



# Borough of Telford and Wrekin

## Boundary Review Committee

Wednesday 25 January 2023

### Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

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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 – 25 January 2023	

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Boundary Review Committee:-

- 1.1 Approves the relocations of Polling Places and redesignation of Polling Districts as set out in this report and at **Appendix 1**, amending the electoral register from 1 February 2023 to take effect from the local elections to be held on 4 May 2023
- 1.2 Delegates authority to the Returning Officer to make further changes to Polling Places/Polling Stations that may occur before the elections on 4 May 2023. This includes making changes to any Polling Place for any reason should it become necessary for the purpose of holding elections across the Borough.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To review polling places, polling districts and polling stations following the Borough Boundary Review completed in 2022 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 Following a lengthy process carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the legal order making changes to the Borough's electoral arrangements was made final by parliament in January 2023. This Order makes changes to the ward boundaries within the Borough which will come in to force at the Borough and Parish elections on 4 May 2023.
- 3.2 The LGBCE review made final proposals for the Borough to retain 54 councillors made up of 32 wards (an increase from the current 30 wards). This consists of 5 x three councillor wards, 12 x two councillor wards and 15 x one councillor wards. The boundaries of most existing wards were changed. The review also made recommendations for changes to the warding arrangements for a number of Parish/Town councils as a result of the revised Borough boundaries. LGBCE final recommendations can be found here [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#), and also linked in the background papers section of this report.
- 3.3 In preparation for the new ward boundaries coming in to effect it is necessary that an interim review of polling districts, places and stations be undertaken. For ease, the description of each of these is set out below:-

#### **Polling Districts**

These are the sub-areas into which each ward is divided. Most wards will have several polling districts within them and, wherever possible, it is considered good practice for each polling district to be serviced by its own polling station.

#### **Polling Places**

These are the buildings inside which polling stations are located. In some cases, the entire building will be a polling place (for example, a portacabin unit). In other cases, only part of the building will be the polling station (for example, a designated room within a school or community use building).

#### **Polling Stations**

These are the spaces inside each building at which voters cast their votes.

The last statutory review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations took place in 2019. The procedure for a review is laid down in the Representation of the People Act 1983. The Act lays down how reviews should be approached. 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. Every Parish should be in its own polling district and a polling place should be designated for each polling district.

- 3.4 The Council is fortunate that most of its polling stations are well established and meet the Electoral Commission's guidelines for polling stations. Due to the ongoing support from the wider community the Council only uses a small number of temporary portacabin style buildings and also uses a very small number of schools.

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- 3.5 The consultation period began in late October and closed on 30 December 2022. Ward and polling district maps and a Borough wide map were provided on the Council's website to assist residents in identifying their proposed polling station. [Interim review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations 2022 - Polling station review 2022 - Telford & Wrekin Council](#) This information was circulated to all Borough councillors, to Parish Councils and to both Members of Parliament for the area. To assist with consultation, the support of the Council's Community Engagement team was sought in order to reach out to a wider audience. In addition, officers worked with representatives from the Council's Making it Real Board to look at polling station accessibility for residents and in particular access for people with disabilities.
- 3.6 A review of proposed polling stations was undertaken to assess accessibility requirements and to assess requirements resulting from Voter ID requirements contained within the Elections Act. Additionally, the Electoral Commission has issued guidance for Returning Officers on assistance with voting for persons with disabilities. [Draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities | Electoral Commission](#)

### 4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 In view of the wide ranging changes made by LGBCE a number of electors will vote in different wards on 4 May 2023. A number of electors may also be voting at a different polling station, dependent on the outcome of this review. A number of polling districts have been merged following boundary changes whilst some polling districts have been split to accommodate changes and warding of Parish areas. Affected electors will be notified of any change to their polling station on their polling cards prior to elections in May. The Returning Officer's proposals for each ward are shown below.

