



## Borough of Telford and Wrekin

### Boundary Review Committee

Friday 19 July 2024

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG

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**Committee Members:** Councillors P Davis (Chair), R A Overton (Vice-Chair), K T Blundell, E M Callear, L D Carter, G C W Latham-Reynolds and G Thomas

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## **BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 6.00 pm in E201, Telford College, Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2NP**

**Present:** Councillors H Morgan (Chair), E M Callear, L D Carter, R A Overton and G Thomas

**In Attendance:**

**Apologies:** Councillors G C W Latham-Reynolds and K T Blundell

**BRC15    Declarations of Interest**

None.

**BRC16    Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**BRC17    Community Governance Review - Update Report**

4.0 The Senior Democracy Officer (Elections) presented an update on the Community Governance Review to the Committee. The Initial consultation had run from publication of the Notice of Review and the Terms of Reference on 8 September 2023, until Monday 18 December 2023. The consultation had been circulated to all Borough Councillors, Parish/ Town Clerks, Local Members of Parliament and members of the Council's Making it Real Board.

During the Consultation period, the Council received 79 submissions in total. The responses received ranged from the online survey, email and postal submissions.

Following the deadline the next steps were to review the submissions identifying trends and develop proposals to reflect feedback. The proposals were to be brought to the Committee for consideration.

**RESOLVED – that:**

- 1. the summary of response to the Community Governance Review consultation which concluded on Monday 18 December be noted; and**
- 2. authority be delegated to the Director: Policy & Governance to prepare a synopsis and overview of the consultation responses alongside some draft proposals for consideration by the Boundary Review Committee.**

The meeting ended at 6.04 pm

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:** Thursday 11 July 2024



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### Terms of Reference 2024 / 2025

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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Zona Hannington - Cabinet Member: Finance and Governance.
<b>Lead Director:</b>	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance
<b>Service Area:</b>	Policy & Governance
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Not Key Decision
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Report considered by:</b>	Boundary Review Committee – 19 July 2024

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Boundary Review Committee:

1.1 Review and agree the Terms of Reference set out at Appendix A.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To set out the Terms of Reference for the Boundary Review Committee outlined at Appendix A.

#### 3.0 Background

3.1 The Constitution requires that Full Council should agree at its Annual Meeting the Terms of Reference for each of its Committees to enable the Council to efficiently conduct its business.

- 3.2 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 23 May 2024, Full Council delegated authority to each Committee to review its own Terms of Reference.
- 3.3 The Terms of Reference forms part of the Consitution and approved by Full Council in that context on 3 March 2022.
- 3.4 There is one minor change suggested to the Terms of Reference (shown in red on Appendix A) to provide clarity around the process for appointment of a Chair for the Committee. It notes that the Chair is appointed by Full Council (in line with the Constitution) but sets out that a Vice-Chair may be appointed by a majority decision of the Committee.

#### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

- 4.1 For the Committee to review it Terms of Reference.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no alternative options arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Key Risks**

- 6.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

#### **7.0 Council Priorities**

- 7.1 A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 Support for the Boundary Committee is managed within existing resources with no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

- 9.1 The Constitution requires that the Terms of Reference be reviewed on an annual basis. The Council is required to comply with the Constitution and in particular those requiremenets detailed in Section 3 of this report. This report demonstrated compliance with these requirements.

#### **10.0 Ward Implications**

- 10.1 There are no ward implications arising from this report.

#### **11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications**

- 11.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic Implications arising from this report.

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

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12.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

13.1 There are no Climate Change or Environmental implications arising from this report.

### **14.0 Background Papers**

1 Council Constitution

### **15.0 Appendices**

A Terms of Reference 2024/2025

### **16.0 Report Sign Off**

<b>Signed off by</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Date signed off</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Legal Services	14/06/2024	19/06/2024	SH
Finance	14/06/2024	19/06/2024	AEM

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## **BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE.**

**The Committee has the responsibility and delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council in respect of the following electoral arrangements for the Borough.**

### **Membership**

1. The Committee will be made up of elected members appointed at Annual Council in line with the political balance of the Council.
2. The Chair is appointed at the Annual General Meeting of full Council. A Vice-Chair may be appointed by majority decision of the Committee.
3. The quorum for a meeting is three elected members.

### **Functions**

#### **Boundary Reviews**

4. Duty to prepare information on and to recommend consultation responses to Council on Parliamentary Boundary Reviews.
5. Duty to prepare information on and to recommend consultation responses to Council on Periodic and further Electoral Reviews.
6. Duty to prepare information on and to recommend consultation responses to Council on Reviews of European Parliamentary electoral regions.
7. Duty to prepare information on and recommend consultation responses to Council on all other electoral arrangement reviews.

#### **Community Governance Reviews**

8. Dealing with all matters relating to Community Governance Reviews.

#### **Parishes**

9. Grouping parishes, dissolving groups and separating parishes from groups.

#### **Polling Districts**

10. Duty to divide the constituency in to polling districts.
11. The power to divide electoral divisions into polling districts at local government elections.

