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# **Borough of Telford and Wrekin**

**Boundary Review Committee** 

Thursday 16 November 2023

## 6.00 pm

## Quaker Room, Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford,

## TF3 4HS

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		(Vice-Chair), K T Blundell,	E M Callear,	L D Carter,
		R A Overton and G Thomas		
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#### **BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

#### Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday 7 September 2023 at 6.00 pm in Southwater Room, Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors H Morgan (Chair), G C W Latham-Reynolds (Vice-Chair), K T Blundell, E M Callear, L D Carter, R A Overton and G Thomas
In Attendance:	A Lowe (Director: Policy & Governance), R Phillips (Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy), P Griffiths (Elections Team Leader), M Wallace (Mayor &

Member Support Officer) and S Yarnall (Democracy

#### BRC6 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

None.

#### BRC7 <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>

Officer (Scrutiny)).

In relation to the Update on Parliamentary Boundary Review, Members asked for confirmation of whether the Hadley area would be included in the Telford Constituency. Officers advised that they would ensure this was clarified by the next meeting of the Committee.

<u>RESOLVED</u> – that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### BRC8 <u>Community Governance Review for the Borough of Telford &</u> <u>Wrekin</u>

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the report which outlined the proposed Community Governance Review (CGR) and the draft Consultation Information Pack, following agreement, in principle, at the last Committee meeting that a CGR should be undertaken.

The Terms of Reference for the CGR had not changed substantively following the last meeting and there were few changes to the timeline that had previously been presented to members. The information pack summarised the method that would be adopted to undertake the review, as well as an FAQ guide for members of the public.



As part of developing the CGR and draft Consultation Information Pack, Officers worked with the Equalities and Diversity team to address how to engage with traditionally underrepresented groups. The CGR and Consultation Pack would also be circulated to partner organisations and representatives to gather as many responses as possible.

Members commented on the clarity of the information pack in relation to Council Tax. Members commented that the review would need to consider members of the public that were not technologically literate, but it was noted that in person events would also be held.

Members also asked if councillors could respond to the consultation, which was confirmed. A question was asked in relation to size of Town and Parish Councils and it was noted that a rationale would be needed to make any changes in this regard.

Following the presentation and questions, Members voted on the recommendations.

#### RESOLVED – that:

- a) The Terms of Reference and consultation documents be published and the Community Governance Review be commenced; and
- b) The activities undertaken during the Community Governance Review to ensure the participation and engagement of traditionally underrepresented groups be noted.

#### BRC9 Polling Station Review

The Director: Policy and Governance provided an update on the Polling Places, Districts and Stations Review. The review was required following the recent Parliamentary Boundary changes. A review had been undertaken following the Borough Boundary Review in early 2023 in anticipation of the May 2023 local elections. Proposed further changes would be reported back to the Committee.

#### BRC10 <u>Elections Act Update</u>

The Elections Team Leader provided an update on the recent changes arising from the Elections Act. The Election Team Leader provided some key dates of when changes were expected as part of the Act.



Some of the changes discussed were the inclusion of an ID requirement for postal votes due to come into effect from October 2023. Changes also proposed in relation to overseas voting and a ban on candidates and agents handling postal votes.

There would also be changes to how European Union (EU) residents would be able to both vote and stand in future elections, where they would be required to provide evidence that they were longstanding residents.

Further information on the proposed changes would be provided to the Committee when received from Central Government.

Members were informed that the last date for a General Election to be called was 28 January 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm

Chairman:	

**Date:** Thursday 16 November 2023

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# **Borough of Telford and Wrekin**

## Reports

November 2023

Polling Places, Polling Districts and Polling Stations Review 2023

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Nathan England - Cabinet Member: Finance, Customer		
	Services & Governance		
Lead Director:	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance		
Service Area:	Policy & Governance		
Report Author:	Emily Ogram – Senior Democracy Officer (Elections)		
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Wards Affected:	All Wards		
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision		
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable		
Report considered by:	Not Applicable		

### **1.0** Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that Boundary Review Committee: -

- 1.1 Approve the Returning Officer's Proposals with effect from 1 December 2023; and
- 1.2 Delegate authority to the Returning Officer or Director: Policy & Governance to make further changes, as necessary, to Polling places/Polling stations before the elections on 2 May 2024.

