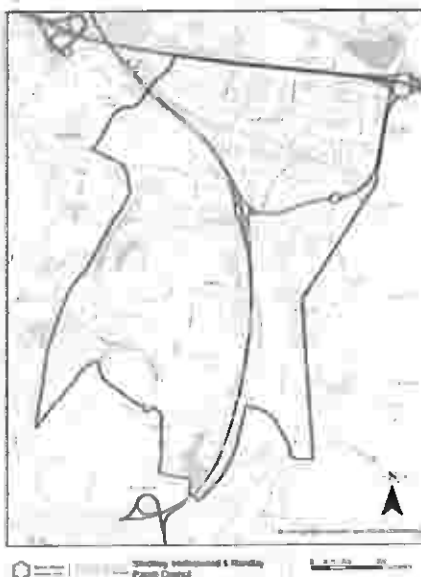
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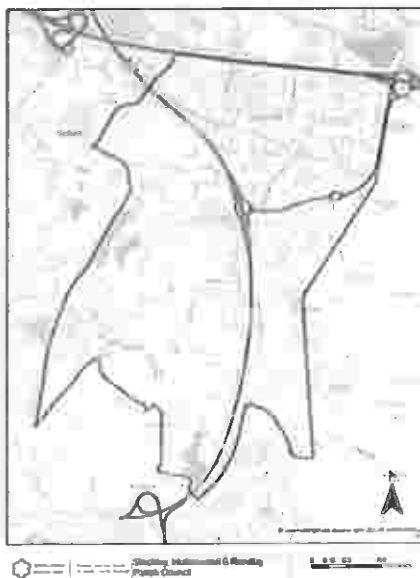
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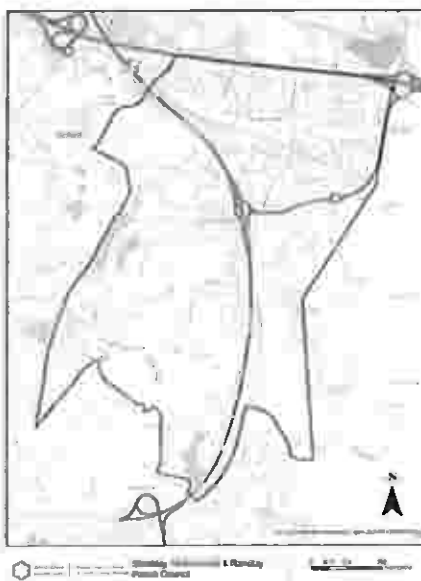
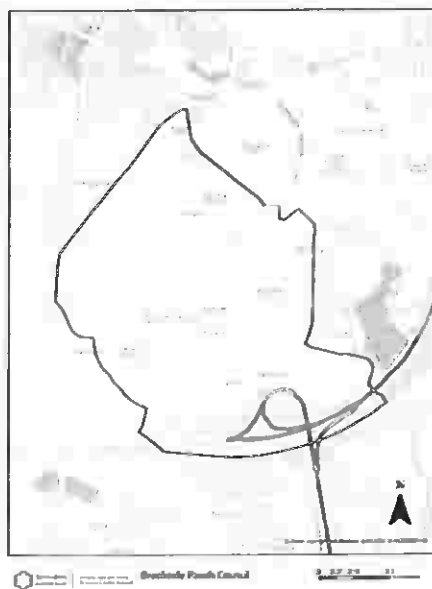
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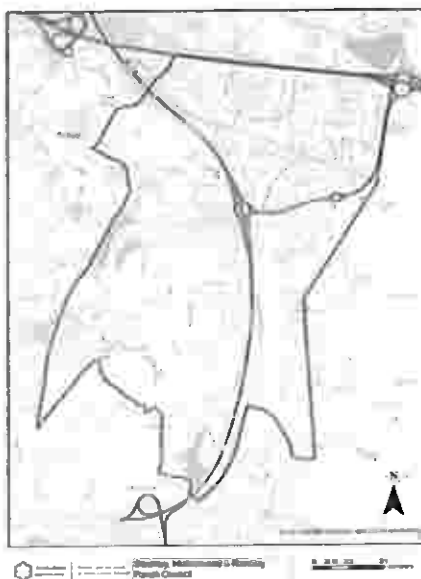
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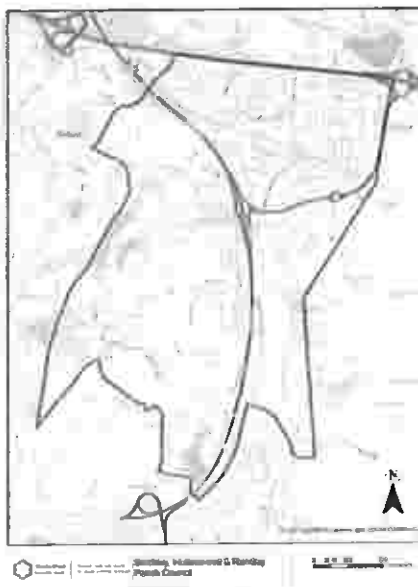
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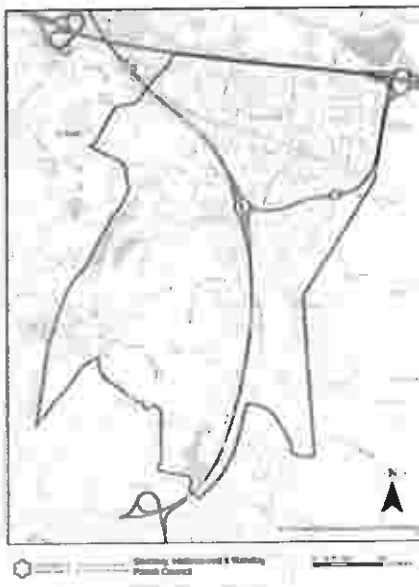
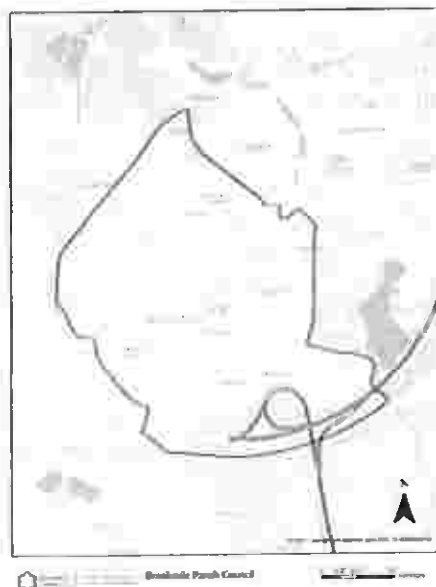
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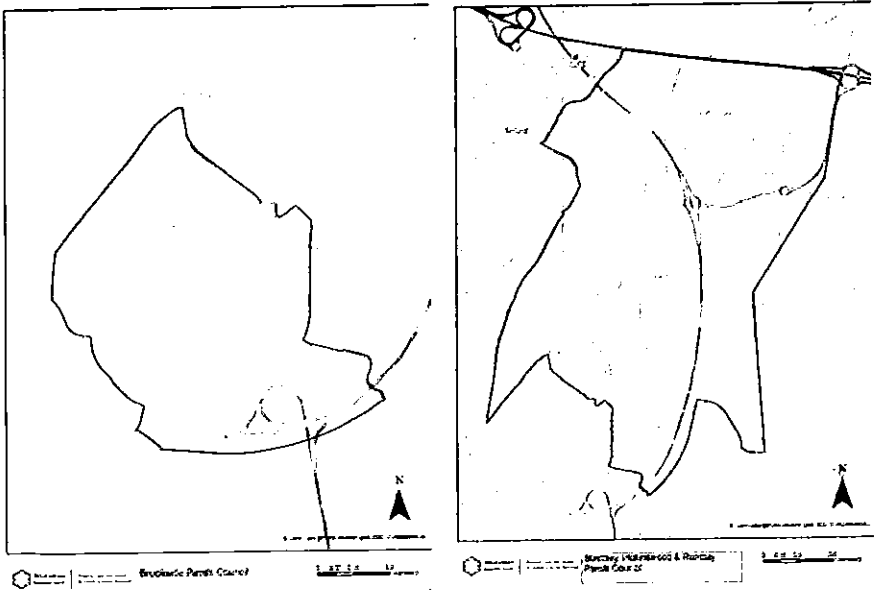
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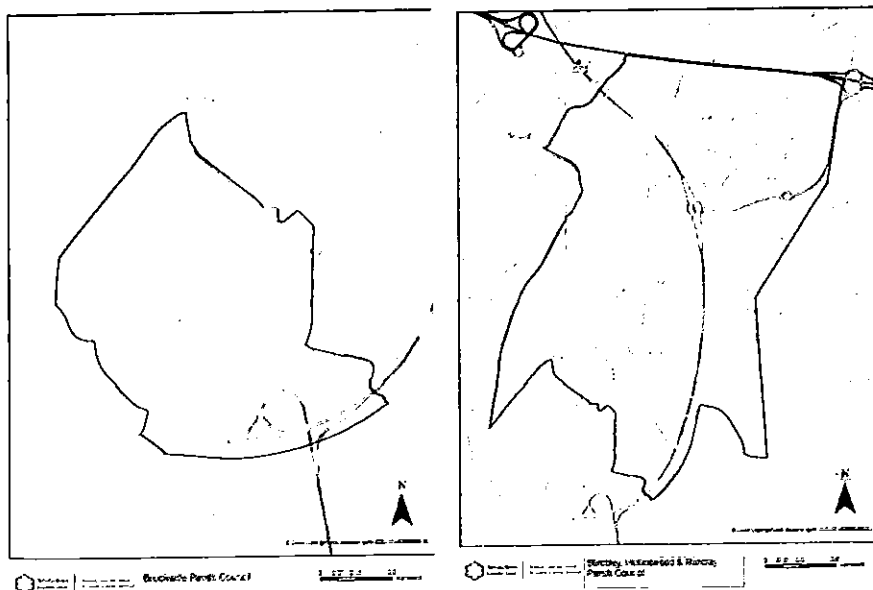
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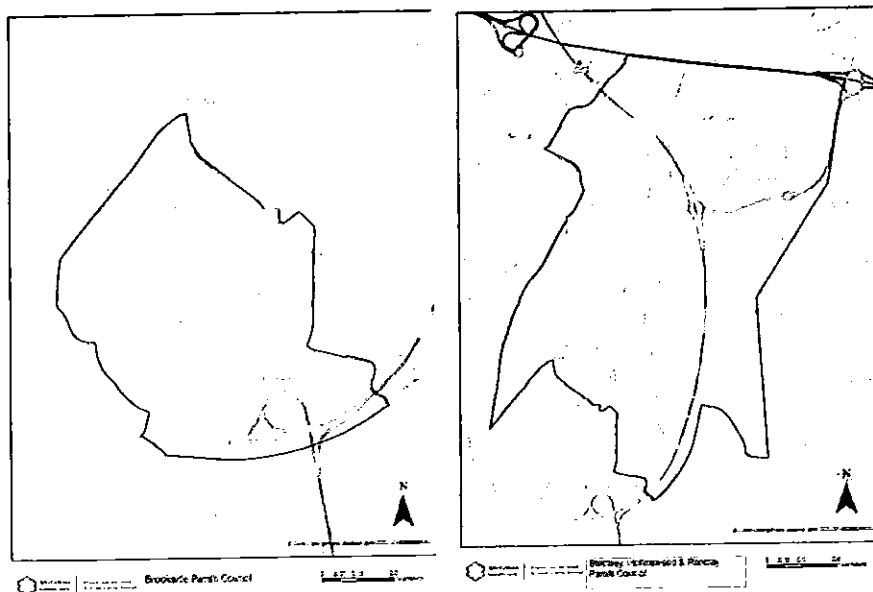
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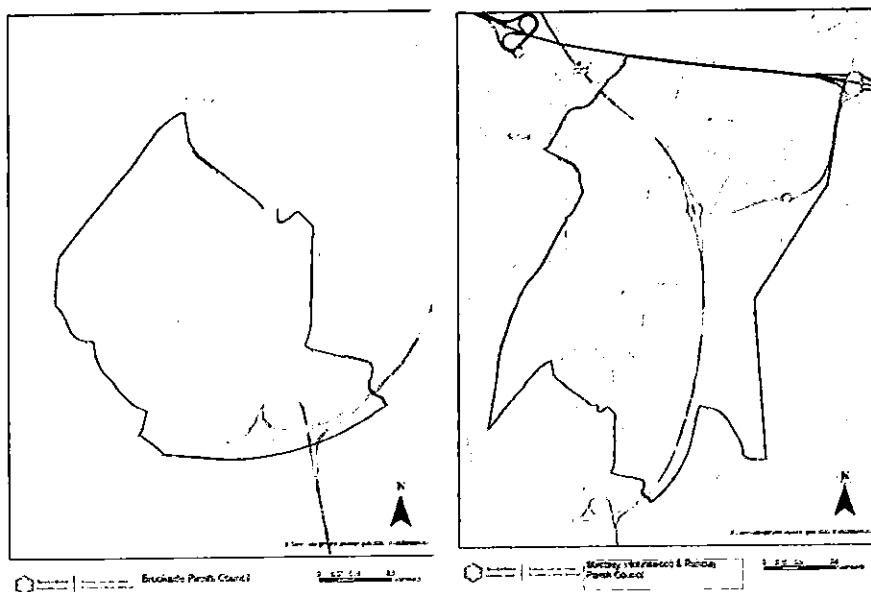
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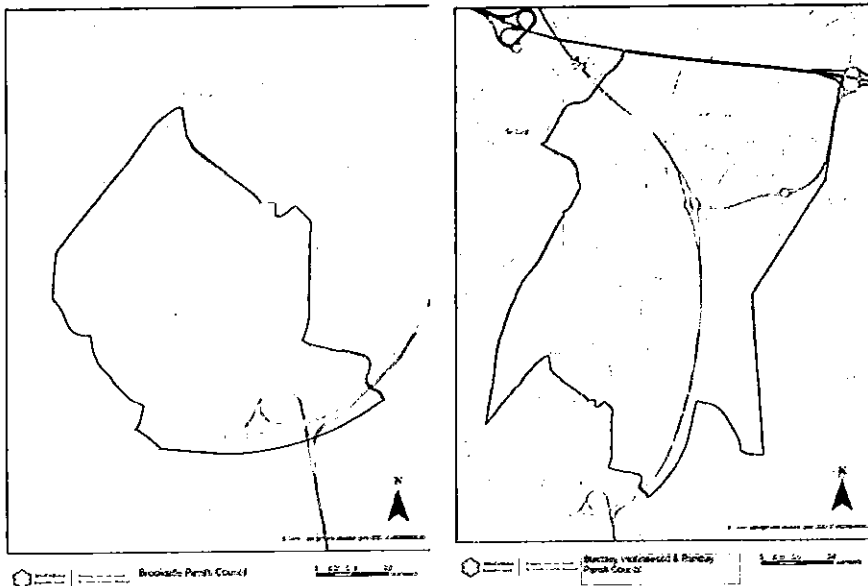
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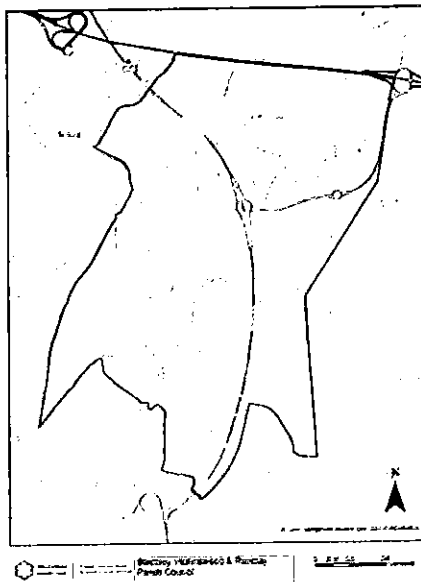
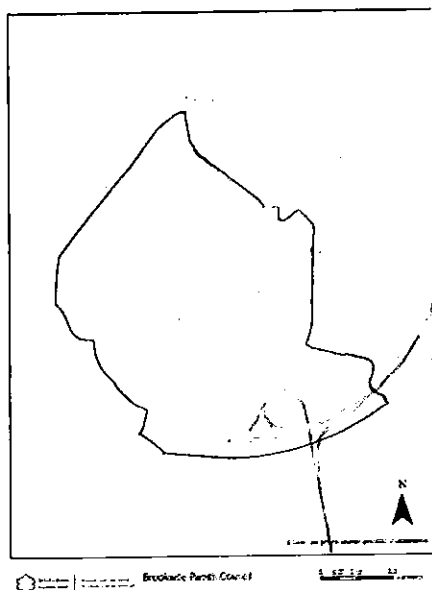
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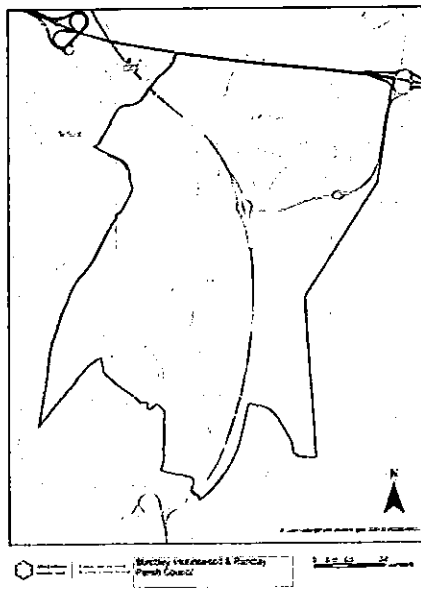
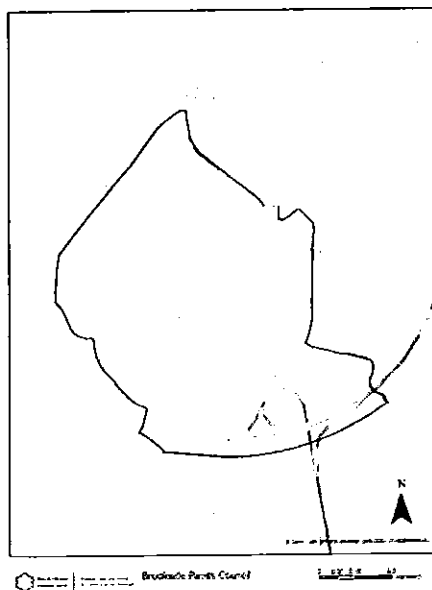
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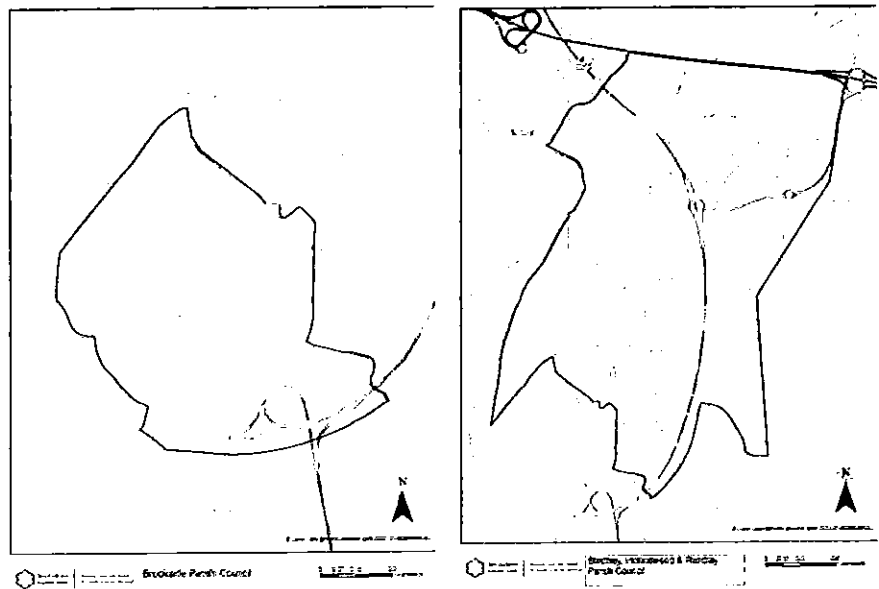