#### **Elections**

12. As set out in Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000/2853 (as amended).

### **Meeting Administration and Proceedings**

13. The Committee procedure rules as set out in the Council's Constitution apply to this Committee.
14. The meetings will follow the principles of scrutiny ie no party whip will be applied and a constructive, evidence based approach will be used.
15. If the Chair or Vice-Chair (if appointed) are unable to attend a meeting the Members present will elect a Chair for the meeting.
16. All Committee meetings will be held in public, unless exempt information is being considered or discussed.
17. The meetings will be administered by Democratic Services. Frequency of meetings will be agreed by the Committee as necessary.
18. Relevant Cabinet Members, Executive Directors, Directors and Service Delivery Managers will attend the Committee at the request of the Chair. Representatives from other organisations may be invited to attend.

### **Sensitive and Confidential Information**

19. From time to time members may become privy to information of a confidential nature. If this happens, members must maintain this confidence. Members are unable to request personal/confidential information from Officers about an individual or family.

### **Reporting Arrangements**

20. The Chair will provide regular updates to meetings of the Scrutiny Management Board to inform the other Scrutiny Chairs of performance and budget issues relating to the remit of their Committees.
21. The Chair of the Committee, or his/her representative, will provide and present reports and recommendations of the Committee to the Council's Cabinet, Full Council or other relevant organisations when necessary.

### **General**

22. Annually at the first meeting after the Annual Council Meeting consider its terms of reference.

### **PROCEDURE**

As a general rule the [Council Procedure Rules](#) govern the way that committees operate but these, with the exception of paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules, may be varied or suspended at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee in the interests of efficient and effective management of the committee.



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### Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations

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<b>Lead Director:</b>	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Not Key Decision
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Report considered by:</b>	Boundary Review Committee – 19 July 2024

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Boundary Review Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 Note the draft proposals for the Community Governance Review and the proposed reorganisation of the Town and Parish Councils across the Borough;
- 1.2 Finalise the proposals (including any amendments put forward and agreed by the Committee) to be put out to a final consultation commencing forthwith; and
- 1.3 Agree the revised final timetable for the conclusion of the Community Governance Review.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The report forms part of the ongoing Community Governance Review which is taking place across the Borough. Following the Committee's initial call for

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proposals from across the Borough, work has been undertaken by officers to draw together a set of proposals for the future organisation of our Town and Parish Councils.

- 2.2 The proposals provided with this report reflect the feedback provided from the submissions made to the Community Governance Review process and the objectives of the review when it was published, including consideration of the factors set out further in this report.
- 2.3 Members are now asked to confirm the final version of the draft proposals which will be published as part of the final consultation of the Community Governance Review, before the Committee takes a final decision later in the year.

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The Boundary Review Committee agreed, at its meetings of 20 July 2023 and 7 September 2023, to commence a Community Governance Review to examine whether the organisation of the Town and Parish Councils (and Parish Meetings) best reflected the needs of the Borough.

### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

- 4.1 The draft proposals, for consideration by the Committee, are as set out in Appendix A – Draft Proposals, along with the associated rationale. Following discussions with the Chair, it is understood there may be a desire to give careful consideration to the proposals for The Nedge area with a potential to review the proposals contained in this report.
- 4.2 A map of the proposals is attached as Appendix B and individual maps will be available at the Committee Meeting.
- 4.3 Members may agree to make changes to the proposals contained in Appendix A at the meeting which will then form part the final recommendations which are put out for a final consultation.
- 4.4 Due to resources being utilised to deliver the parliamentary election called at short notice, this report has been delayed. That being the case, a revised timetable for the Community Governance Review is set out at Appendix C. Members should note the need to maximise time for interested parties across the borough to respond to the proposals and that the review must be completed by 6 September 2024.

### **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 The Council has the power to undertake a Community Governance Review, as set out in section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 5.2 Whilst the Council could choose to not make any changes as part of this Community Governance Review, the responses thus far to the consultation suggest that there may be merit in making some changes. In doing so, the Council

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will be demonstrating that it is fulfilling its legal duty to ensure proper governance and electoral arrangements of its parishes.

### **6.0 Key Risks**

- 6.1 If the Council chooses not to continue with the Community Governance Review, there would be a risk that our election arrangements in respect of Town and Parish Councils are inefficient. In addition, should the review come to an end, there is a risk that the organisation, and governance, of Town and Parish Councils will not reflect the communities they serve.
- 6.2 The law requires a Community Governance Review to be undertaken and completed in a period of 12 months so sufficient resource will have to be devoted to ensure that the process completes within the timeframe permitted by law. In addition, there is a risk that the second stage consultation on the proposed changes does not elicit many responses. Officers will look to mitigate these risks by ensuring as wide ranging and reaching consultation as possible.

### **7.0 Council Priorities**

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report align with the following Council priorities:
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live; and
  - A community-focussed, innovative council, providing efficient, effective and quality services.

### **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The cost of undertaking the Community Governance Review are being met from within existing budgets.

### **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

- 9.1 The relevant legislation which sets out the Council's powers in relation to CGRs is the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Together, this legislation enables the Council to undertake a Community Governance Review, including considering the most appropriate boundaries for Town and Parish Councils and the way in which Town and Parish Councils are organised across the Borough, for example by considering the way in which parishes are grouped together.
- 9.2 The legislation sets out the process for conducting and giving effect to recommendations made in a CGR, noting that the process includes provisions for stakeholder and public consultation.
- 9.3 It is important to note that any CGR must be undertaken within a period of 12 months from the date upon which it commences.

