

APPENDIX A

The proposals are as set out in this Appendix. However, there may be a need to amend a small number of the proposed warding arrangements in respect of some of the parish / town council areas to support effective electoral administration. Officers are awaiting some further information in this respect. Therefore, officers are asking for a delegation to the Monitoring Officer to make final changes to the proposed warding arrangements before publication of the draft proposals should any be necessary upon receipt of that additional information.

NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL, CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE AND CHURCH ASTON

NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current Parish Council arrangements for Newport Town Council consist of an electorate of 9,740 and 12 councillors across 4 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Newport East	WNE	3	2395	798	-1.6%
Newport North	WNN	3	2561	854	5.2%
Newport South	WNS	3	2086	695	-14.3%
Newport West	WNW	3	2698	899	10.8%
Total		12	9740	812	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Newport were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Elected member	3
Resident	13
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	20

Newport Town Council's submission focussed on a proposal to amend the existing southern boundary of the Council such that it incorporates the Station Road area from Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council. This proposal would see

Newport Town Council's southern boundary align with the Newport South ward of the Borough Council. The themes of the rationale for this proposal included, amongst others, improved local representation and community cohesion and identity.

Fifteen additional submissions were received that supported the proposed change to the Town Council's boundary articulated by the Town Council.

Other submissions related to **all** parish and town councils and suggested that they should either all be abolished or all be retained.

CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE

Current Arrangements

The current Parish Council arrangements in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote consist of a total electorate of 541 and is represented by 7 parish councillors across two parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Chetwynd Aston	WCC	4	366	92	18.4%
Station Road	WNX	3	175	58	-24.5%
Total		7	541	77	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Elected member	3
Resident	8
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	15

The Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council representation stated that the Council should retain its current boundary (including Station Road) with 7 councillors, and that warding should be removed from the parish.

The themes of the other responses were:

- That the parishes of Church Aston, Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote and Chetwynd should be merged with Lilleshall.
- That the existing arrangements should be retained.

- That the boundary of the parish should be moved so that the Station Road area to the A518 becomes part of Newport Town Council.
- The abolition or retention of all parish and town councils

CHURCH ASTON

Current Arrangements

The current Parish Council has a total electorate of 1072 and is represented by 10 parish councillors across two wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Church Aston	WCA	9	956	106	-0.9%
Wallshead	WCB	1	116	116	8.2%
Total		10	1072	107	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Church Aston were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Elected member	2
Resident	23
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	3
Total	31

The primary theme of the responses for this area were that Church Aston Parish Council should be retained with its current arrangements.

The Parish Council representation stated that based on community identity the Council should retain its current boundary, that the number of Councillors should be reduced from 10 to 8, and that the parish wards should be removed.

Other submissions related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS: NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Proposal and Rationale

For the purposes of community identity and cohesion, it is proposed that the boundary of Newport Town Council is moved to incorporate the area known as Station Road that is currently within the parish of Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote.

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 borough ward boundary which would provide effective and convenient community governance in this area and reduce elector confusion.

The Station Road development is currently mainly contained within 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.

New arrangements

The proposed Newport Town Council will have an electorate of 9940, represented by 12 parish councillors across 4 wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Newport East	WNE	3	2396	799	-4%
Newport North	WNN	3	2561	854	3%
Newport South	WNS, WNX	3	2259	753	-9%
Newport West	WNW	3	2724	908	10%
Total		12	9940	828	

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS: CHETWYND ASTON, WOODCOTE AND CHURCH ASTON

Proposal and rationale

It is proposed that a new parish council for Chetwynd Aston and Church Aston is created. With the proposed removal of the Station Road area from Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish to Newport Town Council, this would leave Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote as a small parish with limited opportunities and resources to meet the needs of its residents. The statutory guidance that covers community governance reviews sets out expectations that Town and Parish Councils should be sufficiently

viable to provide services to their residents and making these changes will provide some assurance that this can be done.

Additionally, it should be noted that, in the last few years whenever a vacancy has occurred at **Chetwynd Aston or Church Aston or both**, there has been insufficient interest from potential candidates meaning no election is held and, instead, the vacancies have been filled by co-opting a new councillor. Whilst this is within the rules for filling vacancies, it does not lend itself to efficient democracy when there is no ability to put the vacancies to an election.

In making these changes and warding the new Parish in the way that has been identified, it maintains the rural identity of the area whilst enabling each area to be separately represented.