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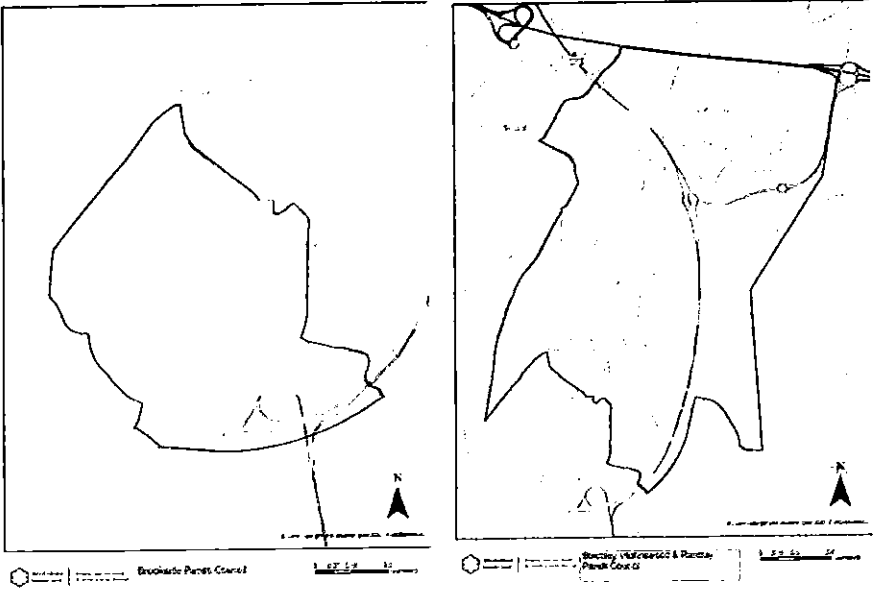
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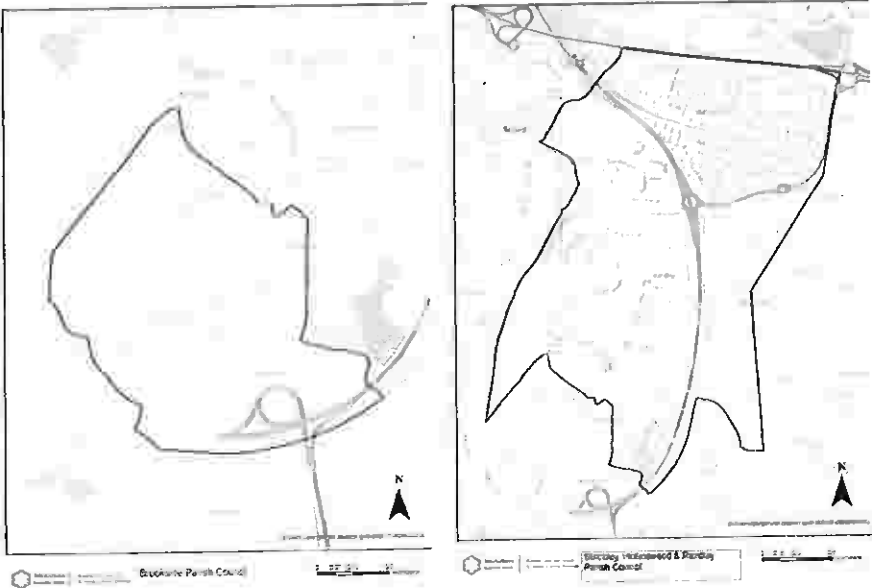
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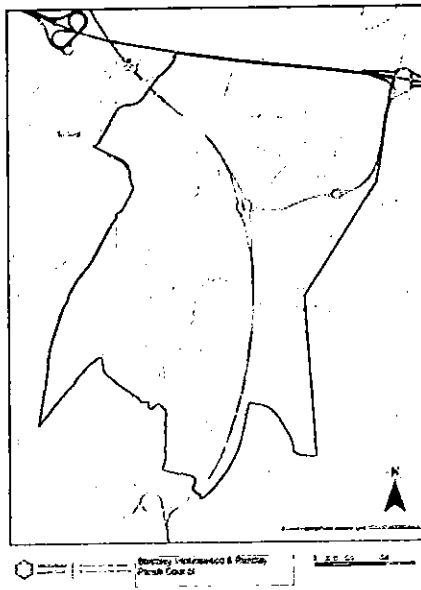
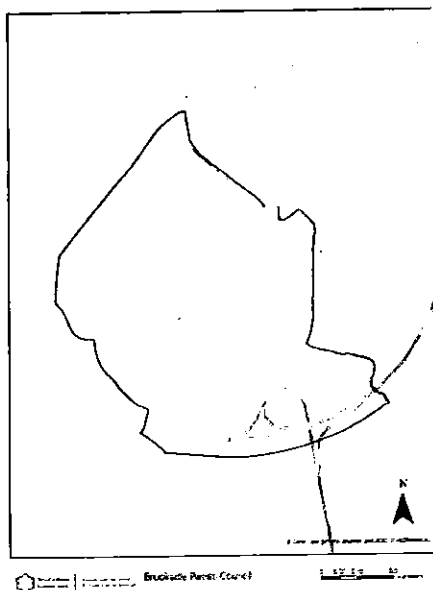
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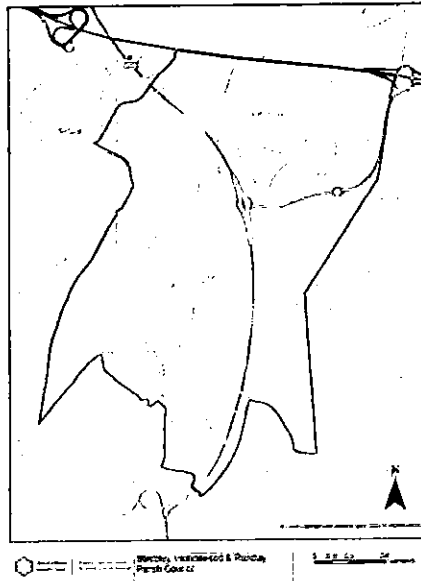
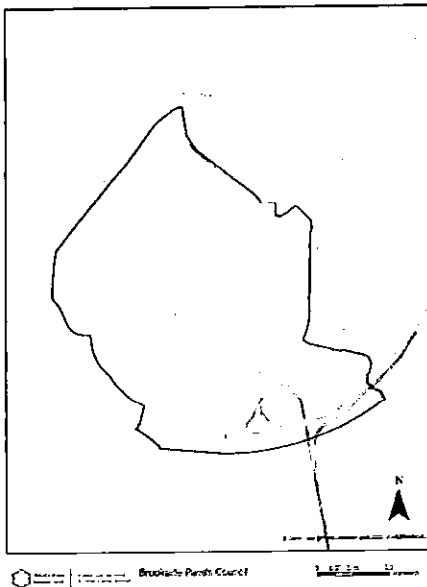
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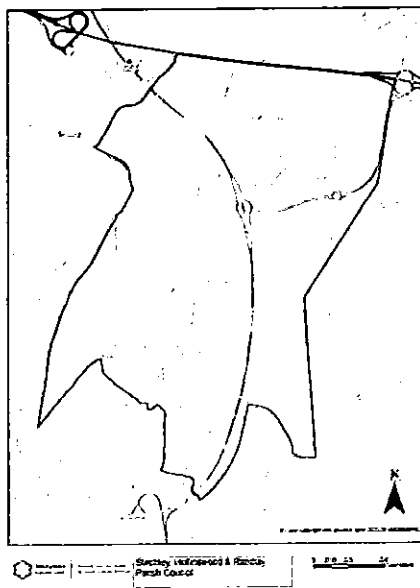
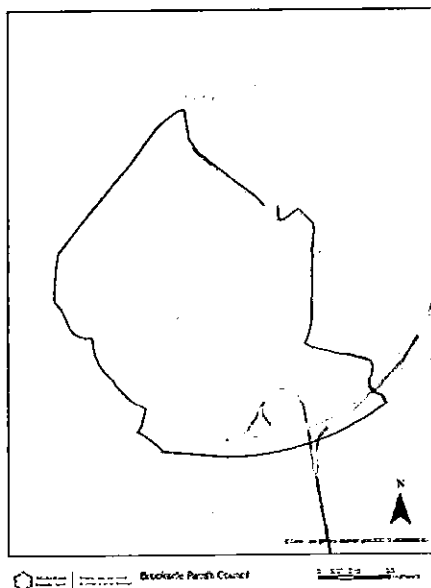
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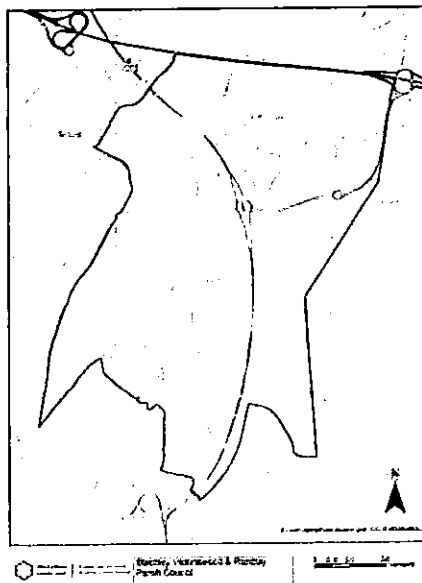
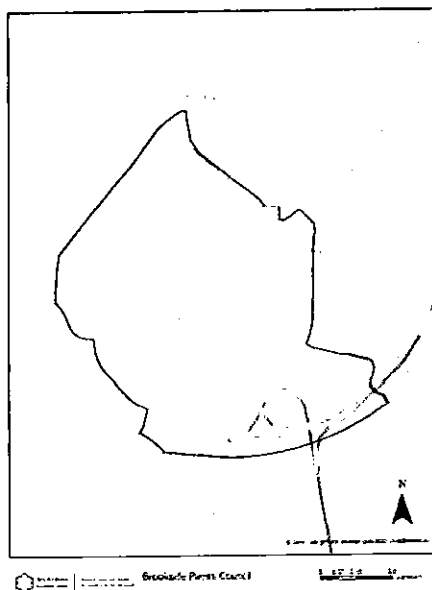
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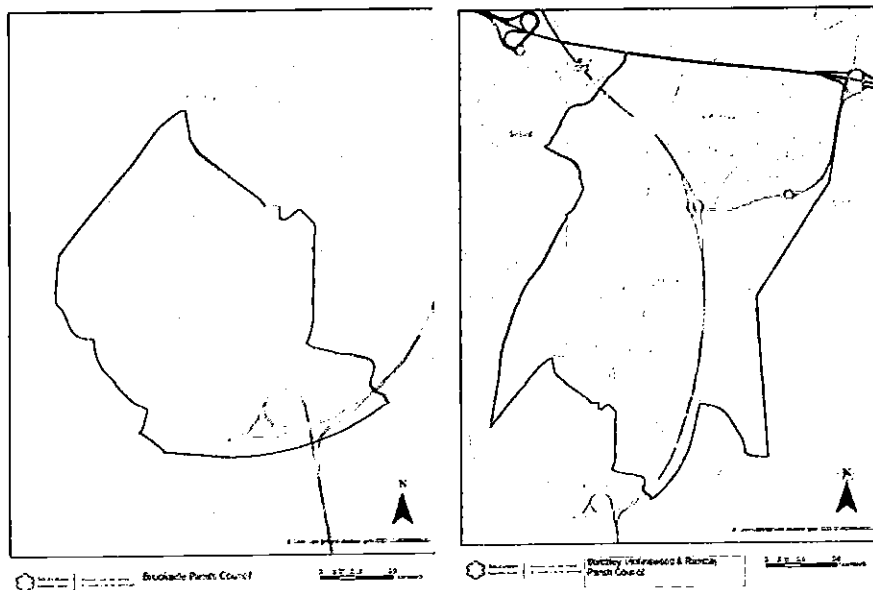
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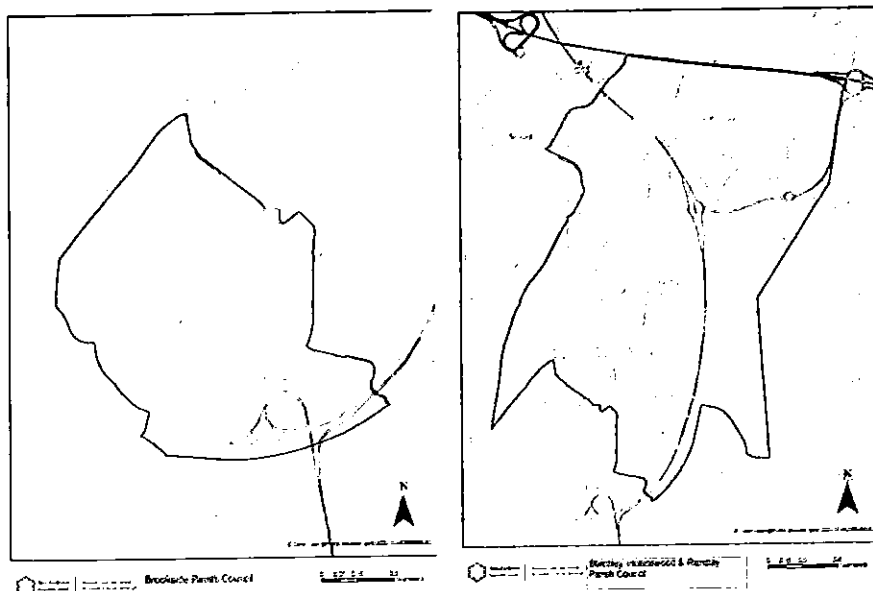
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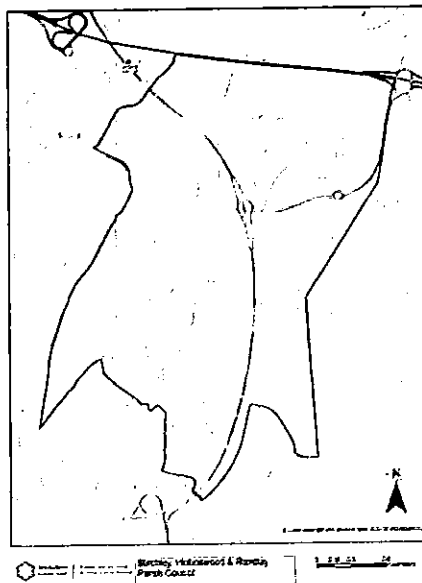
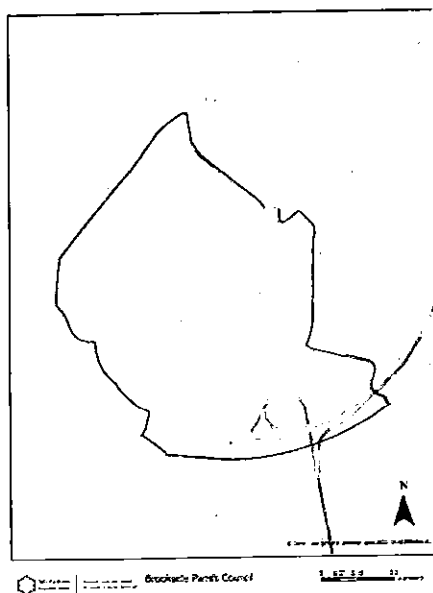
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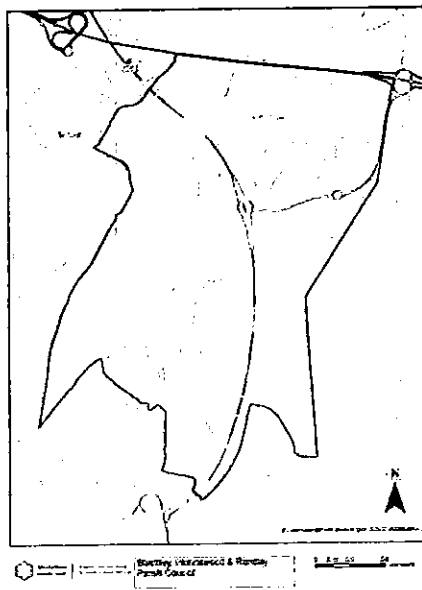
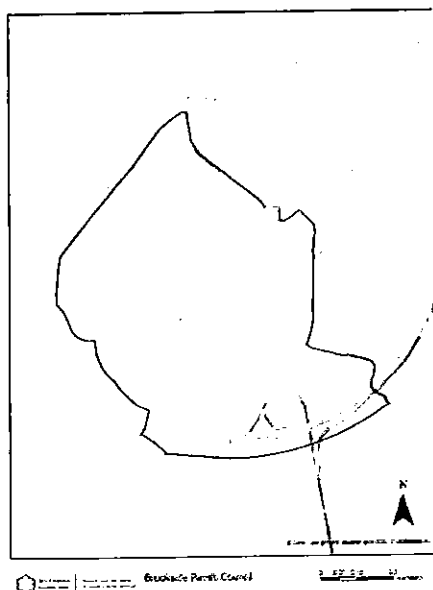
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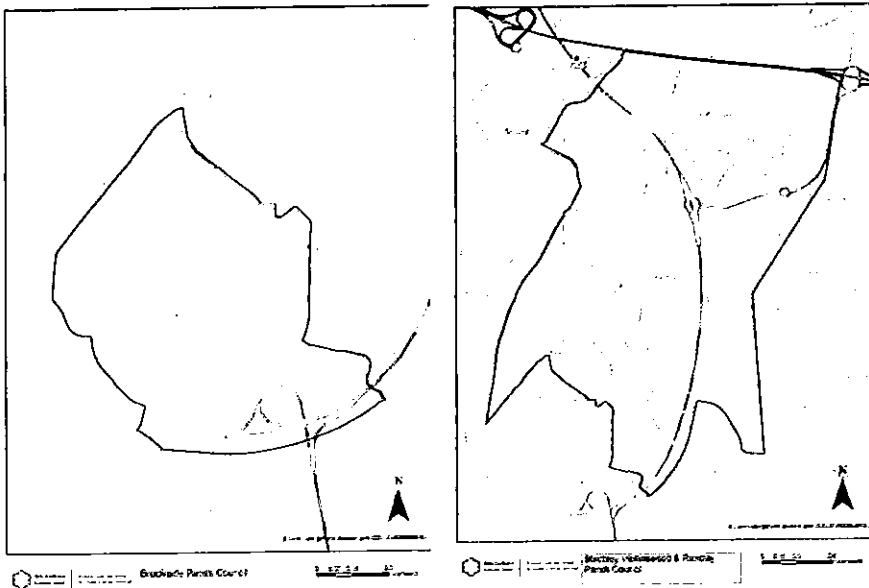
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Email Responses:

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2	Hi I wholeheartedly wish my area in Aqueduct to remain as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I DO NOT-want to be part of Greater Dawley and surrounding area. I wish to remain as it is a parish council and retain our name it is a fabulous community with great local councilors and would like it to stay that way.
3	Please find attached my response to the Community Governance Review, phase 3. My response relates to the Horsehay, Lightmoor, Aqueduct & Little Dawley area. I have provided it in both odt and PDF format for your convenience. Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Annex A Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Annex B
4	We wish to make the following comments with respect to the proposals covering the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We are very pleased that the previous proposal to split Horsehay so that it came under the jurisdiction of 2 parishes has been dropped. This is very welcome. Horsehay is a well-established community and to be divided would be totally unacceptable. We consider that keeping the existing communities of Horsehay, Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Lightmoor together is a very sensible proposal. These communities

	have worked well together under the name of Dawley Hamlets PC and will continue to do so in the future. As regards the name, whilst we have no strong view on this; it might be an opportunity to update the name to a more meaningful and recognisable community. Our suggestion would be, keep it simple: Aqueduct, Horsehay, Lightmoor and Little Dawley Parish Council.
5	I would like our parish council to keep the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a name that has been used for a long time and would cause a great deal of confusion if it were to be changed.
6	We welcome the decision not to dissolve Dawley Hamlets Parish Council or to create a new parish council in its place. However, we do not support a change to its current name and strongly recommend that the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council be retained. This position reflects the following considerations: • Community identity: The name “Dawley Hamlets” is well-established and widely recognised by parishioners. It reflects the distinct character and heritage of the area and continues to foster a strong sense of local identity. • Parishioner preference: Feedback from residents indicates a clear preference for retaining the existing name. The Parish Council believes that any change would not reflect the wishes of the community. • Practical implications: A name change would result in unnecessary expense and administrative disruption, including updates to signage, stationery, digital platforms, and legal documentation. • Clarity and continuity: The current name accurately represents the Council’s remit and geographical coverage. Changing it risks confusion among residents and stakeholders, particularly in relation to council communications and service delivery. For these reasons, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council respectfully requests that its name remain unchanged.
7	My submission is for the Horsehay area. I understand that there is an opportunity to suggest an alternative name for the parish that is presently known as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I am aware that the name 'South Telford Villages Parish Council' has been suggested for consideration by the committee. I wish to state that I support a change of name to 'South Telford Villages Parish Council'. It seems to me to be a more appropriate and accurate name for the area. Thank you for your consideration
8	I write with regards the ongoing Boundary Review.