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### 10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 It is possible that the Parish areas and / or wards within some Borough wards may change as a result of a CGR. Where this is proposed, this is set out within the draft proposal document.

### 11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

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

### 12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 As part of the CGR, stakeholders and the public will have the opportunity to participate in consultation exercises. Officers will carefully consider how best to ensure the participation of underrepresented groups across the Borough and seek to ensure that any consultation is as wide-reaching as possible, by considering the methods in which consultation is undertaken.

12.2 To ensure that the Council engages with under-represented groups, we will undertake the following activities:

- Targeted social media to under-represented groups;
- Correspondence to our 3000+ community groups seeking feedback;
- Engaging with Telford College and the Universities within the Borough; and
- Engagement with our lived-experience groups including the Making it Real board.

### 13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no direct Climate Change and Environmental Implications directly arising from this report. It may be, that as the consultation process gets underway, environmental factors are provided as part of consultation responses. The Council will consider these as they arise and report any such incidences to Committee for consideration.

### 14.0 Background Papers

- 1) [Guidance on Community Governance Reviews](#)
- 2) Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Part 4, Chapter 3: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/28/part/4/chapter/3>
- 3) Reports to Boundary Committee of 20 July 2023 and 7 September 2023

### 15.0 Appendices

- A Draft Proposal
- B Draft Proposal Map
- C Revised Timetable for Community Governance Review

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### 16.0 Report Sign Off

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## **Draft Proposals – Community Governance Review**

The draft proposals are shown below. The Parishes in Telford & Wrekin have not been reviewed in their entirety for many years. During that time two reviews of the Borough's boundaries have taken place, resulting in some anomalies within Parish areas. In addition in some areas there has been significant change and growth in different communities. In the light of this and the many changes that have taken place within the Borough over many decade, the review, by its nature will recommend some radical changes to current electoral arrangements. There have been few alterations to rural parishes since 1974, whilst urban parishes have changed very little since 1988.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council/Meeting Name</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Chetwynd Polling District WEG	No change to boundaries, Parish not warded.	Chetwynd Parish	Reduce from 9 seats to 7 seats	Chetwynd WEG Reduce from 9 seats to 7 seats Parish not warded

Chetwynd Parish Council submitted a response proposing no change to arrangements and noting that they would not be taking part in the review.

No change is proposed to the current boundaries. In terms of effective and convenient governance, the number of councillors representing electors should be reduced from 9 to 7, representing 467 electors. This is in line with the National Association of Local Councils Circular 1126 which sets out that authorities should have a minimum of 7 members and that, up to 900 electors should have a recommended council size of 7. Given the size of the Council, it is proposed that the Parish should not be warded.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Polling Districts WCC WNX	WNX (Station Road) moves to Newport Town Council Remaining with WCC, not warded, remains as 7 seats	No change Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	No change 7	WCC Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council. 7 seats Parish not warded WCC

Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote is currently represented by 7 councillors, 4 for Chetwynd Aston Ward and 3 for Station Road ward. We cannot identify any elections being contested for the Parish for over twenty years.

We received a consultation response from the Chair of Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall asking that the boundaries for Church Aston and Chetwynd Aston not be changed as they had worked closely to bring both areas together.

We received a response from the Clerk of Newport Town Council, on behalf of the Council, requesting that the southern boundary of Newport Town council be made coterminous with the Borough council boundary, namely the A518 being the boundary. This would bring the Station Road development within the Town Council boundaries. The Town Council noted that there had been a number of previous requests to adjust the southern boundary to include residents in the Station Road development in their area. This proposed boundary was also supported by a Newport resident.

The proposal to extend the Newport Town Council boundary south to include the area bordering on the A518 road would make the Parish boundary coterminous with the current Newport South ward Borough boundary which would provide effective and convenient community governance in this area and reduce elector confusion. The Station Road development is currently mainly contained with Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish, with a small number of properties in the Newport South ward of Newport Town Council. In terms of the identity and interests of the community and on community cohesion, this area fits better with the more urban Newport Town Council than with Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote. Residents are more likely to look to Newport for local services, schools and its High Street, than to the more rural Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish. The submission from Newport

Town Council points out that residents in the Station Road area actually live closer to the heart of Newport than some existing residents of the Town Council area. This, in effect, is separating those residents from their local community. It does not seem realistic that a small rural Parish would be able to provide the necessary services for this growing community. The Parish does have a long-standing historical boundary, but in the light of this significant development which will be ultimately larger than the current Parish, it is clear that this area would be more closely aligned with Newport Town Council, providing effective and convenient governance for the area. The area south of Newport Town Council's current boundary, down to the A518 should be transferred to the Newport South ward of the Town Council and represented by 3 councillors as it is at present.

Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish will retain 7 councillors for their Parish area which will no longer be a warded Parish once the Station Road area transfers to Newport Town Council.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Church Aston WCA WCB	Merges with Muxton and Lilleshall to form new Parish	Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston Parish	11	Muxton, Lilleshall and Church Aston Parish Muxton ward 7 seats Lilleshall ward 2 seats Church Aston ward 2 seats

Church Aston is currently represented by 10 councillors, 9 for Church Aston ward and 1 for Wallshead ward. We cannot identify any elections being contested for this area for over twenty years.