#### Admaston & Bratton

Electors move in to the ward from the Crowdale Road area of the Shawburch (WSH) ward. A new polling district (WAB) is required for these electors who will vote in Admaston & Bratton borough ward and the Meadows ward of Wellington Town Council. It is proposed that they continue to vote at Admaston Community Centre

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WAA	Yes	Yes, electors added from WSH	Admaston House Community Centre	Unchanged
WSH	Yes, electors into ward from Shawburch	New	Admaston House Community Centre	WAB

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Apley Castle

Electors move out of the ward from Berberis Road area to Hadley & Leegomery ward (WHL) and into the Hadley Castle ward of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council. These electors will vote in a different Borough ward but will continue to vote at the Leegate Centre. Apley Castle residents will also continue to vote at the Leegate Centre.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WAC	Yes, electors move to Hadley & Leegomery ward WHC	Yes	The Leegate Centre	Unchanged

Arleston & College

The two wards have been merged into a 2 member ward. Voting arrangements and polling districts remain unchanged for each area.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WAR	Merges with Colleege	No	Arleston Community Centre	Unchanged
WAO	Merges with Arleston	No	All Saints Parish Centre	Unchanged

Brookside

Polling district TBR remains unchanged. Some electors from polling district TBZ have moved to The Nedge ward, the remaining electors from TBZ are those in the Holmer Lake area and they are merged into TBR. The electors moving out of the ward from TBZ are in the Stirchley area.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TBR	Yes	Yes electors added from TBZ	Brookside Central	Unchanged
TBZ	Holmer Lake electors merged into TBR. Some electors move to The Nedge ward TTT	Yes	Brookside Central	TBR (Brookside) TTT (The Nedge)

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Church Aston & Lilleshall

This ward receives electors from the Wallshead area of Newport South & East ward (WNS) who will now vote at Church Aston Village Hall.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WCA	Yes, electors from Wallshead part of Newport South (WNS) move in to ward	Yes electors added to polling district	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCB		No	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCC		No	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCJ		No	Lilleshall Memorial Hall	Unchanged

Dawley & Aqueduct

This ward has been reduced to a 2 councillor ward. Electors have been moved from TDA (part) and all of TDM into the Horsehay & Lightmoor ward, polling districts THA, THB and THD.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TDA	Yes	Some electors moved to Horsehay & Lightmoor ward THB and THD	The Linden Centre	THB and THD Horsehay & Lightmoor
TDM	Yes	All Little Dawley electors moved to Horsehay & Lightmoor ward THA. Aqueduct electors merged into TDY	n/a out of ward	THA Horsehay & Lightmoor

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TDP		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged
TDX		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged
TDY		Receives Aqueduct electors from TDM	**Southall School	Unchanged
TDZ		No	Aqueduct Primary School	Unchanged

\*\* It should be noted that officers are continuing to work to identify a suitable alternative location to Southall School

Donnington

This ward takes on electors from Kenwray Drive area of Priorslee (TPW) and Celandine Way area of Muxton (WMM).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TPW	Yes	Kenwray Drive electors move in to ward from Priorslee (TPW)	Donnington Community Hub	TGK
WDE	Yes	Celandine Way area electors move in to ward (WDE) from Muxton (WMM)	Donnington Community Hub	Unchanged
WDG		No	Turreff Hall, Donnington	Unchanged
WDO		No	Turreff Hall, Donnington	Unchanged

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Edgmond

This ward has split into a single councillor ward from the previous Edgmond & Ercall Magna ward.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WED	Split into single councillor ward	No	Edgmond Village Hall	Unchanged
WEE		No	Tibberton Village Hall	Unchanged
WEG		No	Sambrook Village Hall	Unchanged

Ercall

This ward gives away electors to the new Haygate & Park ward from Wrekin Road area.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WGE	Yes	Loses electors to Haygate & Park ward (WHZ)	Sir John Bayley Club	Unchanged

Ercall Magna

This ward has split into a single councillor ward from the previous Edgmond & Ercall Magna ward. Electors from the Roden area move out into Wrockwardine ward (WWW). The ward takes on electors from Horton area of Hadley & Leegomery ward (WHC) who will now vote at St Lawrence C of E Primary in Preston. Electors from the Eyton area (WEM) will now vote at St Lawrence C of E Primary in Preston.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WEM		No	St Lawrence C of E Primary	Unchanged
WEP		No	St Lawrence C of E Primary	Unchanged
WER	Yes	Roden area 192 electors move out to	High Ercall Village Hall	Unchanged