Following the initial consultation held in July the recently announced proposals do not include moving the Ellis Peters Drive area from Great Dawley Town Council into Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This point, supported by many of our neighbours and Dawley Hamlets Parish Councillors, has not been mentioned at all in both the initial consultation documentation nor the more recent announcement of the boundary reviews. I respectfully request that consideration of this move be included in the consultation.

My initial comments as provided to you earlier this year are below.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

I would like to provide my comments on the boundary review:

I am a resident of Ellis Peters Drive, Aqueduct, TF3 1AW. Although my postal address is Aqueduct our home falls within the Great Dawley Town Council. Previously we resided in Earls Drive, Aqueduct and were a resident in the parish of Dawley Hamlets for many years. A number of my neighbours are unaware that they fall within the boundary of Great Dawley Town Council until recently when the proposal was to abolish the Parish Council of Dawley Hamlets. This proposal has highlighted to my neighbours the vast difference in precept of roughly £30 in Dawley Hamlets to roughly £300 in Great Dawley, something which has come as a shock as residents living on the very edge of Great Dawley, we seem to see very little of the precept of Great Dawley spent in our area, the majority of this precept is used in Dawley town itself for activities and events we do not attend. Instead living so close to the Dawley Hamlets Parish we attend more events held in this parish and indeed have continued to attend Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to discuss issues with the Aqueduct area. When we have attended Great Dawley Town Council with this issues they were not interested as of course these issues did not fall within their area.

Myself and my wife spoke with Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to request support to amend the boundaries a couple of years ago. We proposed with the majority of the residents of Ellis Peters Drive and surrounding streets already believing they lived in Dawley Hamlets and indeed turn to the Parish Councillors for support with local issues, that the boundary be altered to incorporate Ellis Peters Drive into the Dawley Hamlets Parish.

By abolishing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council entirely this will vastly increase the number of homes and residents reliant on decisions being made by a larger authority that may lack the local knowledge and understanding required to make informed choices for the community. I am of course aware that the number of councillors would be increased should the boundary review proposal be passed but there is no guarantee that the councillors elected will be residents of Aqueduct or Little Dawley and therefore representatives of the local area on the new Town

	Council. I am concerned that by abolishing Dawley Hamlets, the concerns and support of the residents of the more rural areas of the new ward will be prioritised. I do not support the abolishment of Dawley Hamlets Council. As a resident on the very edge of Great Dawley would propose that consideration is given to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and the boundary remaining however Elis Peters Drive and surrounding streets being moved into this parish.
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1	I cannot afford to lose my Ironbridge residence parking permit as it is essential for going to the pharmacist and other appointments involving my health etc.
2	Our area is already the correct size to be managed economically and efficiently. Make saving s elsewhere. You are trying to fix something that is not broken, and despite the hollow promises, merging our parish with another WILL effect the area and prove detrimental to the already fragile balance of the boroughs. Perhaps have a reshuffle in an office, or reduce MPs wages to save money? Leave the communities alone before you do any further damage.
3	As a resident of Aqueduct I am very content with the way that the current Parish Council works for me. I do not see any need for it to be reconstituted or renamed. This whole Community Governance Review exercise has been expensive to run in both time and money and to save time and money now I think the Parish Council should retain it's name and no further money be spent on new signage. Keep the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council name!
4	Having reviewed the governance review i must state that I am still of the view that it is not in our interests as residents to lose our Parish of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. The Parish has a long standing history for our area and the Parish serves us well currently so i see no need to be absorbed by other Parish Councils. I am not opposed to the slight boundary changes to include the small additional area of lightmoor. So long as the Parish is kept as its own Parish and retains the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, as this is its historic name. However, should it come down to either being abolished or having a name change i would rather the name change than our Parish being abolished.
5	I wish to continue to be called Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a trusted brand, no need to change it.
6	We have lived in Horsehay for the last 38 years and feel part of the community despite the changes that have taken place during this time. We sent in our views by letter on 13th June and also attended the meeting of the Gorge PC to represent Horsehay and any proposed changes to the PC on 17th June. I wish to comment on the Dawley Hamlets area. It has been very well managed over the years, staying within its budget. We have had 2 OAP parties a year (including wine) and we have been involved in the annual Horsehay Horticultural show for several years, supported by the Parish council. We have also attended the Forum 50 program in the village hall now managed by Age UK. I am happy to keep the name Dawley Hamlets which reflects the origins of the Parish and would save any extra cost in replacing letterheads, notice boards etc. I feel that including each individual ward name, Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley and Aqueduct is too cumbersome.
7	As a long time resident of Horsehay, and formerly Jackfield, I would like to retain the current name of Dawley Hamlets for the Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley and Aqueduct wards. It has had this name for a considerable time and a name

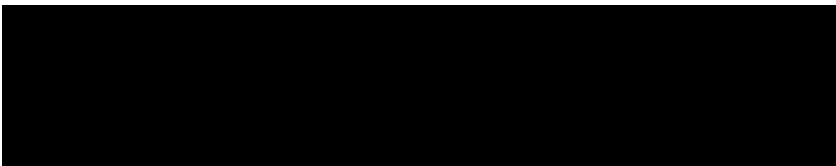
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8	I consider the name Dawley hamlets parish council is appropriate and a well recognised and respected community minded parish council and it works well in its current form so why change something that works well for all its residents
9	Big is not beautiful so putting local parish groups into bigger groups will not always represent the local community and allow them to have a local input. Eventually the local councils will exist as one group and then you can call it Wrekin with the same boundaries as our MP!
10	We wish to record our firm opposition to any proposed changes to the current parish council arrangements, including any alteration to its existing name. The present parish council has served our community well for many years, providing effective local representation and continuity that residents value and trust. We see no clear justification for changing a system that continues to function efficiently and meet local needs. Altering the parish boundaries or renaming the council risks creating unnecessary disruption, confusion, and administrative expense, without delivering any tangible benefit to residents. Furthermore, we are concerned that such changes could lead to increased costs, which may in turn result in higher council tax for our community. At a time when many households are already facing financial pressures, imposing additional costs for changes that are neither requested nor required would be inappropriate.
11	I welcome the proposals in the September Community Governance Review to, in essence, retain Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC) largely unchanged. I completely opposed the earlier proposal to abolish DHPC for the reasons given in the DHPC submission to an earlier stage of the review. On the question of the parish name I would suggest that the current name is retained as it is known and identified with by the local communities. The alternative suggested name of Horsehay, Lightmoor and Aqueduct Parish Council seems unnecessarily clumsy and excludes Little Dawley which has a clear identity as one of the "Hamlets" that constitute the existing and proposed future council. A change of name would also seem to imply a series of changes to documents, signs, social media sites and publicity material etc, not to mention legal and financial administration that would add costs with no benefit. I hope that a final decision is taken to retain Dawley Hamlets Parish Council with as little change as possible so that it can continue to serve its communities in delivering value for money services.
12	I am very pleased to hear that Dawley Hamlets Parish and the Council is to remain pretty much as it with the attachment of several outlying areas. If Dawley Hamlets would have been amalgamated into The Gorge and Dawley Town, parallels could have been drawn with Shropshire Council's desire to amalgamate Telford into Shropshire County and we don't want that, do we? And PLEASE keep the name, Dawley Hamlets, it is very descriptive and to alter it would lead to all sorts of Administration difficulties.
13	I hope the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council stays the same or near enough. We live in Little Dawley and chose to live here because of its individuality and want to keep the rural and community environment safe. The history is important here as well as being a quiet, safe, harmonious area.
14	My parish council has consistently done a good job, I have no desire to be absorbed by another, with the resulting increase in costs and probable lots of localised services. Also, leave the name alone please. Dawley Hamlets parish council does exactly what it says on the tin.

15	Dawley hamlets parish Council is a historic name , do not understand why it needs to change and as no other name has been put forward, it is change just for the sake of it, also it would cost money to rename.
16	I'm pleased that Dawley Hamlets Parish will not be abolished. I like the name as it is. The word Hamlets describes us well. The name reminds us of our heritage and identity as a collection of small neighbouring communities with individual character. If you take that away we become just another sprawling mass of housing. There doesn't seem to be any valid reason to change it. Please leave it as it is.

Telford & Wrekin Council, Community Governance Review, 2025.

Submission in response to the third phase of the consultation

This Submission is provided by:



My submission relates to the proposals for the area specified as **Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley and Aqueduct**. This area mostly corresponds to the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council with the addition of part of Lightmoor that has previously been part of The Gorge Parish Council.

1. My first comment would be to say that I am very pleased that the initial proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC) has been abandoned. The revised proposal maintaining the integrity of DHPC with the sensible addition of the area of Lightmoor that was formerly with The Gorge PC is a positive move and is a clear reflection of the views of local residents. It recognises the sense of identity in these areas and will help to maintain social cohesion.

2. I believe the committee has rightly recognised that this is an appropriate time to review the name of the Parish Council and I would like to respond to the request for suggestions for an alternative name for DHPC.

I do not believe 'Dawley Hamlets Parish Council' is still a suitable name. I agree with the reported comment from Cllr. Richard Overton that 'It's not in Dawley and they aren't Hamlets'. The definition of a hamlet is:

'a small, rural settlement, typically consisting of just a cluster of houses, that is smaller than a village. The key defining characteristic is that it usually lacks a church or other central public services like shops or a post office.'

Clearly, the four main areas identified in the revised Parish are not hamlets.

There is also a problem with the inclusion of the name of Dawley. The Boundary Commission touched on this in their final report for the Borough wards when they said: '...using the name 'Dawley' in three neighbouring wards would have the potential to cause confusion' This is still the case with DHPC. A Google search for Dawley Hamlets Parish Council results in a page that includes the main link for Great Dawley Town Council. See here:



I would like to suggest the name '**South Telford Villages Parish Council**' as a new name for the parish.

- * It avoids any complications with using any of the names of the areas and risk upsetting residents in areas that don't get included in the title.

- * Most of the areas see themselves as villages, Lightmoor Village, Horsehay Village, Doseley Village, Spring Village, etc.

- * Residents use the word village to describe where they live.

- * Residents do not see themselves as being part of Dawley. I believe that also applies to the people who live in Little Dawley!

- * Geographically it's accurate and although Woodside and parts of Ironbridge Gorge are further South, they are less likely I think to see themselves as villages and have names that are descriptive, accurate and easily understood.

- * It doesn't have the name Dawley included and 'STVPC' is a tag that flows quite smoothly.