### 2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The Council is required to complete a full review of its Parliamentary polling districts, polling places and polling stations every five years.

#### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 The timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places is set by legislation. Compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013.
- 3.2 The review should ensure that all electors shall have as reasonable facilities for voting as practicable and that all polling places should be accessible by electors with disabilities. Polling districts, polling places and polling stations arrangements consider the provisions of the Equalities Act, Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2013), Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Elections Act 2022.
- 3.3 The Returning Officer's initial recommendations were consolidated from the results of the interim review published earlier this year (following the LGBCE boundary changes) and feedback from the Local Elections in May 2023.
- 3.4 As part of the statutory review, a consultation period began on 10 October 2023 and closed on 31 October 2023. The Returning Officers initial recommendations and an interactive map of existing polling stations (including Parliamentary, Borough, and Parish Boundaries) was the subject of the consultation.
- 3.5 The consultation was circulated to all Borough Councillors, Parish/Town Clerks, Local Members of Parliament, Shropshire Council's Returning Officer, Polling Station Inspectors from the May 2023 Local Elections, and members of the Council's Making it Real Board. It was also included in the Community Newsletter publication by Community Services.
- 3.6 In addition to the compulsory review of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places, the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England resulted in changes in both the Telford and the Wrekin Constituency. Once approved by the Privy Council, the new constituencies will be used for the next General election following that date. However, for any by-election that may take place beforehand, existing constituencies will be used. The new and existing constituencies are included in the Returning Officer's Proposals, and maps detailing the changes are included in **Appendix A**.

#### 4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 There are no current changes proposed to the existing provision.

4.2 Accessibility adjustments are required at the following Polling Station: -

Borough Ward	Polling District	Polling Station
St Georges	TSG	St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges, TF2 9JY

Temporary measures will be in place on polling days, which will extend the width of the disabled parking bay, and a ramp will be installed at the premises.

4.3 In respect of the two polling stations set out below, in St Georges Ward, it may be that there are more suitable locations which will better serve electors. Work is continuing to identify all potential options in this respect. Councillors will note that it is recommended that Boundary Review Committee delegate authority to the Returning Officer to make any necessary changes to polling stations before elections in May 2024.

Borough Ward	Polling District	Existing Polling Station
St Georges	TSG	St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges, TF2 9JY
St Georges	TSP	St Georges Methodist Church, Church Street, St Georges TF2 9JY

4.4 Consultation responses received are shown at **Appendix B** and the Returning Officer's Proposals are shown at **Appendix C**.

### 5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 No alternative options in respect of undertaking the review have been considered as this is a statutory requirement for the Council under the Representation of the People Act 1983 to ensure appropriate voting arrangements are in place for residents within the Borough in regard to polling districts and polling stations. Members may choose to recommend that the Returning Officer makes different changes to those proposed in Section 4 above, however the recommendations contained within this report are based on the consultation undertaken.

### 6.0 Key Risks

6.1 Without consultation on the proposals the Council would be in breach of legal requirement for conducting the polling places, districts, and stations review.

#### 7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The recommendations of this report contribute towards the following Council Priority:
  - Community focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.

#### 8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The costs of the review will be met from existing budgets.

#### 9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Boundary Review Committee has delegated authority from Full Council to deal with all matters relating to polling places, polling districts and polling stations. The legislative background is set out within the body of the report.

#### 10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 All wards

#### 11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no health, social or economic implications arising from this report.