We received a consultation response from the Chair of Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall asking that the boundaries for Church Aston and Chetwynd Aston not be changed as they had worked closely to bring both areas together.

The draft proposal for this area is to combine Church Aston with neighbouring communities of Muxton and Lilleshall to form a new Muxton, Lilleshall and Church Aston Parish Council.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Dawley Hamlets TDY THA THZ TLS TWL	TWL to Madeley TLS to Lawley TDY to Great Dawley Gets THB and THD from Gt Dawley	Dawley Hamlets No change to name	9	THA THB THD and THZ warded. 7 – 9 seats 2 wards Horsehay (6) and Little Dawley (3) 9 councillors

Dawley Hamlets is currently represented by 9 councillors. Aqueduct ward (3) Horsehay ward (3) Little Dawley ward (1) Smallhill Road ward (1) Nightingale Walk ward (1)

Elections were contested in two of the wards in 2023.

We received a response from the Town Clerk at Great Dawley Town Council confirming that the Town Council proposed transferring to Great Dawley the parish areas from Dawley Hamlets that were within the current Borough areas of Dawley & Aqueduct and Malinslee & Dawley Bank. In addition, they wanted the Trinity Road area to remain within the Great Dawley Town Council area. They felt that the Town Council could offer more services. A response was received from two residents from the Ellis Peters Drive area proposing that this area be transferred from Great Dawley Town Council area to Dawley Hamlets Parish as the residents of the area identified with living in Aqueduct.

In terms of effective and convenient governance the proposals ensure that there is harmonisation of borough and ward boundaries.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Donnington & Muxton WDE WDG WDO WMH WMM WMO	Muxton WMH WMM WMO move to Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston Parish WDE WDG and WDO merged into new Central Parish	Donnington & Muxton are split and each area merged into separate new parishes: Central Parish and Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston Parish	Donnington & Muxton separate and contained in new Parishes	Donnington merged into new larger Central Parish and Muxton merged with Lilleshall and Church Aston

Donnington & Muxton is currently represented by 13 councillors. Donnington East (2) Donnington West (5) The Humbers (1) Muxton (5).

Elections are contested regularly for Donnington and Muxton

Three responses were received for this Parish area. A resident proposed that Muxton be merged with Priorslee to form a new warded Parish and that Donnington, St Georges and Wrockwardine Wood be merged to form a new warded Parish Council with 13 councillors representing all three areas. A resident responded noting that there did not seem to be connections between communities that were currently included together as Parish Councils. Namely Donnington & Muxton and St Georges & Priorslee and that Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish had no real centre. They proposed a much larger Parish Council for St Georges, Wrockwardine Wood & Trench and Donnington, reducing the overall number of councillors that were currently representing these areas. The newer communities of Muxton and Priorslee could potentially be merged into a Telford East Parish Council with Lilleshall. This would reduce bureaucracy and provide better value for money for tax payers. The Parish Clerk from Donnington & Muxton proposed that due to the future development around The Humbers, Muxton and Preston, the Humbers should be a distinct Parish ward of Donnington & Muxton, containing the Williams Road, Hill Road areas as well as the area adjacent to the garden centre where development was due to take place. This would form part of a new Donnington, Muxton and The Humbers Parish Council. He noted that residents of Williams Road area did not identify with Lilleshall which was a separate village but they had

more in common with Donnington & Muxton. The review notes that the areas referred to are actually in two different Borough wards, which means that these areas cannot be part of one Parish ward without significant alterations to the Borough boundaries. This review considers the electoral arrangements for Parishes rather than Borough wards.

The Review proposes that Donnington and Muxton should be separated as each area has very different demographics. Donnington should be merged with St Georges and Wrockwardine Wood & Trench to form a new warded Central Parish. Muxton should merge with neighbouring Lilleshall and Church Aston to form a new warded Muxton, Lilleshall and Church Aston Parish



	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Edgmond WED	No change to parish boundaries. Possibly reduce councillor numbers to 8 from 13	Edgmond Parish Council	Reduce to 8	Reduce number of councillors to 8, not warded

The Parish Clerk responded on behalf of the Parish Council to say that they believed the current boundaries were appropriate and met the needs of their community. However, should any submissions suggest properties around Summerhill, Edgmond, moving into the Parish they would have no objections, as the current boundary was the Newport Road rather than the B5062, which caused some confusion between Edgmond and Chetwynd parishes. Edgmond currently has 13 councillors representing an electorate of 1073 electors. The guidance published by the National Association of Local Councils suggests that a council representing between 900 and 1200 electors would be best represented by 8 councillors.

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	Ercall Magna WER WEW WWW	No Change	Ercall Magna	13	Ercall Magna High Ercall (7) Ellerdine (4) Roden (2)

Six responses were received, from four residents, Parish councillor and the Parish Clerk. One response proposed no change whilst the other responses were in favour of retaining a distinct ward for the Roden/Poynton area and two of those responses were in favour of the area remaining in Ercall Magna ward. The submission from the Parish Clerk also proposed retaining the current boundary and furthermore that the Ellerdine/Rowton area should have its own distinct Parish ward alongside High Ercall and Roden. This is not considered to provide for efficient and convenient electoral administration given that these wards would comprise very small numbers of electors.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Eyton Parish Meeting WEM	Merge with Kynnersley Preston and Horton into new Weald Moors Parish	Weald Moors Parish	8	Kynnersley ward (2) Preston ward (3) Horton ward (2) Eyton ward (1)

No responses were received for Eyton.