New arrangements

The proposed Chetwynd Aston, Woodcote and Church Aston will have an electorate of 1438, represented by 10 parish councillors across 2 wards:

Ward Name	Polling District	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Church Aston	WCA, WCB	7	1072	153	6.50%
Chetwynd Aston	WCC	3	366	122	-15.16%
Total		10	1438	144	

LILLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Lilleshall Parish Council consist of an electorate of 1,115 and 7 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Lilleshall	WCJ	7	1,115	159

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Lilleshall were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	20
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	2
Total	25

Lilleshall Parish Council's submission argued that the current parish arrangements should be retained, and that the parish should not be merged with another parish area. This is based on a robust local identity and character and that the Parish currently has an appropriate electorate and number of councillors. The submission referred to the creation of Lilleshall Parish independent of Donnington and Muxton following a referendum in 2015.

The core theme of the other submissions received about parish arrangements in Lilleshall was that the existing arrangements should continue and that the parish should not be merged with another area.

Other submissions related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS LILLESHELL

Proposal and Rationale

It is proposed that the existing arrangements for Lilleshall Parish Council are retained. The area will see significant population growth if the Borough Council's draft Local Plan is adopted. This may require further warding of the Parish as this proposed development is delivered and, as the development progresses, may require a review of this area to ensure arrangements remain effective.

New arrangements

The arrangements for Lilleshall Parish Council will consist of an electorate of 1,115 and 7 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Lilleshall	WCJ	7	1,115	159

CHETWYND & EDGMOND

CHETWYND

Current Arrangements

The current Parish Council arrangements in Chetwynd consist of a total electorate of 478 and is represented by 9 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Chetwynd	WEG	9	478	53

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Chetwynd were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Resident	7
Total	10

The key themes from the consultation for Chetwynd were that:

- the existing parish boundary should be amended so that properties in Summerhill were in Edgmond Parish rather than Chetwynd; and,
- that Chetwynd should merge with Church Aston, Chetwynd Aston and Lilleshall

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

EDGMOND

The current Parish Council arrangements for Edgmond consist of a total electorate of 1084 and is presented by 13 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish:

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Edgmond	WED	13	1,084	83

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Chetwynd were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Resident	5
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	2
Total	10

The representation received from Edgmond Parish was that there should be no changes to existing parish arrangements, beyond the boundary extending to include properties in Summerhill due to matters of community identity. The proposal to amend the boundary was supported by two other respondents.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS CHETWYND AND EDMOND

Proposal and Rationale

Two options are presented for consideration by the Boundary Committee:

- Option One: that current arrangements for both parish councils are principally retained with the exception that the existing boundary between the two parishes at Summerhill is moved such that all the properties at Summerhill are within the Edgmond Parish. To accommodate this, a review of polling districts would be required.
- Option Two: that the two current parish areas are merged to create a single Chetwynd and Edgmond Parish Council.

New arrangements

Option One

Edgmond

That the current parish council arrangements for Edgmond are largely retained (amendments for Summerhill will be made based on the decision of the Committee on which option for the area to undertake further consultation) and will consist of a total electorate of 1084 and is presented by 9 parish councillors:

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Edgmond	WED	9	1084	120

Whilst this arrangement would see the parish remain largely unchanged, the number of councillors for the size of the electorate is high and it is proposed that this number be reduced. Guidance has been provided by both the National Association of Local Councils and Aston University around council size and, taking this guidance into account, it is proposed that the number of councillors be reduced to 9.

Chetwynd

That the current parish arrangements in Chetwynd are largely retained and will consist of a total electorate of 478 and is represented by 5 parish councillors in a single parish ward.

Parish ward name	Polling Districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Chetwynd	WEG	5	478	95

Again, it is considered that a councillor:elector ratio of 1:53 is unduly low taking into account the guidance available. As a result, it is proposed that the councillor numbers are reduced from 9 to 5.

Option Two

The creation of a single parish council for Edgmond and Chetwynd which would have an electorate of 1,562, there would be 12 councillors across two proposed parish wards (a reduction of 10 councillors from existing arrangements). One ward would represent Edgmond (8 seats) and the other Chetwynd (4 seats).

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Edgmond	WED	8	1084	135.5	4.10
Chetwynd	WEG	4	478	119.5	-8.19
Total		12	1562	130.2	

Adopting this proposal would allow for more equal representation across the area whilst maintaining the rural identity of the parishes. It would also see the Summerhill area being incorporated into the new parish area. Whilst no representations were received which proposed merging Chetwynd with Edgmond, it should be noted that there were representations which set out views that Chetwynd should merge with

other parishes and so the principle of merger is one that has some support, although not from the Parish Council itself.

TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Tibberton & Cherrington consist of 794 electors represented by 8 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Tibberton & Cherrington	WEE	8	794	99

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Tibberton & Cherrington were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Resident	4
Total	7

The submissions related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON

Proposal and Rationale

That, save for council size, the existing arrangements for Tibberton & Cherrington are retained for the purposes of community identity and cohesion.