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		Wrockwardine (WWW)		
WEW		No	Ellerdine Village Hall	Unchanged
	Yes	New PD for 121 Horton electors moving in to ward from Hadley & Leegomery (WHC)	St Lawrence C of E Primary	WEX
WEY		No	Waters Upton Village Hall	Unchanged
WEZ		No	Kynnersley Village Hall	Unchanged

Hadley & Leegomery

This ward loses electors from the Horton area (WHC) to Edgmond & Ercall Magna (WEX) and gains electors (WHL) from Berberis Drive area of Apley Castle (WAC).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WHC	Yes	Yes loses electors to Ercall Magna WEX	Hadley Old Folks Rest Room	Unchanged
WHL		Yes gains electors from WAC Apley Castle	The Leegate Centre	Unchanged
WHM		No	Hadley Community Centre	Unchanged

Haygate & Park

This ward merges the existing Haygate and Park wards and also takes in electors (WHW) from the Lewis Crescent area of Wrockwardine ward (WWC) and the Wrekin Road area of Ercall ward (WGE) which comes in to (HZ).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WPA	Yes	New PD code. All Electors from current Park Ward	Children's Centre, Wrekin View Primary	WHP



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WWC		Gain Lewis Crescent area electors from Wrockwardine (WWC)	Hesba Close Communal Centre	WHW
WHY		Unchanged	Hesba Close Communal Centre	Unchanged
WHZ		Gain Wrekin Road area electors from current Ercall ward	Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre	Unchanged

Horsehay & Lightmoor

This ward gains electors from the current Dawley & Aqueduct ward these are from current polling districts in Dawley & Aqueduct, they are the Little Dawley area (TDM), Trinity Road area (TDA) and the Doseley Road area (TDA).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TDA	Yes	Gains electors from Doseley Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	Aqueduct Primary	THA
TDA	Yes	Gains electors from Doseley Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	Horsehay Village Hall	THB
TDM	Yes	Gains electors from Trinity Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	The Linden Centre	THD
THC		No	Oak Tree Centre Lightmoor	Unchanged
THZ		No	Horsehay Village Hall	Unchanged

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Ironbridge Gorge

This ward loses electors from School Road/Roberts Road area (TIH) to the Woodside ward (TWO).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TIB		No	The Toll House	Unchanged
TIG		No	Coalbrookdale Community centre	Unchanged
TIH	Yes	Loses electors from School Road area to Woodside ward (TWO)	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre	Unchanged
TIO		No	Coalport Village Hall	Unchanged
TIR		No	Jackfield Village Hall	Unchanged
TIS		No	The Toll House	Unchanged

Ketley

The current three councillor Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist following the boundary review This part of that ward becomes a single councillor Ketley seat comprising of the original Ketley area (TKY) and with electors from the Ketley Park Road area moving to Oakengates & Ketley Bank ward (TOK).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TKY	Yes	Loses electors to Oakengates & Ketley Bank ward (TOK)	Ketley Community Centre	Unchanged

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Lawley

A new three councillor Lawley ward has been created, comprising parts of the current Ketley & Overdale, Horsehay & Lightmoor and Wrockwardine wards

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
THL	Yes	Gains electors from Horsehay & Lightmoor	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLB
THZ	Yes	Gains electors from Smallhill road are of Horsehay & Lightmoor	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLS
TLE	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLB
TLL	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Anytime Fitness Centre, Gresham Drive	Unchanged
WWL	Yes	Gains electors from Wrockwardine ward	Lawley Community Centre	WLL

Madeley & Sutton Hill

This ward is unchanged other than the renaming of the parish ward to Madeley Village (TMA and TMD).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TMA	No	No	The Anstice	Unchanged
TMB	No	No	Chillcott Gardens	Unchanged
TMC	No	No	Sutton Hill Community Centre	Unchanged
TMD	No	No	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre	Unchanged