#### **12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

12.1 The review is required to ensure all electors have reasonable facilities for voting and that every polling place is accessible for people who are disabled. As part of the identification process for suitable venues, the Making it Real board will be fully consulted and their views considered.

#### 13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

### 14.0 Background Papers

1 <u>2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies</u>

#### 15.0 Appendices

- A New and Existing Parliamentary Constituencies
- B Consultation Responses
- C Returning Officers Proposals

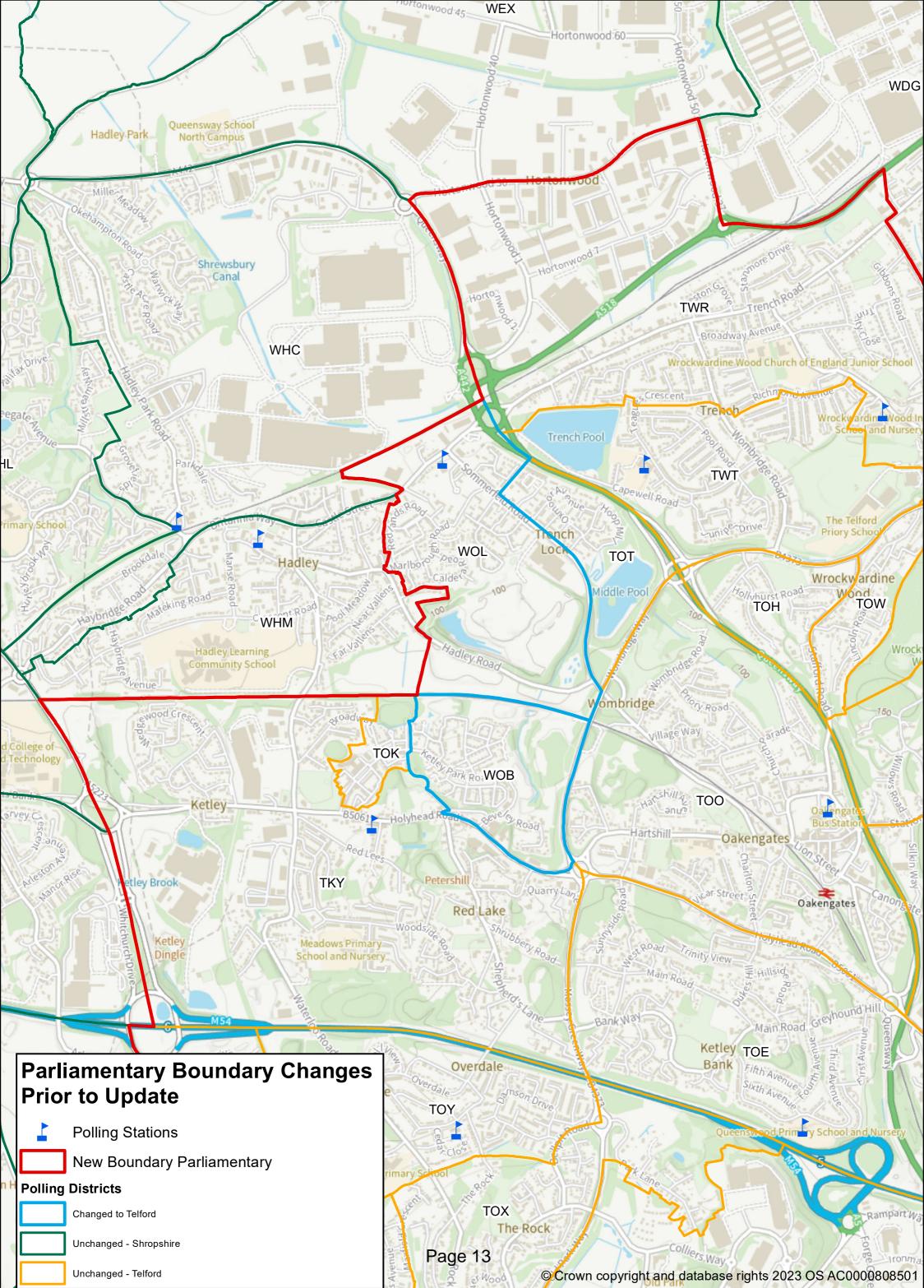
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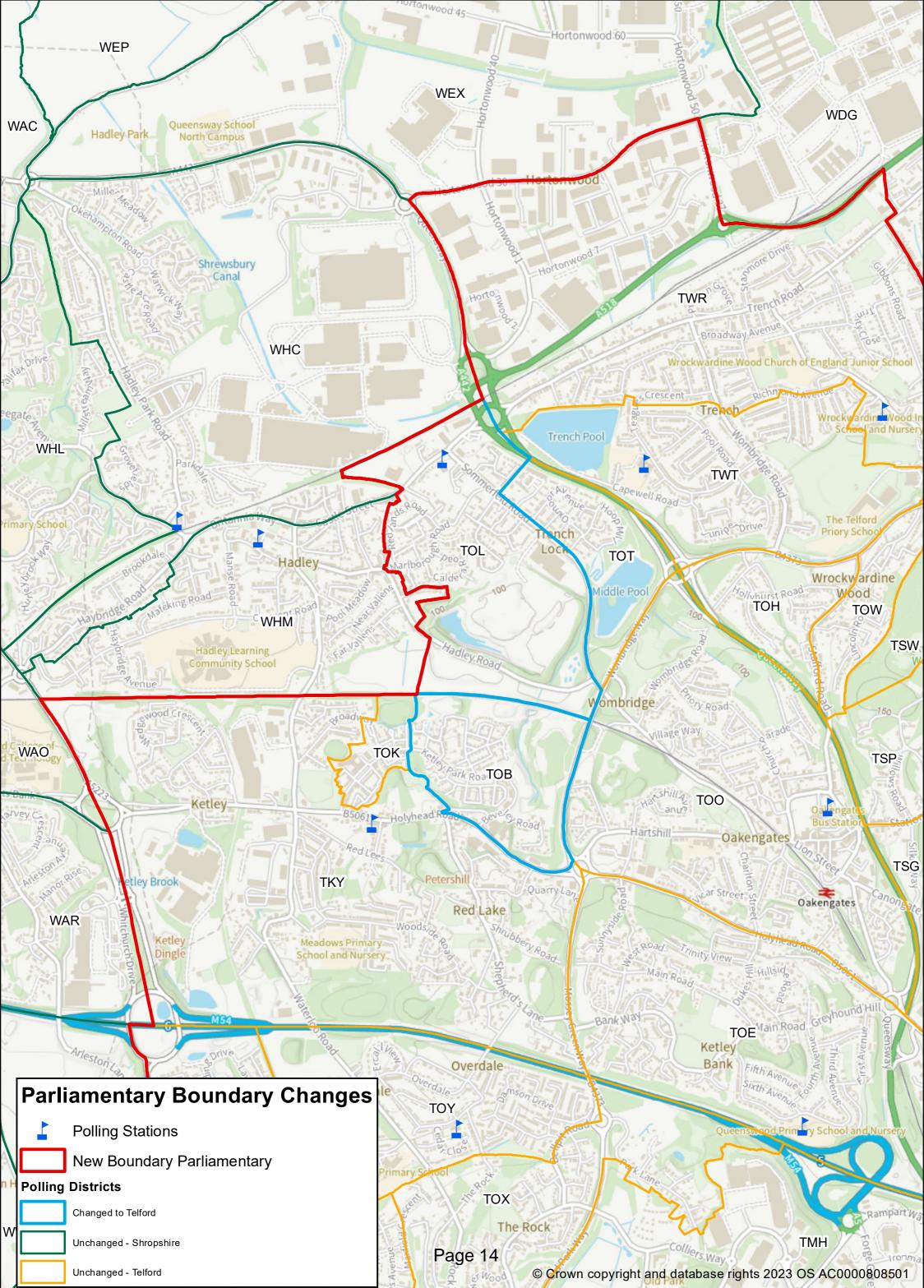
### 16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by Legal