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	Great Dawley TDA TDP TDX TDZ THB THD TME TMG TML	Changes to reflect boundaries of the two Borough wards of Dawley & Aqueduct and Malinslee & Dawley Bank	THB and THD transfer to Dawley Hamlets Gets TDY from Dawley Hamlets and TMH from Lawley & Overdale	14	TDA TDP TDX TDY TDZ TME TMG TMH TML 4 wards, Malinslee (7), Dawley (4), Aqueduct (2) and Town Centre (1)

We received a response from the Town Clerk at Great Dawley Town Council confirming that the Town Council proposed transferring to Great Dawley the parish areas from Dawley Hamlets that were within the current Borough areas of Dawley & Aqueduct and Malinslee & Dawley Bank. In addition, they wanted the Trinity Road area to remain within the Great Dawley Town Council area. They felt that the Town Council could offer more services to residents. By reflecting the current Borough ward boundaries, this provides for efficient and convenient electoral administration.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Hadley & Leegomery WOL WAC WEX WHC WHL WHM	WEX transfers to new Weald Moors Parish and WOL transfers to Oakengates Town Council.	WEX moves to new Weald Moors ward WOL moves to Oakengates Town Council Rename Hadley Castle ward to include Leegomery in title	14, reduced from 16	Apley Castle ward (4) Hadley Castle ward (7) Hadley Manor ward (3)  WAC WHL WHC WHM

A number of responses were received relating to Hadley & Leegomery. One, from a councillor, proposed the Wappenshall area being included within Hadley Parish. One resident proposed merging Hadley & Leegomery Parish with Ketley Parish to provide a more effective Parish council. The Parish Clerk proposed amalgamating the smaller Parish areas around Hadley & Leegomery with the Hadley & Leegomery Parish to provide administrative savings and efficiencies. And also suggested that that the future development around Wappenshall should be taken into account. A Parish councillor proposed that Preston and Eyton should be included within the Hadley & Leegomery Parish, increasing the number of councillors to 18, as they believed there was a natural alignment to these communities and this would make sense from a community identity perspective. Another Parish councillor proposed including Preston and Kynnersley within Hadley & Leegomery Parish as the Parish was already a diverse Parish Council. In addition they felt that Apley should remain within the Parish.

Four residents of the Horton area submitted a proposal for Horton to have its own meeting rather than be part of Hadley & Leegomery Parish. This would provide an independent identity for the area. They did not believe the current arrangements were beneficial to a small rural community which had little in common with the more urban Hadley & Leegomery. They believed that the Parish Council would be better served representing the residents of Hadley & Leegomery.

Another resident proposed creating a separate Apley Parish

It is not considered prudent to reduce the representation which current Horton residents have (electing a Councillor) and replacing this with a Parish Meeting. By including Horton in a new Weald Moors Parish area, its residents continue to have representation with other areas of similar demographics within the Borough better reflecting the rural nature of those areas.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Hollinswood & Randlay TTO TTR	Parish merged into larger warded The Nedge Parish with Stirchley with Brookside remaining as separate Parish council	TTO and TTR merged into The Nedge Parish with TTT TTS and TTH from current Stirchley & Brookside	Merged into new The Nedge Parish 12	TTH TTO TTR TTS TTT

Three responses were received from residents, one proposed no change to current arrangements and one proposed a limit on the time co-opted councillors were able to serve. A third response proposed transferring the Arundel Close/Botfield Close area from Stirchley & Brookside Parish to Hollinswood & Randlay as the area is geographically linked with Randlay rather than Stirchley

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Ketley TKY TOB TOK	Gains Overdale and The Rock from current Lawley & Overdale parish to form Ketley Overdale and The Rock parish (warded)	Ketley Overdale & The Rock Parish Council Gains TOX and TOY from Lawley & Overdale	12	Ketley (5) Overdale & The Rock (5) Beveley (2)  TKY TOB TOK TOY TOX

The Parish Clerk provided a submission suggesting that the Overdale & The Rock areas should be part of a Ketley Parish. These areas are currently within Lawley & Overdale Parish Council area. This would reduce the size of a growing Lawley & Overdale Parish and recognise previous links between Ketley and Overdale & The Rock. In addition, it was proposed that the current Council size be increased to 11 councillors to reflect a larger Council size, together with Town Council status. A Parish councillor also proposed that Overdale & The Rock be included within Ketley Parish to form a Ketley & Overdale Parish with 15 or 16 councillors , noting that Overdale had much stronger historical links with Ketley than Lawley. Lawley would be better served with its own Parish Council covering just Lawley.