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Malinslee & Dawley Bank

This ward gains electors from Horsehay & Lightmoor (THL) and from Ketley & Overdale (TLE).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
THL	Yes	Electors gained from Horsehay & Lightmoor	Dawley Baptist Church	TML
TLE	Yes	Electors gained from Ketley & Overdale	Dawley Baptist Church	TMH
TME		No	Old Park Primary	Unchanged
TMG		No	George Chetwood Court	Unchanged

Muxton

This ward loses electors in Celandine Way area of Donnington Wood (WMM) to Donnington ward (WDE).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WMH		No	Muxton Community Centre	Unchanged
WMM	Yes	Gives away electors to Donnington (WDE)	Donnington Community Hub	Unchanged
WMO		No	Muxton Community Centre	Unchanged

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Newport East

This ward is formed by splitting the current Newport South (WNS) & East (WNE) ward along Parish ward boundaries and also gaining electors from Meadow View Road area from Newport South (WNS).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WNE	Yes splits into single councillor ward	Existing Newport East parish ward and gains electors from Newport South parish ward	Newport Baptist Church	Unchanged

Newport North

This ward splits into a single ward, polling district (WNN) remains unchanged.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WNN	Yes splits into single councillor ward	No	Hallcroft Close Community Hall	Unchanged

Newport South

This ward splits into a single ward and gives away electors from Meadow View road area to Newport East (WNE). Gives away electors from Wallshead area (WNV) to Church Aston & Lilleshall ward (WCA).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WNS	Yes splits into single councillor ward	Yes, gives away electors to Newport East ward	Newport Bowling Club	Unchanged
WSS	No	New PD code	Newport Bowling Club	WNX
WNV	Yes	Yes moves to Church Aston & Lilleshall ward (WCA)		WCA

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Newport West

This ward splits into a single ward, polling district WNW remains unchanged.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WNW	Yes splits into single ward	No	Parish Church Room	Unchanged

Oakengates & Ketley Bank

This ward gains electors from the Ketley Park Road area of the current Ketley & Overdale ward (TKY)

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TOE		No	Queenswood Primary School	Unchanged
TOH		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
TKY	Yes	Yes Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Ketley Community Centre	TOK
TOO		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
TOT		No	Wilson's Auctions	Unchanged
TOW		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
WOB		No	Ketley Community Centre	Unchanged
WOL		No	Wilson's Auctions	Unchanged

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Overdale & The Rock

This new ward is formed from part of the current Ketley & Overdale ward (TLE) and (TLN).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TLE	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale	Carpenter Family Centre	TOX
TLN	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale	Carpenter Family Centre	TOY

Priorslee

This ward gains electors (TPS) from St Georges ward, Snedshill area (TSS) and gives away electors to St Georges ward from TPG TPW and TPZ.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TSS	Yes	Yes gains electors from St Georges ward, Snedshill (TPS)	Priorslee Community Centre	TPS
TPG	Yes	Yes, loses polling district to St Georges ward (TSE)	n/a moved out of ward	TSE
TPP		No	Sports Hall at Holy Trinity Academy	Unchanged
TPR		No	Priorslee Community Centre	Unchanged
TPW		Loses polling district to St Georges ward	n/a moved out of ward	TSW
TPZ		Loses polling district to St Georges ward	n/a moved out of ward	TSE

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Shawbirch & Dothill

This new ward merges the existing Shawbirch (WSH) and Dothill (WDT) wards with the Crowdale Road area moving from Shawbirch to Admaston & Bratton.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WSH	Yes	Loses electors to Admaston & Bratton (WAB)	Shawbirch Community Centre	WSB
WDT	Merged with Shawbirch	No but renumbered	Church Hall Severn Drive	WSD