I have written to the Chair of DHPC and provided my suggestion however, in his reply to me he did not show any enthusiasm for the alternative name and has subsequently posted on the local Facebook page:

'There is, however, still a proposal to change the name of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. Please respond to this proposal by Sunday 19th October, giving your support for keeping the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a trusted Brand there is no need to change it.'

This response does seem surprising to me.

Many thanks,



Madeley

Email Responses: 0

Survey Responses:

1	At the Full Council meeting on Monday 6 October, Madeley Town Councillor unanimously resolved to accept the draft proposed town and parish council arrangement for Madeley Town Council, for Nightingale Walk Parish Ward to be included within the Madeley Town Council boundary.
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The Gorge

Email Responses:

1	The Gorge Parish Council considered the latest consultation and agreed this submission: TGPC Response to additional consultation October 2025 The Gorge Parish Council notes with disappointment that the proposals continue to include the removal of Lightmoor ward from the Gorge Parish Council. The developing relationship with residents is demonstrating that they value the links to Ironbridge and are concerned about the proposed change. Likewise, the relationship with Bournville Estate Management is strong and valued by both parties. There is also the consequence for the Gorge on its precept which, while it is acknowledged that this is not a principal consideration, will diminish the Council's ability to respond to the needs of residents and to continue to develop services in the area. The Council welcomes the retention of two councillors for Coalport and Jackfield ward as these two communities are distinct and separated by the River Severn, with only one footbridge connecting them. The Parish Council also considers there would be merit in separating Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale into two parish wards to reflect the different communities and provide clearer representation from councillors. The Parish Council also continues to hold the view that Wrekin View and Hilltop (Academy Parish Ward) area should be part of the Gorge Parish Council area. It has strong historic links as many of its residents were displaced from the Gorge, and given the Review's desire to recognise community identity, it is strongly recommended that further consideration be given to this matter. The current proposals recognise that this ward has far fewer electors per councillor than the other Madeley Town Council wards, but if this ward was within the Gorge the councillor / electors ratio would be in line with other wards.
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1	I agree with consolidation of the boroughs but within the Gorge, upper Madeley remains in Madeley. If you have a resident or business within the Gorge it's The Gorge. Logic needs to play a big part within the thinking, if not just make them as one.
2	I cannot afford to lose my Ironbridge residence parking permit as it is essential for going to the pharmacist and other appointments involving my health etc.
3	Many houses have been built in some boroughs so some boundaries changes need to be made and also keep communities together.
4	It seems wrong to split Lightmoor off from The Gorge: Lightmoor children come to secondary school and play in bands in Ironbridge, people come to Coalbrookdale for café and community centre activities and to both areas for the Christmas lights events. We are linked by multi-generational friendships. Let's stay together!

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St Georges & Donnington

Email Responses: 0

Survey Responses:

1	I think the proposal is good just needs wadding to make it representative of its area with key areas At George's, Donnington, the cloisters estate, redhill, Donnington wood, snedshill, Humber's etc etc local representation more local,
2	St Georges is currently experiencing increased antisocial behaviour stemming from drug use. I feel that merging our parish with Donnington, another parish that has an even bigger issues will see support and finances directed to the community that has that higher level of need. As stated ST Georges is changing and not for the better. Children are now being asked not to walk to school on their own. ST Georges cannot take on the financial burden of Donnington. Where the parishes merging will not have a direct effect on property prices, a change in local services has the potential to effect the ease of selling property. I can foresee a reduction in community engagement dependent on where the parish council meetings are to be held.
3	I think the parish is a positive step with priorslee being spilt away from St Georges. It does need warding Like suggested St George's ward The cloisters and St Georges East Snedshill The lamb Donnington wood Redhill Donnington The Humbers

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Lawley & Overdale

Email Responses:

1	Good afternoon I refer to the email received on Tuesday 30 September 2025 regarding the above. Please see below submitted on behalf of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council: - the proposed arrangements for the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s); • Council approves of both: • the inclusion of Small Gate area and Lawley Gate (TLS polling district). • that the following, part or all of, are moved to Great Dawley Town Council (this is not an exhaustive list): Cambridge Close, Croft Fold, Dawley Bank, Milners Court, Grange Farm Rise, Wakeley Drive, Hill Fold, Cemetery Road, Concorde, Milners Lane - the warding arrangements for the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s); • approves of 5 wards - them being listed below - the number of councillors proposed in respect of the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s); • Council believes that an increase from the current 8 to 11 Councillors is sufficient to ensure representation and to be comparable to other areas with the equal number of parishioners. Furthermore, 18 is considered too many - the number of councillors proposed in respect of each ward in the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s); • the number of Councillors should be: • Lawley Common = 2 • Lawley East = 3 • Lawley West = 2 • Overdale & The Rock = 2 • Town Centre = 2 - the proposed name of any of the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s). • to retain the current name of <i>Lawley & Overdale Parish Council</i> as it is synonymous with not only the local history of the area and residents links to that, but also in consideration of the work undertaken over many years to form and sustain its identity
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Survey Responses:

1	It is proposed that Lawley Gate which has always previously sat in the Dawley Hamlets Parish will move to Lawley and Overdale. Lawley Gate is a single residential street with a small population. The road sits upon Horsehay Common itself and many of the the properties border the common (used as golf course) without any road separation. Whilst called Lawley Gate, the houses have always been in Horsehay and many of the historic properties in the road were built by the Coalbrookdale Company as part of their Horsehay Estate - these can be seen in the addresses in the censuses going back a few hundred years. The street sits on the Horsehay side of the major roads (Dawley Road and Wellington Road/A5223) that separate modern Lawley from Horsehay. It seems non-sensical that that Lawley Gate which sits on Horsehay Common would itself sit in a different civil parish to the common itself. For such a negligible population, I hope that the proposal to separate this part of Horsehay Common from the remainder of Horsehay will be abandoned.
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Wrockwardine and Rodington

Email Responses:

1	Dear Sir/Madam Please accept this email as an objection to the plan to amalgamate Rodington Parish Council with Wrockwardine. These parishes have very distinct identities and I along with many others in my community feel that this proposal does not take this into account. Rodington is a successful parish council and able to respond to local concerns. Under the proposal, the number of councillors for my area would be reduced to three which I feel is insufficient. I know there has been a number of objections already put forward and one wonders why bother with a consultation exercise if the wishes of the community are ignored. At no point has there been an explanation how the proposed change will benefit the residents of Rodington Parish. I feel the proposal will dilute local democracy rather than enhance it and I object in the strongest terms.
2	Good afternoon Wrockwardine Parish Council wish to make the following submission in response to the proposed changes: Re: Community Governance Review At the Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2025, the current revised proposal of the Community Governance Review was discussed, and the consultation period from 26 September 2025 to 19 October 2025 was noted. It was resolved to make the following submission: · The area proposed is too large geographically and would result in a rural parish that is difficult to administer effectively. · The logistics of administering such a large area would be challenging. · Meetings alternating between Wrockwardine and Rodington would mean parish residents from the whole proposed parish would be less likely to attend. Each meeting would also be more likely to be biased toward the locality of the venue. · Future housing, already proposed around Allscott, would add strength to Wrockwardine side of the Parish and inevitably this population growth and the increased income generated would have the most likely consequence of leading Wrockwardine to dominate the proposed Parish Council. This would therefore be incompatible with the stated aims of community representation and cohesion. · Both Wrockwardine and Rodington have their own community ties and facilities.

	Local representation is essential and would be lost with the distance that would be involved in managing such a large, combined area. We have nothing against Rodington Parish Council, but Wrockwardine Parish Council would like to remain as such.
3	Good afternoon, Please find attached the Community Governance Review response from Rodington Parish Council. Please could you confirm receipt of this email? Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you. Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex A
4	Telford and Wrekin Council Subject: OBJECTION to the proposed merger Rodington and Wrockwardine Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing as a resident of Rodington to formally object to the proposed merger of Rodington Parish Council and Wrockwardine Parish Council(s), which is currently being reviewed as part of the Community Governance Review I believe that this proposal would not serve the best interests of our community for the following material reasons: 1. Loss of Community Identity and Local Voice The current Parish Council serves our distinct local community, and a merger would risk diluting our unique community identity. The sense of belonging and representation would be significantly weakened in a larger, less familiar entity. Our Parish Council is an effective and familiar body that addresses the specific needs of our residents, and the proposed merger would remove this crucial level of local representation. 2. Ineffective and Inconvenient Administration Combining our parish with another could lead to a less efficient and more difficult-to-administer authority, especially one that relies on volunteer councillors. Rodington volunteers would not like to be involved with a community that is distant and remote.

	We have nothing in common. It is not clear how combining larger parishes can result in any savings as the councillors are all volunteers. 3. Negative Impact on Community Engagement and Local Services Our Parish Council provides valued local services and engagement, such as recently installed speed indicator devices, maintenance of the graveyard and future initiatives required within the graveyard. The merger could jeopardize the continuation of the locally organised events at the village hall including families and children and community-focused initiatives. A combined council may not have the focus, resources, or specific local knowledge to maintain this level of commitment to our smaller community. 4. Lack of Clear Justification or Demonstrated Benefits I am unaware of how such a move would benefit our community. This in my view will have an adverse effect on our great local community. I urge you to conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of this proposal, taking into full account the strong community sentiment against it. I request that my objection, and those of other residents, are given the proper weight and consideration they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration.
5	Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex B

Survey Responses:

1	Proposal should not be approved, each parish council needs to retain its independence
2	Rodington and Longd9'-upon-turn have an amazing parish council who are doing wonderful things for our community. Over the last few years their efforts have brought the community together with events and initiatives that are important and relevant to our villages and the surrounding areas. Things like looking at footpaths, roads, community services and providing events such as the Christmas light switch in all of which are loved by the community. They were involved with planning and know our area well. To merge with Wrockwardine would be terrible for our community as the excellent work our current parish councillors do will be massively diverted and responsibility for a much larger area will mean less focus for local issues. I strongly oppose this proposal, and believe like many other residents that this merger will have nothing but negative impact on our community. Rodington Parish Council should remain as it is, with its current number of councillors so it can look after the local area and residents that need them.

3	Wrockwardine and Rodington parishes may be geographically close but they are very different indeed, and I can say that after living all of my 50+ years in Longdon-on-Tern. Whilst I understand the logic behind the plan I cannot believe that the representation of my area, which is already diluted within the Rodington parish with be further so. Issues which are relevant and important to a locale such as public footpaths, traffic speed and volume, local services, public transport, planning simply can not get the same attention with reduced representation within a larger area. For this reason I object strongly to the plan and would be exceptionally disappointed and dismayed if it went ahead.
4	I support the merger of the two parish councils, Wrockwardine and Rodington. In Long Lane we have 4 different parish councils, depending which part of Long Lane residents live, determines which one of the four represents a said address. A reduction would start to make it more simple.
5	Wrockwardine on the map may look close, but is not directly accessible without going through other parishes. The geographical area of Roddington Parish is widespread, being mainly farmlands. Long distances between residents makes site visits to residents a time consuming process. Reducing the number of Councillors from 7 to 3 will reduce the effectiveness of an otherwise award winning Council.
6	As a resident of Rodington Parish Council, I wish to express my opposition to the proposed merger with Wrockwardine Parish Council. The current Rodington Parish Council has consistently demonstrated active engagement and responsiveness to the needs of our community over the years. I am highly satisfied with the support, representation, and services provided, which have been tailored to the specific interests and priorities of our local area. Furthermore, I am concerned about the limited notice and timeframe given to residents to review the proposal and provide meaningful input. Such a change to local governance warrants thorough consultation and transparency, allowing all affected residents adequate time to understand the implications and voice their views. The proposal does not sufficiently justify the need for the merger process, nor does it reflect the distinct identity and effective governance that Rodington Parish Council has maintained. A merger risks diluting the focused attention our parish currently receives and may compromise the quality of local representation. Noting that a Community Governance Review is required to take into account: The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; The size, population, and boundaries of the local community or parish. The council must also ensure that governance within the area under review: Reflects the identities and interests of the community; Is effective and convenient. Based on these criteria, the proposal to merge does not demonstrate a clear benefit or necessity. Rodington Parish Council already meets these standards effectively, and its continued independence supports strong community cohesion and local identity. For these reasons, I respectfully ask the decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and to preserve the autonomy and integrity of Rodington Parish Council, which continues to serve its residents effectively.
7	Why change something that's not broken, currently as a resident of Rodington Which I feel is always second best to Longden OT, anyway in Parish decisions, how will this help our community? By joining with Wrockwardine we are sure to loose some of the focus and decisions becoming diluted, in favour of Other Parish councils.