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#### Polling places, polling districts and polling stations review 2023

#### **Consultation Responses Received**

Polling Station: St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges, TF2 9JY

Full Name: Fiona Stevenson

Comments: There needs to be a dropped kerb from the disabled parking spaces and hatchings on both sides of these two spaces to allow both drivers and passengers with disabilities to have easy access.

Proposed Alternative: Ramp at front of the building or dropped kerb.

Polling Station: Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston TF10 9JG

Full Name: Wendy Tonge

Comments: The Village Hall is and needs to remain a Polling Station that meets the needs of the whole Parish, it is perfectly adequate with regards to parking, disabled access and easy walking distance for residents.

Proposed Alternative: No proposed alternative.

Polling Station: Wilsons Auctions, Trench Lock 2, Trench Lock TF1 5YL

Full Name: Pat Beaumont

Comments: The Polling Station has easy access and good opening times.

Proposed Alternative: No proposed alternative.

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## POLLING PLACES, POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING STATIONS REVIEW 2023

## **RETURNING OFFICER PROPOSALS**

Current list of polling districts and polling places with existing and new parliamentary constituencies following the Boundary Commission Review:

## NEW TELFORD CONSTITUENCY

BOROUGH WARD NAME	POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	EXISTING PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY
Brookside	TBR	Brookside Central, Burford, Brookside TF3 1LP	2636	Telford
Dawley & Aqueduct	TDA TDY TDP TDX TDZ	The Linden Centre, Webb Crescent, Dawley TF4 3AR Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, Telford TF4 3RP Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley TF4 2EX Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley TF4 2EX Portacabin at Beechwood Road, Dawley TF4 3PH	798 2007 769 766 743	Telford Telford Telford Telford Telford Telford
Donnington	TGK	Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7RB	302	Telford
Horsehay & Lightmoor	THA	Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, Telford TF4 3RP	778	Telford
	THD	The Linden Centre, Webb Crescent, Dawley TF4 3AR	373	Telford
	THC	The Oak Tree Centre, Lightmoor Way, Lightmoor TF4 3EG	859	Telford
	THB	Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay TF4 2NF	319	Telford
	THZ	Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay TF4 2NF	2424	Telford
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB	The Toll House, Bower Yard, Ironbridge, TF8 7JP	964	Telford
	TIG	Coalbrookdale Community Centre, 2 Wellington Road, Coalbrookdale TF8 7DX	656	Telford
	TIH	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Road, Madeley TF7 5HX	205	Telford
	TIO	Coalport Village Hall, High Street, Coalport TF8 7HT	239	Telford
	TIR	Jackfield Village Hall, Church Road, Jackfield TF8 7ND	259	Telford
Ketley	ТКҮ	Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley TF1 5AN	2552	Telford
Lawley	TLB	Horsehay Village Golf Club, Wellington Road, Horsehay TF4 2NF	2203	Telford
	TLS	Anytime Fitness Centre, Gresham Drive, Lawley TF3 5ES	435	Telford
	TLL	Lawley Community Centre, Arleston Lane, Lawley TF4 2PR	2154	Telford
Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA	The Anstice, Park Avenue, Madeley TF7 5BB	2577	Telford
	TMB	Chillcott Gardens, Chillcott Drive, Madeley TF7 4LU	1241	Telford
	TMC	Hub on the Hill, 104-106 Southgate, Sutton Hill TF7 4HG	2337	Telford
	TMD	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Road, Madeley TF7 5HX	975	Telford
Malinslee & Dawley Bank	TME	Old Park Primary School & Children's Centre, Community Centre, Brunel Road, Malinslee TF3 2BF	2194	Telford
	TMG	Community Room at George Chetwood Court, 45 George Chetwood Court, Dawley, TF4 2QS	1480	Telford
	TMH	Dawley Baptist Church, Bank Road, Dawley Bank TF4 2QF	852	Telford
	TML	Dawley Baptist Church, Bank Road, Dawley Bank TF4 2QF	566	Telford
Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE	The Bungalow, Lantern Academy and Nursery, Yates Way, Ketley Bank TF2 0AZ	1964	Telford
	TOH	Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates TF2 6JH	348	Telford
	TOO	Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates TF2 6JH	2217	Telford
	TOW	Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates TF2 6JH	364	Telford
	TOK	Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley TF1 5AN	325	Telford