St Georges

This ward gains electors from Priorslee ward (TPG) (TPW) and (TPZ) and gives away electors in Snedshill area (TSS) to Priorslee ward (TPS).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TSS	Yes	Polling district moved to Priorslee ward	n/a moved out of ward	TPS
TSE	Yes	Gains electors from Priorslee (TPG) and (TPZ)	St Georges Sports & Social Club	Unchanged
TSG		No	St Georges Sports & Social Club	Unchanged
TSP		No	St Georges Methodist Church	Unchanged
TSW	Yes	Gains electors from Priorslee (TPW)	Lamb Inn, Moss Road	Unchanged



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The Nedge

This ward gains electors (TTT) from the Stirchley area of the current Brookside ward (TBZ).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TTH		No	Sambrook Centre	Unchanged
TTO		No	Randlay Community Centre	Unchanged
TTR		No	Hollinswood Community Centre	Unchanged
TTS		No	Sambrook Centre	Unchanged
TBZ	Yes	Yes, gains electors from Brookside	Sambrook Centre	TTT

Woodside

This ward gains electors from the (TIH) School Road area of Ironbridge Gorge ward into Woodside (TWO) and from the (THZ) Nightingale Walk area of Horsehay & Lightmoor ward into (THL).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TIH & TWO	Yes	Gains electors from Ironbridge Gorge	Park Lane Centre	TWO
THZ	Yes	Gains electors from the Horsehay & Lightmoor	Park Lane Centre	THL

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### Wrockwardine

This ward gains electors (WWW) from the Roden area of Ercall Magna ward (WER), loses electors from the (WWC) Lewis Crescent area to Haygate & Park ward (WHW) and loses electors from the (WWL) Arleston Lane area to Lawley ward (WLL).

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
WWL	Yes	Polling district moves to Lawley ward	n/a not in ward	WLL
WWC	Yes	Lose electors to Haygate & Park (WHW)	Wrockwardine Parish Hall	Unchanged
WWD		No	Little Wenlock Village Hall	Unchanged
WWN			Rodington Village Hall	Unchanged
WWR			Longdon-on-Tern Village Hall	Unchanged
WEW		Gains electors from Ercall Magna (WEW)	Rodington Village Hall	WWW

### Wrockwardine Wood & Trench

This ward is unchanged.

<b>Current PD code</b>	<b>Ward change</b>	<b>Polling District change/new</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>New PD Code</b>
TWR	No	No	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre	Unchanged
TTT		No	Teagues Bridge Primary School	Unchanged

## 4.2 Summary of changes to Returning Officer's initial proposals

Proposed changes to the initial proposals are shown at Appendix 2

## **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 No alternative options 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.

## **6.0 Key Risks**

- 6.1 The key risk associated with any review of polling districts, places and stations is voter confusion and/or voter disenfranchisement. The consultation undertaken in respect of these changes helps to mitigate these risks. In addition, every registered elector who has a change of polling station will be notified of these changes on their poll cards when issued. The council is also exploring the option of writing to every household in the Borough to:-

- a) encourage registration;
- b) notify changes to polling stations; and
- c) notify of the need for photographic ID following changes introduced by the Elections Act.

## **7.0 Council Priorities**

- 7.1 This review furthers the Council's priority to be a community focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

## **8.0 Financial Implications**

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

## **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

- 9.1 The Boundary Review Committee has delegated authority to deal with all matters relating to polling places, polling districts and polling stations. It is a legal requirement for the Council to ensure that it is fully prepared to deliver elections on the new boundaries.

- 9.2 The Returning Officer retains power to make changes to Polling Districts, Places and Stations as needed to ensure elections are conducted effectively.

## **10.0 Ward Implications**

- 10.1 Borough wide.

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

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

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## **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, Telford & Wrekin Council's Making it Real Board has been consulted and their views considered in this review.
- 12.2 Wider consultation has also taken place which enables views to be taken into account from residents, councillors and community groups within the Borough.

## **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 LGBCE Electoral Arrangements Final Recommendations. [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#)
- 2 Electoral Commission Guidance on Reviews of Polling Districts, Places and Stations.

## **15.0 Appendices**

- 1 Submissions Received
- 2 Summary of changes from Returning Officer's original proposals
- 3 Returning Officer's Proposals for approval

## **16.0 Report Sign Off**

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