8	I object to the proposal to merge Rodington Parish Council with Wrockwardine Parish Council. This merger would not reflect the identity or interests of the Rodington community and would not deliver more effective or convenient local governance, as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and national guidance for Community Governance Reviews. □ 1. Loss of democratic voice and local accountability Rodington currently benefits from a small, responsive parish council made up of residents who know the village's issues first-hand—flooding, narrow-lane traffic hazards, drainage, and the preservation of its rural setting. If merged, Rodington would hold only three of eight councillor seats and would inevitably become a minority voice within a larger, more Wrockwardine-centred body. Experience elsewhere shows that smaller wards in merged parishes struggle to have their priorities reflected in budgets and agendas. Meetings would likely be based in Wrockwardine, making participation less convenient for Rodington residents. This undermines the very principle of local accessibility and accountability. 2. Community identity and cohesion Rodington and Wrockwardine are distinct rural communities separated by open farmland, different traffic patterns, and different day-to-day links to surrounding settlements. Residents identify with their own village rather than with Wrockwardine, and there is little shared infrastructure or community overlap. Combining the two would create an artificial administrative unit without a coherent community identity. The review's own guidance requires that governance structures "reflect the identities and interests of the community"; this proposal does not. 3. Planning and long-term development risks An independent Rodington Parish Council provides a clear, statutory voice in planning consultations and in shaping the borough's Local Plan 2041. A merged parish would speak collectively for both communities, meaning Rodington's smaller-scale, rural priorities could easily be overruled by the majority. The village could also lose the ability to prepare its own Neighbourhood Development Plan or maintain separate design and conservation policies. That weakens Rodington's ability to manage future growth pressures or resist development unsuited to its landscape and infrastructure. 4. Practical disadvantages for residents The proposed merger offers no tangible benefits to residents—only administrative tidiness for the borough. It would create transitional costs (integrating finances, staff and policies), and risks Rodington losing eligibility for small-parish funding streams. Residents would find their representatives less accessible, and local decision-making slower and more bureaucratic. The current parish arrangements already operate effectively and efficiently; there is no evidence of dysfunction to justify disruption. 5. Absence of community demand or proven benefit Previous consultation rounds have already shown strong opposition to large composite parishes. No local evidence demonstrates that Rodington residents want or would benefit from this merger. The proposal appears primarily motivated by administrative convenience rather than by the needs or identity of the communities affected. In summary: Creating a combined "Wrockwardine & Rodington Parish Council" would weaken democratic accountability, reduce Rodington's planning influence, and erode a clearly distinct rural identity. It fails both statutory tests for a Community Governance Review—reflecting community identity and providing effective and convenient local government. I therefore urge the Boundary Review Committee to reject this merger and retain Rodington Parish Council as an independent body, preserving local representation, community voice, and the ability to plan appropriately for its own future.
9	If this goes ahead the number of Councillors for Rodington seems to be unfair, 3 for Rodington 5 for Wrockwardine. Will anything ever get approved for Rodington. If this must go ahead should the boundaries of responsibility not be drawn so that there are two equal areas, so that the representation is equal, eg. 4 and 4 so that there is a fair distribution and fair discussion of any issue or funding.

10	I disagree entirely with this proposal and am disappointed that Telford and Wrekin Council have ignored the views of residents who have expressed their views. - It runs totally contrary to localism, (2007) - We are two geographically separate areas. Neither area has indicated any interest in or need for merging. - A merger would inevitably weaken the work of both parish councils and therefore benefits to residents.
11	I am against the proposed merger, I do not believe this to be a 'good move' we are 2 very different areas and combining these 2 areas will end in Rodington's parish budget getting absorbed into Wrockwardine. Telford and Wrekin council should be focusing on other endeavours which are far more important. I feel there is an undertone to this merger which is related to increasing housing in the area and this could be the councils way of getting planning of 2 very large housing developments into the area of Rodington. Therefore I am in onjection to the merger.
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13	I am writing to formally object to the proposal to merge Rodington Parish Council with Wrockwardine as part of Telford & Wrekin Council's Community Governance Review. As a resident of Rodington, I have serious concerns about the impact this merger would have on local governance, representation, and the identity of our community. 1. Loss of Local Identity and Representation Rodington Parish has a long-standing and distinct rural identity, with its own priorities, character, and community issues. Merging with a geographically separate and more populated parish like Wrockwardine risks marginalising the voices of residents in Rodington and surrounding villages. A single parish council covering a larger and more diverse area would dilute local representation and reduce the ability of councillors to focus on issues specific to our community. 2. Geographical and Practical Concerns There are clear practical and geographic differences between Rodington and Wrockwardine. The communities are separated by significant rural distance and lack strong direct links in terms of shared services, infrastructure, or community interaction. This merger risks creating an administrative structure that is neither cohesive nor representative. 3. Lack of Local Support and Consultation Transparency To my knowledge, many local residents oppose this merger, and Rodington Parish Council itself has expressed concern. The process so far has not adequately involved or informed local residents, and there is a sense that the consultation has been rushed or insufficiently publicised. The proposal appears inconsistent with the Council's own Terms of Reference for the review, particularly with respect to respecting community identity and ensuring effective and convenient local governance. In conclusion, I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this merger proposal and to retain Rodington as an independent parish council, in line with the views of its residents and in the interests of effective local democracy.
14	As a resident of Rodington Heath, I am writing to object to the proposed merger of Rodington Parish Council with Wrockwardine Parish Council, currently under consultation as part of the Community Governance Review. This proposal is neither practical nor in the best interests of our community. I strongly urge Telford & Wrekin Council to retain Rodington Parish Council as a separate and independent entity, for the following reasons: 1. Loss of Local Identity and Voice Longdon-upon-Tern, Rodington, and the surrounding hamlets form a distinct rural parish with its own priorities and identity. Merging us with Wrockwardine — a larger, more populous, and quite different community — would risk drowning out the unique voice of our

	smaller villages. There is no strong community of interest that justifies such a merger, and this change would erode the local focus that parish councils are meant to preserve. 2. Geographical Separation and Accessibility Issues There is a physical and practical separation between our communities. Travel between Rodington and areas of Wrockwardine parish is neither direct nor convenient, and the two do not share regular services or infrastructure. If merged, residents here would find it harder to engage with councillors, attend meetings, or raise concerns — directly undermining the principles of local accountability and accessible governance. 3. Lack of Evident Community Support To date, I have seen no convincing evidence that residents of Rodington parish support this merger. On the contrary, discussions in the village suggest many are opposed, and the process has lacked visibility and transparency. If this merger proceeds despite significant local resistance, it will damage trust in both the consultation and the council's commitment to democratic engagement. 4. Better Alternatives Exist If the Council is seeking administrative efficiency or resource sharing, there are other ways to achieve this — such as inter-parish cooperation agreements — without dissolving our parish council and merging with a community that has little in common with ours. In summary, I object to this proposed merger in the strongest terms. the Rodington parish deserve to retain our independent representation, our identity, and our voice in local affairs. I respectfully ask the Council to withdraw this proposal and confirm that Rodington Parish Council will remain a separate entity.
15	I oppose the changes to the parishes most strongly. I cannot see any advantage to local residents. The local Parish Council should be as the name suggests, A Local Parish Council not incorporated into other Parishes for the convenience of T&W. We have a good PC which works well, if it's not broken (which it isn't) don't fix it. I can only assume there are ulterior motives working here which I am unaware of because this proposal is not in the interests of Rodington residents and most probably neither Wrockwardine either. The proposed Parish Council will be too big and will lose its local identity and focus serving the residents of all both existing Parishes. Rodington has already merged with Longon on Tern and having attended a few meetings as a member of the public it's obvious this doesn't flow well with councillors from each village (understandably) having different priorities. This merger would make this much worse. This proposed change directly contradicts your own guidance, ToW 3.4 referring to 'identities and interests of communities' Referring to your Terms of Reference: I note a CGR was done in 2023 which didn't identify any change needed but mysteriously only just over a year later another one is announced. Two CGR's in 2 years instead of one in 10 to 15? I smell a rat and what a waste of public money. '3.2 Furthermore, guidance states that it is good practice to conduct a full CGR at least every 10 to 15 years. Whilst the Council commenced a review in 2023, this did not result in any changes being made and, consequently, it is considered appropriate to undertake a further review to identify whether or not any changes are now needed.' This is a massive contradiction, it's obviously politically motivated and not in the best interests of residents who pay for this 'service'. Why is it considered appropriate to undertake a further review when the previous one didn't identify a need for change? The document is obviously withholding something. No change should mean just that as published, no change identified. Rodington has a distinct rural village character, local heritage, and residents' community expectations which differ from those of the neighbouring Wrockwardine area. A single merged parish threatens to blur these differences. In future local plan and development matters, our smaller community risks being overshadowed. For example, if development proposals come through, the combined parish may push "one size fits all" policy that does not properly reflect Rodington's smaller-scale, historic village context. Rodington's ability to adopt its own Neighbourhood Development Plan or local design/green-space protections may be compromised under the larger parish. Losing that stronger local voice means lesser ability to steer development in a way

	consistent with our settlement hierarchy and rural setting. For these reasons I believe that retaining an independent Rodington parish council is essential to preserving the community's identity and ensuring future planning decisions reflect our village's needs.
16	I strongly object to the proposed merger of Rodington parish and Wrockwardine parish . After reviewing your maps and data the parish of Wrockwardine has a much higher population to that of Rodington parish , which will further increase due to new sites at Allscott in the local plan , therefore - 1 the councillors representing the residents of Rodington will be outnumbered 2 the potential issues facing Wrockwardine parish will be very different to Rodington due Wrockwardine parish largely consisting of the new Allscott village resulting in a different focus not in line with the issues in Rodington
17	Rodington currently enjoys its own parish council, meaning decisions affecting our village are made by councillors who live here, understand the local issues and are accountable locally. Merging into a larger parish risks diluting that direct accountability.
18	As a resident of Rodington I feel this merger will weaken our position as our councillors will be in a minority of the new parish and their voice will be overlooked. The existing Wrockwardine parish is much larger and will continue to grow with the new developments at Allscott and their focus will understandably quite different to the rural area of Rodington. I feel this proposed merger is not in the best interests of the residents of Rodington but fear it is of little consequence to the forces driving this change.

Rodington Parish Council strenuously objects to the proposal to combine Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Councils.

Having reviewed the results of the previous consultation Rodington Parish Council notes the following:

- 48 responses were received from members of the public. 46 of these were strong objections to the proposals.
- Both Parish Councils object to the proposals

The Boundary Review Committee has not sufficiently explained any benefits from merging Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Councils despite the clearly outlined objections received from residents. 31 responses received specifically mention Rodington Parish Council and the effective way that it meets the needs of its residents regarding local issues. The Review Commission does not seem to have taken these responses, as well as the concerns raised by Rodington Parish Council, into consideration, which prompts Rodington Parish Council to ask why the consultation has taken place at all. It is clear from the results of the consultation that there is an overwhelming, if not unanimous, opposition to the proposal and to go ahead with it makes a mockery of the process of consultation and local democracy.

There is no shared community identity between the two parishes proposed for merger. The current arrangements allow the Parish Council to focus on local issues and drive forward a number of initiatives in a cohesive community. Rodington Parish Council has achieved several awards for its work in the local area, which demonstrates how well the Council serves its local residents. Combining Rodington Parish Council with a community miles away will obviously dilute the focus on the priorities in the parish, the connection with our residents and the effective delivery of local services. This proposal goes against the prevailing direction of thought which advocates decentralizing decision making because local decision making is more nimble and more able to respond to local needs.

It is hard to see how, with fewer local councillors, the commitment to various projects could be maintained. With funds shared with other villages, there will be less commitment to the priorities of Rodington and Longdon-on-Tern. These are:

1. The management of playing fields and a cemetery contributes to the strenuous objection of Rodington Parish Council to this proposal. Rodington Parish Council invests heavily in the cemetery at Rodington, and this is a priority for residents of Rodington and Longdon. The cemetery requires ongoing maintenance which the Parish Council pays for. The Clerk is the Burials Officer for the Parish and significant hours are devoted to the cemetery. This would not be possible if one Clerk is working for both Parish Councils.
2. Rodington Parish Council also hosts an annual Christmas Fair which is attended by residents, the Mayor of Telford, and local schools. This is an important event for the Parish requiring sizeable financial outlay and a considerable proportion of the Clerk's hours. This event would no longer be able to take place if two Parish Councils amalgamated, as it would require a disproportionate distribution of funds.
3. Rodington has a Climate and Nature Strategy Group which is heavily supported by the Parish Council. This has contributed significantly to the development of Rodington Parish Council's approach to biodiversity and sustainability. These are gains that could easily be lost by merging with other parishes at this time due to budgetary pressures.

Practical considerations must also be considered, and the Parish Council has not had clarification on the following issues:

- The disruption and costs incurred by changeover.
- The role of the clerk and associated practical issues i.e. travelling to meetings across the county.

- The impact of increased hours for one clerk and possible job losses for other Clerks.
- The environmental cost of increased travel through the county.
- Above all, the lack of knowledge of Councillors making decisions about communities they do not know, impairing their ability to fairly represent its electorate.

Rodington Parish Council and its residents urge Telford and Wrekin to reconsider this proposal for the reasons detailed above. If Rodington Parish Council must be amalgamated with another, the Parishes of Ercall Magna or Waters Upton should be considered as viable alternatives as opposed to Wrockwardine.