	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Kynnersley WEZ	Merged with rural Preston, Eyton and Horton to form a warded Weald Moors Parish	Merging of 4 rural areas into a new Weald Moors Parish Council	8	WEM WEP WEX WEZ Preston (3) Kynnersley (2) Eyton (2) Horton (1)

Seven responses were received. One resident made a submission relating to ongoing road traffic/parking issues in Kynnersley. Three residents supported a merged Kynnersley & Preston Parish Council to provide a joint rural community. One resident was in favour of retaining Kynnersley Parish as the Council was capable of running its own affairs effectively. The Parish Clerk from Kynnersley proposed a warded Kynnersley & Preston Parish Council with 4 councillors representing each area. Another resident proposed merging Kynnersley with Horton, Eyton and Preston to form a Weald Moors Parish.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Lawley & Overdale TLB TLL TMH TOX TOY WLL	Lawley Parish Council based on only one Lawley area. Overdale and The Rock move to new Ketley Overdale and The Rock Parish. Current Town centre ward moves to Great Dawley. Smallhill Rd area moves into Lawley from Dawley Hamlets	Lawley Parish Council TOX and TOY move to Ketley Overdale and The Rock. TMH moves to Great Dawley. Gains TLS which moves in from Dawley Hamlets	8	TLS TLL TLB WLL

Four responses were received. A Parish councillor suggested that some areas within Dawley Hamlets Parish identified as Lawley and would be better placed within a Lawley Council. They also felt that the current size of the Council required more than 8 councillors. On a wider note, they believed it would be more efficient if the total number of Parish Councils was reduced across the Borough to prevent wastage and duplication of services, possibly eventually having a North and South Telford Town Council.

A resident also responded with a suggestion that North and South Telford Town Council could be effective, citing that the town of Shrewsbury has one Town Council for the area. Another resident was critical of councillors but did not comment on electoral arrangements. Another resident and interim Chair of Lawley Community Association suggested that the Parish boundaries should generally align with the new Lawley Borough ward boundaries, with the boundaries taking in any residual parts of the Lawley development outside those boundaries

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Lilleshall WCJ	Merges with Muxton and Church Aston to form new warded Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston parish	Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston Parish	11	Muxton, Lilleshall & Church Aston Parish WCA WCB WCJ WMO WMM

No responses were received

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Little Wenlock WWD	Merges with majority of current Wrockwardine to form warded Wrockwardine & Little Wenlock Parish	Wrockwardine & Little Wenlock Parish	7	WAA WWC WWD

One response was received from the Little Wenlock Parish Clerk suggesting that the current number of 5 councillors be increased to 7 councillors to better represent the small communities within the Parish.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Madeley Town Council TIH TMA TMB TMC TMD TWO TWP	Part of current parish TIH and TWP moves to The Gorge parish Gains TWL from Dawley Hamlets	Madeley Town Council TIH (Academy ward) and TWP (School Rd/Roberts Rd area) moves to The Gorge Parish TWL moves to Madeley from Dawley Hamlets Parish	16	TWO TMA TMB TMC TMD TWL

We received five responses regarding Madeley Town Council. One resident was concerned about the identity of their area and wanted the Roberts Road/School Road area to be in the same electoral area as the Wrekin View area of Madeley. These two areas are actually in different Borough wards, meaning they are required to be in separate Parish wards.

Another resident proposed moving both of the above areas into the Gorge Parish as the areas were unique and their identity was linked with The Gorge rather than Madeley. The Madeley Town Council Clerk submitted a response on behalf of the Council proposing that the Council was willing to collaborate with neighbouring Brookside and The Gorge Parish areas and felt these areas should be included within the Madeley Town Council boundaries. A Town councillor proposed that the Ken Jones Close/Nightingale Walk area, currently in Dawley Hamlets Parish, should be transferred to Madeley Town Council as it would make sense as it was now in the Woodside Borough ward which was mainly in Madeley Town Council area. Another resident provided comments on the Council's staffing costs and garden service

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Newport Town Council WNE WNN WNS WNW	Town Council boundary coterminous with Borough boundary for Newport. Gains WNX from Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	No change Newport Town Council Station Road development moves into Newport in line with Borough boundary No warding changes, becomes part of Newport South ward	12	WNE WNN WNS WNW WNX

Three responses were received relating to Newport. We received a response from the Clerk of Newport Town Council, on behalf of the Council, requesting that the southern boundary of Newport Town council be made coterminous with the Borough council boundary, namely the A518 being the boundary. This would bring the Station Road development within the Town Council boundaries. The Town Council noted that there had been a number of previous requests to adjust the southern boundary to include residents in the Station Road development in their area. The proposed boundary was also supported by a Newport resident. A resident also supported this proposal, noting that this issue had been ongoing for a number of years. Another resident suggested a reduction in the number of Town councillors from 12 to 8

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Oakengates Town Council TOE TOH TOO TOT TWT	Gains Trench Lock area (TOL) from Hadley & Leegomery	TOL from Hadley & Leegomery	14	TOE TOH TOL TOO TOT TWT

Four responses were received relating to Oakengates. One resident was concerned that due to location within the Parish they did not get regular contact with councillors. The Town Clerk provided a response on behalf of the Council that proposed merging Oakengates Town Council with Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish to form a larger Town Council served by 15-17 councillors. Resulting in a reduction in the current combined costs of the two Councils. The Clerk believed current boundaries caused some confusion for residents and that residents of Wrockwardine Wood and Trench looked to Oakengates for services. Oakengates had the only Community Centre in the area, whilst Wrockwardine Wood had a Leisure Centre serving the area.