	TOT	Wilsons Auctions, Trench Lock 2, Trench Lock TF1 5YL	390	Telford
	WOB (TOB)	Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley TF1 5AN	659	Wrekin
	WOL (TOL)	Wilsons Auctions, Trench Lock 2, Trench Lock TF1 5YL	923	Wrekin
Overdale & The Rock	ТОХ	The Carpenter Family Centre, Oak Road, Overdale TF3 5BT	1035	Telford
	TOY	The Carpenter Family Centre, Oak Road, Overdale TF3 5BT	1460	Telford
Priorslee	TPP	Sports Hall at Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee TF2 9SQ	2541	Telford
	TPR	Priorslee Community Centre, Priorslee Avenue, Priorslee TF2 9NR	1737	Telford
	TPS	Priorslee Community Centre, Priorslee Avenue, Priorslee TF2 9NR	358	Telford
St Georges	TSE	St Georges Sports & Social Club, Church Street, St Georges TF2 9LU	1023	Telford
0	TSG	St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges, TF2 9JY	1639	Telford
	TSP	St Georges Methodist Church, Church Street, St Georges TF2 9JY	1959	Telford
	TSW	Portacabin at Johnstone Close, Wrockwardine Wood TF2 7DA	420	Telford
The Nedge	TTH	The Sambrook Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley TF3 1FL	321	Telford
0	TTS	The Sambrook Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley TF3 1FL	1843	Telford
	TTT	The Sambrook Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley TF3 1FL	1646	Telford
	TTO	Randlay Community Centre, Randlay Centre, Randlay TF3 2HZ	1954	Telford
	TTR	Hollinswood Community Centre, 7 Downemead, Hollinswood TF3 2EW	1822	Telford
Noodside	TWL	Park Lane Centre, Park Lane, Woodside TF7 5QZ	129	Telford
	TWO	Park Lane Centre, Park Lane, Woodside TF7 5QZ	4238	Telford
	TWP	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Road, Madeley TF7 5HX	231	Telford
Vrockwardine Wood &	TWR	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood TF2 7AH	2871	Telford
rench	TWT	Teagues Bridge Primary School, Teagues Crescent, Trench TF2 6RE	1512	Telford

## Accessibility/Identified Issues:

BOROUGH WARD NAME	POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	
St Georges	TSG	St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges, TF2 9JY	Temp disab propo



## RECCOMENDATIONS

nporary access ramp to be provided and abled parking bay extended. No changes bosed.