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19.10.2025

Re: Rodington Parish Council Community Governance Review

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to yourselves in response of the TWC's Community Governance Review regarding your future possible plans of :-

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
- the electoral arrangements for parishes (for instance, the ordinary year of election; a council's geographical size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding)
- grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
- other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings.

I would like to strongly object to these future possible plans as I feel that the current system of local governance at parish level is satisfactory, including the number of parish councillors. It's appears to me that the possible merging or abolishing of Parish Councils is nothing more that a consolidation of power.

This restructuring of Parish councils will lead to the people of smaller parishes such as Rodington, having very little or no say in any important matters regarding our village. It's very important that people have a democratic say in important matters regarding their local area, and I feel these proposed future plans will take away people's democratic rights, or at the very least, water them down.

Yours Sincerely



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Community Governance Review Team

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BY EMAIL

17th October 2025

Dear Community Governance Review Team,

Consultation Response from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) on Telford & Wrekin Council's Community Governance Review – Third Stage consultation 2025

The Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the current phase of the Community Governance Review (CGR) being undertaken by Telford & Wrekin Council. We appreciate the Council's commitment to engaging with local communities and stakeholders, including parish and town councils, in shaping governance arrangements that reflect the needs and identities of the areas concerned.

SALC has consistently supported the principle that community governance should be rooted in the identities, interests, and aspirations of local communities. We therefore strongly endorse the CGR's stated aim to ensure that governance arrangements are:

- **Reflective of community identity and interests**, and
- **Effective and convenient** for those they serve.

We would also refer to the comments we submitted in July as part of the second phase consultation process.

In reviewing the proposals set out in this consultation, SALC wishes to highlight the following key points:

1. Respect for Community Identity

The Association notes the emphasis placed on community identity in several areas, including Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct, The Gorge, and Wrockwardine & Rodington. We support the recognition that natural boundaries, historical ties, and shared community interests should guide decisions about parish

arrangements. Where strong local sentiment exists, such as opposition to mergers or boundary changes, these views must be given significant weight.

2. Local Representation and Engagement

SALC welcomes the Council's efforts to consult widely and transparently, including with affected parish councils and local residents. We encourage continued meaningful engagement throughout the final stages of the review, ensuring that all voices—particularly those of smaller or rural communities—are heard and respected.

3. Support for Local Councils

Parish and town councils play a vital role in representing local interests and delivering services. Any changes to governance arrangements should be accompanied by appropriate support and guidance to ensure smooth transitions and continued effectiveness.

4. Concerns Regarding Forced Mergers or Reorganisations

SALC remains cautious about proposals that may dilute local identity or impose arrangements that lack community support. The Association urges the Boundary Review Committee to carefully consider the feedback from phase two consultations, particularly where there was significant opposition to proposed mergers or boundary changes.

5. Electoral Equality and Practicality

While electoral equality is an important consideration, it should not override the fundamental principle of community cohesion. We acknowledge the challenges in achieving balanced representation but believe that practical compromises must be made in favour of preserving community identity.

In terms of the specific proposals in the current phase of consultation, whilst we appreciate the willingness of the BRC is seeking views on alternative proposals, we are concerned as to whether or not a three week consultation period was sufficient to adequately engage with those communities affected and to encourage as full a response as possible given the impact the proposals will have both on local governance and service delivery.

We would urge the Committee to reflect on this in the event it is minded to approve any of the specific proposals outlined in this current consultation. Due to the relatively short period of consultation, we would encourage the BRC to where appropriate, take into account the responses to the second stage consultation which relate to the areas subject to the current round of consultation.

We would offer the following comments / responses on the following proposals, which we believe will enhance community identity, cohesion, and the effectiveness of local governance across the borough:

1. Retention of Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council

SALC supports the continued existence of Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council on its existing boundaries. This parish has a well-established identity and provides a vital platform for local representation and service delivery. Its retention ensures continuity and stability for

residents in the area. This has widespread community support (as demonstrated by the strong response to the latest consultation) and will enable the Parish Council to continue providing convenient and effective governance for the local community. The current proposal will not achieve this aim, neither will it serve the best interests of the local community. SALC supports the view that the proposed new parish council is too large with no clear reasoning as to the benefits for the residents of both Hollinswood & Randlay, and residents of Stirchley and most importantly will still result in communities losing their identities. We also share the concern regarding the reduction in number of Parish Councillors which brings into question both adequate and appropriate local representation and democracy for these local communities.

2. Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

SALC supports the following views expressed by the Parish Council:

- **Shared Facilities & Services:** Stirchley and Brookside have long operated as a unified community, sharing schools, libraries, shops, sports fields, youth programmes, and community centres—most of which are located in Stirchley but serve both areas.
- **Youth Provision:** Programmes like *Funzone* exemplify the integrated nature of the community, bringing together families from both areas. A split would fragment funding and governance, disadvantaging Brookside youth.
- **Geographical Boundaries:** Randlay Avenue is a well-established boundary separating Stirchley from Randlay, reflecting distinct community identities. Stirchley residents do not identify with Hollinswood or Randlay, which have separate facilities and no meaningful social or practical links to Stirchley.
- **Stirchley Village Identity:** Residents of Stirchley Village identify with Stirchley, not Brookside. Reassigning them to Brookside would erase their distinct identity and misrepresent their community affiliation.
- **Clarity & Efficiency:** The current parish structure is well understood and efficient, ensuring accessible services and logical boundaries. A split would create confusion over service provision and responsibilities.
- **Administrative Duplication:** Dividing the parish could lead to duplicated governance structures, increased costs, and disrupted maintenance responsibilities.
- **Polling Districts:** The proposal contradicts recent decisions by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), which moved polling district TTT from Brookside to The Nedge ward.

SALC supports the view that the proposals for Stirchley & Brookside PC:

- Undermine community identity.
- Reduce the effectiveness and clarity of local governance.
- Increase financial burdens.
- Lack local support.

We ask the BRC to support retention of existing Stirchley & Brookside PC based on the current parish boundaries.

3. Retention of Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Councils as Separate Entities

SALC strongly supports the decision to retain **Wrockwardine Parish Council** and **Rodington Parish Council** as separate bodies. The previous proposal to merge these with Little Wenlock was met with significant opposition due to the lack of shared identity and the geographical barrier of The Wrekin. There is no connectivity between the two parishes and a lack of community identity. Maintaining their independence respects the distinct rural character and governance needs of each parish. The river Tern provides a natural boundary between these two existing parishes.

4. Creation of a New Parish Council for Admaston, Shawburch & Bratton

We welcome the suggestion by the local Borough Councillor for Admaston to establish a new parish council covering **Admaston, Shawburch & Bratton**. These communities share a cohesive identity and are currently underserved in terms of direct local representation. A dedicated parish council will empower residents and enhance democratic engagement.

5. Retention of Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

SALC supports the retention of these areas within the **Dawley Hamlets Parish Council**. The revised proposal reflects strong community sentiment and identity, particularly the inclusion of Lightmoor and exclusion of Small Hill, which aligns with natural boundaries and local affiliations. This arrangement promotes effective governance and electoral equality. During the second phase of consultation there was strong support from the local community for the retention of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

Conclusion

SALC believes these proposals are well-founded and consistent with the principles of community governance as outlined in national guidance. They reflect:

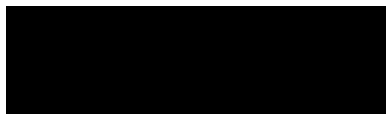
- **Community identity and cohesion:** Each proposal respects the unique character and needs of the communities involved.
- **Local support:** The changes respond directly to feedback from residents and stakeholders.
- **Convenient and effective local government:** The arrangements will improve representation, accountability, and service delivery.

We commend Telford & Wrekin Council for its thorough and responsive approach to this review and look forward to the outcome of these proposals.

SALC appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this important process and reiterates its commitment to supporting governance arrangements that are locally driven, inclusive, and respectful of the unique character of Shropshire's communities.

We look forward to continuing to work constructively with Telford & Wrekin Council and all stakeholders as the CGR progresses and the final decisions implemented ready to take effect from April 2027.

Yours Sincerely



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Appendix I Third Phase Consultation and Revised Parish & Town Council Proposals

The Boundary Review Committee, 4 September, asked that a third phase of consultation be completed on 7 areas of the borough where revised proposals had been discussed by the Committee. These areas were:

- Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley
- Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct
- Lawley & Overdale
- Madeley
- St Georges & Donnington
- The Gorge
- Wrockwardine and Rodington

For each of the 7 areas, views were specifically sought by the Committee on:

- the proposed arrangements for some Town and Parish Councils covering the areas highlighted above;
- the warding arrangements for some Town and Parish Councils covering the areas highlighted above;
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of some Town and Parish Councils in respect of the areas mentioned above;
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of each ward;
- the proposed name of some Town and Parish Councils in those areas mentioned above.

The third phase of consultation commenced 29 September and closed at 23:59, 19 October 2025. Responses to the consultation could be made through an online survey, via email or by letter whether posted or hand delivered. To promote the consultation, a consultation pack was shared with:

- Community groups;
- Town and Parish Councils;
- Strategic partners including the West Mercia Police, Shropshire Fire & Rescue and NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin ICS;
- Borough Councillors;
- MPs;
- Telford Interfaith Council; and
- Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Through the third phase consultation, the Council received over 210 responses from residents, councillors and parish councils. These are set out in Appendices A to G aligned to the relevant parish area. A response was also received from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils covering a number of areas of the borough which is set out in Appendix H.

Informed by this consultation, relevant guidance and legislation concerning community governance reviews, recommendations for the future town and parish arrangements for each of these 7 areas have been developed and are presented in this report.

Brookside, Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley

At the request of the Boundary Review Committee, the third phase consultation specifically sought views on a proposal that would create two new parish councils for the area; one for Brookside and the second for Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley. This was in response to the Community Governance Review phase two community consultation which found considerable opposition to the creation of a proposed The Nedge Parish Council which would have been created from the merger of the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council.

In response to the proposal of a parish council for Brookside and a second for Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley, 5 emails and 32 survey responses were received directly to Telford & Wrekin Council. In addition, Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council undertook their own engagement activity on the proposal and as part of their submission to the Community Governance Review, submitted 90 questionnaires prior to the consultation deadline. Subsequent to their submission, the Parish Council submitted an additional 26 completed copies of their questionnaire. The third phase consultation responses for Brookside, Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Almost all of the responses to the third phase Community Governance Review consultation were opposed to the proposal to create a Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley Parish Council and a separate Brookside Parish council. The common theme throughout these responses was that the current arrangements of a parish council for Hollinswood and Randlay and a parish council for Stirchley and Brookside should be retained. Only a very small number of responses to the consultation expressed a contrary view.

Informed by the consultation findings, it is proposed that the current Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council are retained. Once adopted, these arrangements will be kept under review as there will be additional housing development in the area and it is necessary to ensure the arrangements continue to reflect the needs of communities.

Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council

Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council will, if agreed, have an electorate of 4,361, served by 12 parish councillors. The parish council will not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4361	363

Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council will, if agreed by the Committee, have an electorate of 7,136 with 13 parish councillors across 3 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	11%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	343	343	-38%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3750	536	-2%
Total		13	7136	549	

Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct

The proposed parish for this area that the Boundary Review Committee considered at its meeting on 4 September, included Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct. Compared with the pre-existing Dawley Hamlets, these proposals saw the proposed parish:

- include the Lightmoor parish ward that is currently in The Gorge Parish;
- exclude the Smallhill Parish Ward which it was proposed would be within the revised Lawley & Overdale Parish; and,
- exclude the Nightingale Walk Parish Ward which it was proposed would move to Madeley Town Council.

Through this third phase consultation, the Boundary Committee were keen to explore what this proposed parish council should be called.

In response to the third phase consultation, 8 emails were received and 16 online questionnaires about the proposed parish arrangements for this area (see Appendix B).

Within these responses there were two key themes: the name of the proposed parish and which parish or town council Ellis Peters Drive Aqueduct should be located in.

A significant majority of responses that commented on the name of the proposed parish were of the view that the existing name, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, should be retained. Those that supported this position, stated that it was a well-known and historic name and that adopting a new name for the parish would carry unnecessary costs because of, for example, the need to change boundary signs.

There were a small number of responses which stated that they wanted to see Ellis Peters Drive of Aqueduct become part of the proposed parish council. There was no overarching evidence to support this change.

Informed by the consultation findings, it is proposed that the parish arrangements for Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct are adopted and that the parish council should be called Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

The revised Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would have an electorate of, 6,789 represented by 9 parish councillors across 4 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2168	723	-4%
Little Dawley	THA	1	794	794	5%
Lightmoor	THC	2	1003	502	-34%
Horsehay	THZ	3	2824	941	25%
Total		9	6789	754	

Madeley and The Gorge

Madeley

The proposed Madeley Town Council that was the focus of the third phase consultation was primarily based on the existing arrangements with the addition of the Nightingale Walk parish ward from the pre-existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

In response to the third phase consultation, one response was received for Madeley (see Appendix C). This response was from Madeley Town Council and simply expressed support for the proposal that Nightingale Walk Parish Ward should be included within the Madeley Town Council boundary.