Two Town councillors also made submissions that reflected the proposals provided by the Town Clerk

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	Preston Parish Meeting WEP	Merge with Kynnersley, Horton and Eyton into new Weald Moors Parish	Weald Moors Parish	8	Kynnersley ward (2) Preston ward (3) Horton ward (2) Eyton ward (1)

Six responses were received relating to Preston. One resident favoured retaining maintaining the Preston Parish meeting rather than joining with Kynnersley. Another resident favoured Preston merging with Kynnersley Parish Council due to the increased population requiring representation from a Parish Council rather than a Parish meeting. A further submission from another resident felt that as the area expanded that Preston needed more formalised representation than a Parish meeting in order to ensure local issues were properly addressed. Another resident believed a merger with Kynnersley Parish to confirm ties with the neighbouring area. One response from a resident referred to a number of issues regarding local planning applications but there was no clear proposal regarding any future proposals. Finally a response was submitted from the 4 officers of the Preston Parish meeting which supported a merger with Kynnersley Parish to provide a greater voice for Preston, they felt a Council of 8 with 4 councillors from each village would be suitable



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	Rodington WWN WWR	No change	Rodington Parish	7	

No responses were received for Rodington

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	St Georges & Priorslee TPP TPR TPS TSE TSG TSP	St Georges merges with Donnington, Wrockwardine Wood and Trench to form a larger Parish. Priorslee forms its own Parish	TSE TSG TSP (St Georges) and TPS (Priorslee) become part of larger new warded Central Parish with Donnington, Wrockwardine Wood and Trench. TPP and TPR form new Priorslee Parish	Priorslee Parish Council - 7	

Three responses were received for St Georges & Priorslee. A Parish councillor proposed that the Parish should be split into two distinct Parishes, arguing that the demographics of the two areas were significantly different, with a growing Priorslee requiring a dedicated Parish Council. They also suggested that the Vistry development off the A5 should be transferred from Muxton to Priorslee as residents shared the same services. This development is north of the A5 which forms the St Georges & Priorslee northern boundary. Two residents supported the proposal for a separate Priorslee Parish Council due to the growth in that area.

	<b>Current Parish Council/Town Council</b>	<b>Change Recommended</b>	<b>Council Name/Style</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements</b>
	Stirchley & Brookside TBR TTH TTS TTT	The Stirchley elements of the Parish (TTH TTS and TTT) are transferred to a new The Nedge Parish which is warded. The Brookside element forms its own Brookside Parish (TBR)			TBR

The Parish Clerk provided a response on behalf of the Parish Council. The response proposed that The Hem development, which spanned Stirchley & Brookside and Hollinswood & Randlay parishes, should be located within one Parish Council, with access being via Stirchley & Brookside and the larger number of properties being in that Parish. Also, no proposals were made to changes to the Brookside Parish boundary but that properties to the west of Randlay Avenue be located within the Stirchley Parish ward (The Hem development) .No changes were proposed to the current total of 3 Parish wards

A Parish councillor proposed that the Cygnet Drive/ Lake End Drive area be transferred from the Brookside ward to the Holmer Lake ward of the Parish, citing differing demographics and significant differences between this area and Brookside ward. He believed that that the proposals better reflected the identities and interests of that area and would be more effective and convenient. The same councillor made two other submissions relating to these proposals as a resident and as a community representative.

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	The Gorge THC TIB TIG TIO TIR	Gains TWP and TIH from Madeley Town Council	The Gorge Parish Council	10	THC TIB TIG TIH TIO TIR TWP

Two responses were received. The Parish Clerk responded, noting that Lightmoor Village had become actively engaged in the Gorge community. They also noted that there were other communities not currently in The Gorge Parish that identified with, and had historical links to, the Gorge community, notably The Wrekin View/ Roberts Road area.

A resident proposed local organisations work more collaboratively as initiatives rarely corresponded with ward boundaries

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	Tibberton & Cherrington WEE	No Change to parish boundaries	Tibberton & Cherrington	7	

No responses were received.

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	Waters Upton WEY	No change to parish boundaries		7	WEY

Two responses were received. The Parish Clerk responded on behalf of the Parish to confirm that Waters Upton Parish Council believed the existing boundaries were appropriate

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	Wellington Town Council WAB WAO WAR WGE WHP WHY WHR WSB WSD	Gains WHW (Lewis Crescent area) from Wrockwardine which goes into Haygate parish ward No change to seats or wards	Wellington Town Council	21	WAB WAO WAR WGE WHP WHW WHY WHR WSB WSD  No change to seats or wards

Four responses were received. A resident proposed separating Shawbirch from Wellington Town Council and for the area to merge with Admaston & Bratton area to form a new Parish. They also proposed moving the Haygate Fields development from Wrockwardine Parish into Wellington Town Council. Another resident believed the Town Council should take on more responsibilities to improve the town centre. A Town councillor responded, proposing that a Greater Wellington Town Council could be established that incorporated Ercall Magna, Hadley & Leegomery, Wrockwardine, Waters Upton, Preston, Kynnersley, Eyton, Ketley and Lawley & Overdale, with existing Parishes maintaining their representation as part of a larger Council. A fourth response was made but had no supporting information attached.

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	Wrockwardine WAA WHW WWC	Transfers WHW (Lewis Crescent area) to Wellington Town Council. Remaining parish area merges with Little Wenlock	Wrockwardine & Little Wenlock Parish Council	7	WAA WWC WWD

Two responses were received. A resident responded with a number of suggestions for improving communication between residents and the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk responded on behalf of the Parish making a number of points but mainly relating to the Parish not being merged into a larger Council due to local councillors having a better understanding of the demographics of their community, community cohesion and the danger of diluting the focus on local issues in a larger Council.