# **NEW WREKIN CONSTITUENCY**

BOROUGH WARD NAME	POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	EXISTING PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY
Admaston & Bratton	WAA	Admaston House Community Centre, Wellington Road Admaston, TF5 OBN	2265	Wrekin
	WAB	Shawbirch Community Centre, Oakfield Road, Shawbirch, TF5 0LT	141	Wrekin
Apley Castle	WAC	The Leegate Centre CIC, Leegate Avenue, Leegomery, TF1 6NA	2371	Wrekin
Arleston & College	WAR	Arleston Community Centre, 22 St Giles Close, Wellington TF1 2AB	2321	Wrekin
	WAO	All Saints Parish Centre, Lytchgate Walk, Wellington TF1 3HA	2173	Wrekin
Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA	Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston TF10 9JG	916	Wrekin
	WCB	Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston TF10 9JG	115	Wrekin
	WCC	Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston TF10 9JG	363	Wrekin
	WCJ	Hillside Meeting Room, Lilleshall Memorial Hall, Hillside, Lilleshall TF10 9HG	1101	Wrekin
Donnington	WDE	Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7RB	1127	Wrekin
	WDG	Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington TF2 8HG	1883	Wrekin
	WDO	Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington TF2 8HG	1841	Wrekin
Edgmond	WED	Edgmond Village Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond TF10 8HU	1060	Wrekin
5	WEE	Tibberton Village Hall, Tibberton, Newport TF10 8NL	753	Wrekin
	WEG	Sambrook Village Hall, Sambrook, Shropshire TF10 8NL	463	Wrekin
Ercall	WGE	Red Lion Annexe, Red Lion Holyhead Road, Wellington TF1 2EW	2365	Wrekin
Ercall Magna	WEZ	Kynnersley Village Hall, Kynnersley, Telford TF6 6DX	154	Wrekin
	WEM	St Lawrence C of E Primary school, Preston upon the Weald Moors, Preston TF6 6DH	67	Wrekin
	WEP	St Lawrence C of E Primary school, Preston upon the Weald Moors, Preston TF6 6DH	218	Wrekin
	WEX	St Lawrence C of E Primary school, Preston upon the Weald Moors, Preston TF6 6DH	133	Wrekin
	WER	High Ercall Village Hall, Park Lane, High Ercall TF6 6BE	825	Wrekin
	WEW	Ellerdine Village Hall, Heath Lane, Ellerdine TF6 6QT	371	Wrekin
	WEY	Waters Upton Village Hall, Waters Upton, Telford TF6 6NP	887	Wrekin
Hadley & Leegomery	WHC	Hadley Old Folks Rest Room, Hadley Park Road, Hadley TF1 6PW	2631	Wrekin
	WHL	The Leegate Centre CIC, Leegate Avenue, Leegomery, TF1 6NA	2360	Wrekin
	WHM	Hadley Community Centre, High Street, Hadley, Telford TF1 5NL	1758	Wrekin
Haygate & Park	WHY	Hesba Close Communal Centre, Hesba Close, Wellington TF1 2BD	1496	Wrekin
	WHW	Hesba Close Communal Centre, Hesba Close, Wellington TF1 2BD	400	Wrekin
	WHZ	Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre, Larkin Way, Tan Bank, Wellington TF1 1LX	1148	Wrekin
	WHP	The Children's Centre, Wrekin View Primary school and Nursery, North Road, Wellington TF1 3ES	2010	Wrekin
Lawley	WLL	Lawley Community Centre, Arleston Lane, Lawley TF4 2PR	532	Wrekin
Muxton	WMH	Muxton Community Centre, Saltwells Drive, Muxton TF2 8RJ	604	Wrekin
	WMO	Muxton Community Centre, Saltwells Drive, Muxton TF2 8RJ	3700	Wrekin
	WMM	Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7RB	133	Wrekin



Newport East	WNE	Newport Baptist Church, Water Lane, Newport TF10 7LD	2341	Wrekin
Newport North	WNN	Hallcroft Close Community Hall, 11 Hallcroft Close, Newport TF10 7PG	2528	Wrekin
Newport South	WNS WNX	Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX	1958 85	Wrekin Wrekin
Newport West	WNW	Parish Church Room, New Street, Newport TF10 7LD	2550	Wrekin
Shawbirch & Dothill	WSB WSD	Shawbirch Community Centre, Oakfield Road, Shawbirch TF5 0LT Church Hall, Severn Drive, Wellington TF1 3JP	2068 2154	Wrekin Wrekin
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No accessibility issues. No changes proposed.