The Gorge

The proposal for the Gorge Parish Council considered by the Boundary Review Committee, 4 September, was primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the key change being that the Lightmoor parish ward would become part of the proposed Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Parish Council. This proposed change was predicated on community identity as it is considered that there is not a shared common identity between The Gorge and Lightmoor. This proposal would enhance coterminosity between borough and parish boundaries.

In response to the third phase consultation, 1 email and 4 questionnaires were received about The Gorge (see Appendix D). The email was received from The Gorge Parish Council and objected to the proposal to move the Lightmoor Ward to the proposed Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Parish Council. The response also commented on the warding of The Gorge and asked that consideration be given to creating separate parish wards for Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale as they are two distinct communities. In addition, the Parish Council's submission argued that the Academy Prish Ward should be part of the Gorge Parsh area due to strong links to the area and that it would have a positive impact on elector inequality.

From the questionnaires, opposition was expressed to the removal of Lightmoor from the Gorge arguing that The Gorge provided them with key services.

Informed by the consultation, it is proposed that the following amendments are made to the proposed parish and town council arrangements for the Gorge and Madeley to enhance electoral equality (addressing some of the inequality shown in the earlier proposals) and ensure the sustainability of both councils:

- That the Academy parish ward is moved from Madeley Town Council to The Gorge – this would improve coterminosity with the Ironbridge Gorge borough ward and it would also have a positive impact on elector inequality in Madeley Town Council.
- That the Roberts Road area and the Nightingale Walk Parish ward become part of the The Gorge Parish Council. Again, this will have a positive impact upon electoral equality.

The Gorge Parish Council

The proposed The Gorge Parish Council would have an electorate of 2,786 with 11 parish councillors across 4 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	512	256	1%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB	4	1002	251	-1%
Coalbrookdale (to include Nightingale Walk)	TIG, TWL	3	814	271	7%
Madeley Road (to include Academy and Roberts Road)	TIH, TWP	2	458	229	-10%
Total		11	2786	253	

Madeley Town Council

The proposed Madley Town Council would have an electorate of 12,351 with 16 parish councillors across 3 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3977	795	3%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3723	745	-4%
Woodside	TWO	6	4651	775	0%
Total		16	12,351	772	

St Georges & Donnington

The communities of St Georges and Donnington share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs, demographics and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

In considering these proposals, the Boundary Review Committee asked that further work was completed to develop the parish ward arrangements and associated number of councillors and that these should form part of the third phase consultation.

In response to the third phase consultation 3 questionnaires were received (see Appendix E). Two of the responses were supportive of the proposed parish warding – that is to ensure there is effective representation for each of the different areas of the proposed parish. The other questionnaire expressed concern over the proposal to create a parish council by bringing together the communities of St Georges and Donnington.

St Georges & Donnington Parish Council

It is proposed that the St Georges and Donnington Parish Council would have an electorate of 12,759 represented by 17 parish councillors across 8 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seats	Variance
St Georges West	TSP, TKG	4	2414	603.5	-20%
St George's East	TSG, TSE	3	2834	945	26%
Snedshill	TPS	1	398	398	-47%
Redhill	WMM	1	590	590	-21%
Humbers	WMH	1	692	692	-8%
Donnington wood	WDE	2	1244	622	-17%
Donnington	WDG, WDO	4	4139	1035	38%
The Lamb	TSW	1	448	448	-40%
Total		17	12759	751	

Lawley & Overdale

The proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council considered by the Boundary Review Committee on 4 September was primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the following proposed changes:

- The inclusion of the Smallhill area and Lawley Gate (TLS polling district).
- That the following, part or all of, are moved to Great Dawley Town Council (this is not an exhaustive list):
 - Cambridge Close
 - Croft Fold
 - Dawley Bank
 - Milners Court
 - Grange Farm Rise
 - Wakeley Drive
 - Hill Fold
 - Cemetery Road
 - Concorde
 - Milners Lane

The revised proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish council would have an electorate of 9,539 presented by 18 councillors across 5 parish wards.

Responding to consultation feedback gathered during the second phase of consultation, the Boundary Review Committee were keen to consult further to explore whether a different number of councillors would be more effective and welcomed views on this specific matter.

Two responses were received to the third phase consultation, one an online questionnaire and the second an email (see Appendix F).

The questionnaire response, focused on the area of Lawley Gate and argued that for the purposes of historic community identity, it should be included within the proposed parish for Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct. This proposal would require the creation of a polling district for Lawley Gate which would have too few electors for electoral efficiency.

The email response was supportive of the proposed arrangements in terms of the broad boundaries for the parish and the warding arrangements. This response, however, suggested that the number of parish councillors should be 11 rather than the proposed 18 and distributed across the proposed 5 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	2	3086	1543	78%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2513	838	-3%
Lawley West	WLL	2	542	271	-69%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	2	2743	1372	58%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	2	655	328	-62%
Total		11	9539	867	

This proposal would mean that there was significant electoral inequality across the 5 parish wards – particularly the Town Centre parish ward. An alternative proposal with 11 parish councillors across the 5 wards with better electoral equality would be:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	3	3086	1029	19%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2513	838	-3%
Lawley West	WLL	1	542	542	-38%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	3	2743	914	5%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	1	655	655	-24%
Total		11	9539	867	

Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

The proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council would have an electorate of 9,539 with 11 parish councillors across 5 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	3	3086	1029	19%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2513	838	-3%
Lawley West	WLL	1	542	542	-38%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	3	2743	914	5%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	1	655	655	-24%
Total		11	9,539	867	

Wrockwardine & Rodington

The proposed parish arrangements which formed part of the phase two consultation for the Community Governance Review included a proposal to create a Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council. This proposal brought the pre-existing Little Wenlock and Rodington Parish Councils together with the Wrockwardine Parish Council excluding Bratton and Admaston as it is proposed these will become part of the revised Wellington Town Council.

The phase two Community Governance Review consultation found significant opposition to the proposal to create a parish council that included Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington. A core objection was the size of the proposed parish and a lack of a cohesive identity. It was acknowledged that The Wrekin creates a significant natural barrier between Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. In response, and reflecting the changes that would be brought about as a result of the proposed changes to Wellington Town Council, the Committee wanted to consider an alternative proposal which would see the existing arrangements for Little Wenlock retained and a new proposed Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish.

In response to the third phase consultation, 5 email responses and 18 online questionnaires were received (see Appendix G). All but one of these responses disagreed with the proposed creation of a Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish. Many of the responses were from residents of Rodington and stated that Rodington had a distinct identity to that of Wrockwardine.

It is proposed that a revised Rodington Parish Council is retained and that Wrockwardine Parish Council is amended to exclude Bratton and Admaston which will become part of a revised Wellington Town Council.

Rodington Parish Council

It is proposed that Rodington Parish Council would have an electorate of 755 represented by 7 parish councillors – the parish council would not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Rodington	WWR, WWN	7	755	108

Wrockwardine Parish Council

It is proposed that Wrockwardine Parish Council would have an electorate of 1163 represented by 8 parish councillors - the parish council would not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Wrockwardine	WWC	8	1163	145

Appendix J: Proposed Town and Parish Councils

The proposed town and parish councils for the Borough are:

	Proposed Town/Parish Council	Number of seats	Electorate
1	Church and Chetwynd Aston Parish Council	10	1453
2	Chetwynd Parish Council	7	481
3	Dawley Hamlets Parish Council	9	6789
4	Edgmond Parish Council	13	1100
5	Ercall Magna Parish Council	12	1456
6	Great Dawley Town Council	14	9076
7	Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council	17	11906
8	Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council	12	4361
9	Ketley Parish Council	11	3171
10	Kynnersley Parish Council	6	149
11	Lawley & Overdale Parish Council	11	9546
12	Lilleshall Parish Council	7	1108
13	Little Wenlock Parish Council	5	436
14	Madeley Town Council	16	12351
15	Muxton Parish Council	9	3848
16	Newport Town Council	12	10083
17	Priorslee Parish Council	9	5185
18	Rodington Parish Council	7	755
19	St Georges and Donnington Parish Council	17	12759
20	Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council	13	7136
21	The Gorge Parish Council	11	2786
22	Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council	6	804
23	Waters Upton Parish Council	6	1063
24	Wellington Town Council	25	20294
25	Wrockwardine Parish Council	8	1163
26	Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates Town Council	15	10992
	Unparished areas:		
27	Eyton upon the Weald Moors	-	72
28	Preston upon the Weald Moors	-	228
	Total	274	140551

Church & Chetwynd Aston Parish Council

Ward Name	Polling District	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Church Aston	WCA, WCB	7	1081	154	6%
Chetwynd Aston	WCC	3	372	124	-15%
Total		10	1453	145	

Chetwynd Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Chetwynd	WEG	7	481	69

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2168	723	-4%
Little Dawley	THA	1	794	794	5%
Lightmoor	THC	2	1003	502	-34%
Horsehay	THZ	3	2824	941	25%
Total		9	6789	754	

Edgmond Parish Council

Ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Edgmond	WED	13	1100	85

Ercall Magna Parish Council

Parish Ward Name	Polling Districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Ellerdine / Rowton	WEW	4	396	99	-18%
High Ercall / Walton	WER	6	848	141	16%
Roden / Pyton	WWW	2	212	106	-13%
Total		12	1456	121	

Great Dawley Town Council

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Dawley	TDX, TDP, TDA, TDZ	5	3287	657	1%
Doseley Road	THB	1	331	331	-49%
Malinslee	TME, TML, TMG, TMH (part 33%)	7	5068	724	12%
Trinity	THD	1	390	390	-40%
Total		14	9076	648	

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Apley Castle	WAC	4	2,765	691	-1%
Hadley Castle	WHL, WHC	7	5,628	804	15%
Hadley Manor	WHM	3	2,138	713	2%
Horton	WEX	1	145	145	-79%
Trench Lock	TOL	2	1,230	615	-12%
Total		17	11906	700	

Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council

Ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4361	363

Ketley Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Beveley	TOK, TOB (part)	2	479	240	-17%
Ketley	TKY	9	2692	299	4%
Total		11	3171	288	

Kynnersley Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Kynnersley	WEZ	6	149	25

Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	3	3086	1029	19%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2513	838	-3%
Lawley West	WLL	1	542	542	-38%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	3	2743	914	5%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	1	662	662	-24%
Total		11	9546	868	

Lilleshall Parish Council

Ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Lilleshall	WCJ	7	1108	158

Little Wenlock Parish Council

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Little Wenlock	WWD	5	436	87

Madeley Town Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3977	795	3%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3723	745	-4%
Woodside	TWO	6	4651	775	0%
Total		16	12351	772	

Muxton Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Muxton	WMO	9	3848	428

Newport Town Council

Ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Newport East	WNE	3	2394	798	-5%
Newport North	WNN	3	2589	863	3%
Newport South	WNS, WNX	3	2367	789	-6%
Newport West	WNW	3	2733	911	8%
Total		12	10083	840	

Priorslee Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seats	Variance
Priorslee East	TPP	6	3374	562	-2%
Priorslee West	TPR	3	1811	604	5%
Total		9	5185	576	

Rodington Parish Council

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Rodington	WWR, WWN	7	755	108

St Georges and Donnington Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seats	Variance
St Georges West	TSP, TKG	4	2414	603.5	-20%
St George's East	TSG, TSE	3	2834	945	26%
Snedshill	TPS	1	398	398	-47%
Redhill	WMM	1	590	590	-21%
Humbers	WMH	1	692	692	-8%
Donnington wood	WDE	2	1244	622	-17%
Donnington	WDG, WDO	4	4139	1035	38%
The Lamb	TSW	1	448	448	-40%
Total		17	12759	751	

Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

Ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	11%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	343	343	-38%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3750	536	-2%
Total		13	7136	549	

The Gorge Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	512	256	1%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB	4	1002	251	-1%
Coalbrookdale	TIG, TWL	3	814	271	7%
Madeley Road	TIH, TWP	2	458	229	-10%
Total		11	2786	253	

Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council

Ward name	Polling District	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Tibberton & Cherrington	WEE	6	804	134

Waters Upton Parish Council

Ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Waters Upton	WEY	6	1063	177

Wellington Town Council

Ward Name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Arleston & College	WAR, WAO	6	5181	864	6%
Shawbirch & Dothill	WSD, WSB	6	4557	760	-6%
Ercall	WGE	3	2452	817	1%
Haygate & Park	WHZ, WHW, WHY, WHP	7	5620	803	-1%
Admaston & Bratton	WAA, WAB	3	2484	828	2%
Total		25	20294	812	

Wrockwardine Parish Council

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Wrockwardine	WWC	8	1163	145

Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates Town Council

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE, TOO, TOB (part), TOT	7	5518	702	2%
Wrockwardine Wood North	TWR, TWT	7	4732	670	-3%
Wrockwardine Wood South	TOW, TOH	1	742	730	6%
Total		15	10992	689	

Unparished Areas

- Eyton upon the Weald Moors
- Preston upon the Weald Moors

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