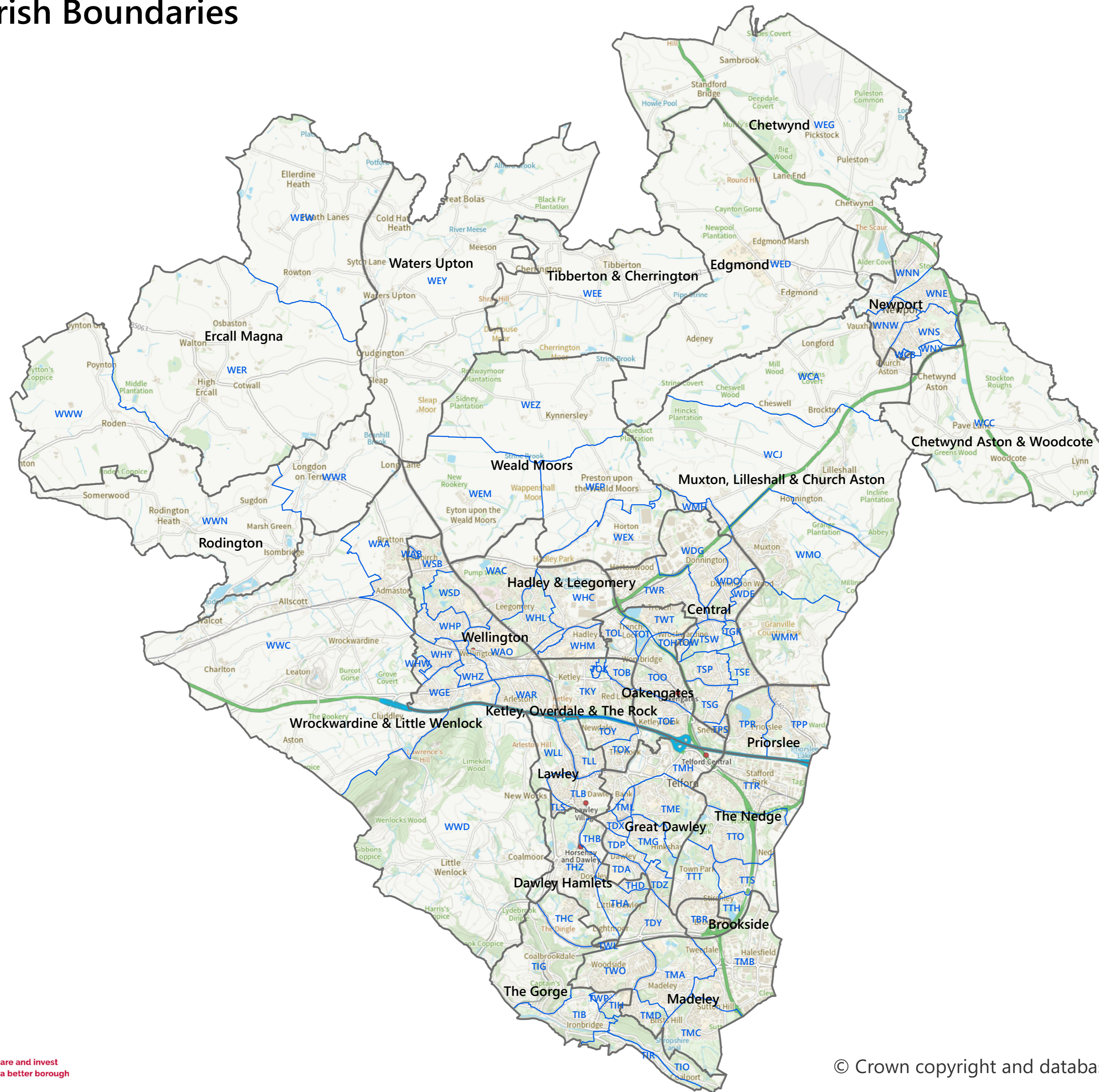
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	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	Merges with St Georges and Donnington to form new warded Central Parish TGK TOW TSW TWR	Central Parish Council	10	TGK TOW TSW TWR

Two responses were received, in addition to other responses that proposed merging the Parish with Oakengates Town Council. A resident responded with some comments regarding communication/consultation. Another resident believed there were too many councillors representing the Parish under current arrangements.

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# Proposed Parish Boundaries





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## Revised Timetable:

Report to BRC proposing a CGR	20 July 2023
BRC meets to agree Terms of Reference and Consultation	1 <sup>st</sup> week of September 2023
Publication of Terms of Reference and Review Commences	7 September 2023
Initial Consultation – Invite initial submissions	From publication of Terms of Reference to 20 November 2023
Draft recommendations published	19 July 2024
Final round of public consultation	19 July 2024 to 16 August 2024
Publish final recommendations	6 September 2024
Consequential Order made	Autumn 2024
Elections to revised Town and Parish Councils	May 2027

\* Timescales are approximate and for guidance only. Individual reviews may vary. A Community Governance Review must be concluded within 12 months from when it begins.

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