New Arrangements

That the current boundary arrangements for Tibberton & Cherrington are retained and will consist of 794 electors represented by 6 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling District	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Tibberton & Cherrington	WEE	6	794	132

Again, this is based upon the guidance around councillor numbers. In addition, past election experience indicates that Tibberton & Cherrington is an area with limited elections to appoint their councillors with most vacancies being filled through co-option.

WATERS UPTON AND ERCALL MAGNA

WATERS UPTON

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Waters Upton consist of 1017 electors represented by 6 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Waters Upton	WEY	6	1017	170

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Waters Upton were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Resident	5
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	8

Waters Upton Parish Council submission stated that the existing boundary is appropriate and that there should be no change. The number of parish councillors for the area is also appropriate.

Another response articulated a similar response to that of the parish, calling for no changes to current arrangements.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

Ercall Magna

Current Arrangements

The current parish arrangements for Ercall Magna consist of 1,436 electors represented by 13 parish councillors across two parish wards:

Parish Ward Name	Polling Districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
High Ercall	WEW	11	1225	111	0.8%
Roden	WWW	2	211	106	-4.5%
Total		13	1436	110	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Ercall Magna were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Resident	4
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	7

The Parish Council submission focussed on community identity and that the boundary of the current parish council is not amended and that Roden and Poynton remain in the parish. The Parish Council stated that 12 [sic] councillors remains appropriate but that further warding would be beneficial to result in Roden and Poynton ward (2 councillors), Ellerdine and Rowton ward (4 councillors) and High Ercall and Walton (6 councillors).

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR WATERS UPTON AND ERCALL MAGNA

Proposal and Rationale

Option One

Retain existing arrangements for both Waters Upton and Ercall Magna.

Option Two

That a single parish council is created for Waters Upton and Ercall Magna

New Arrangements

Option One

The current arrangements for Waters Upton consist of 1,017 electors represented by 6 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Waters Upton	WEY	6	1017	170

The current parish arrangements for Ercall Magna consist of 1,436 electors represented by 13 parish councillors across two parish wards:

Ward Name	Polling Districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
High Ercall	WEW	11	1225	111	0.8%
Roden	WWW	2	211	106	-4.5%
Total		13	1436	110	

Option Two

Create a new Waters Upton and Ercall Magna Parish Council

Ward Name	Polling Districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
High Ercall	WEW	6	1225	211	3.2%
Roden	WWW	1	211	211	3.2%
Waters Upton	WEY	5	1017	211	3.2%
Total		12	2453	204	

The proposed option 2 would allow for the Parish Council to remain a viable council capable of providing services to its residents whilst maintaining community identity.

By adopting the proposed warding arrangements, this will support effective community governance and provide good representation across the community.

DONNINGTON & MUXTON, ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE, WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH, OAKENGATES AND KETLEY

DONNINGTON & MUXTON

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Donnington & Muxton consist of a total electorate of 10,326 represented by 13 parish councillors across 4 wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Donnington East	WDE	2	1229	615	-22.6%
Donnington West	WDG, WDO	5	4107	821	3.4%
Muxton	WMO, WMM	5	4299	860	8.2%
The Humbers	WMH	1	691	691	-13.0%
Total		13	10326	794	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Donnington & Muxton were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Elected member	7
Resident	21
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	32

The predominant theme from the responses for the area was that due to different community identities and need, there should be separate, alternative parish arrangements for Donnington and Muxton. It should be noted that some response argued that the existing arrangements should be continued.

Alternative suggestions included:

- The creation of a separate Muxton Parish, which would see its electorate grow through the proposed new housing developments along the A518.

- The Humbers should form part of a new Muxton Parish
- The Humbers should form part of a new Donnington Parish
- That Donnington should merge with a neighbouring parish council, for example Wrockwardine Wood & Trench or St Georges (predicated on the creation of a new Priorslee Town Council).

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE PARISH COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current parish arrangements for St Georges & Priorslee include an electorate of 10,195, represented by 11 councillors across 4 wards.

Parish ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Priorslee	TPP, TPR	5	4950	990	6.8%
Snedshill	TPS	1	390	390	-57.9%
St Georges East	TSE	1	1087	1087	17.3%
St Georges West	TSP, TSG	4	3768	942	1.6%
Total		11	10195	927	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for St Georges & Priorslee were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Community Group Representative	1
Elected member	4
Resident	9
Grand Total	16

A core theme of the submissions proposed that St Georges and Priorslee should be served by different parish councils primarily because of different community identities and needs. For Priorslee all of the submissions suggested that the area should have its own parish council.

For St Georges, it was proposed that the area should be merged with Oakengates Town Council or with Donnington (if it were to split from Muxton).

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH

Current Arrangements

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Kenwray Drive	TGK	1	333	333	-13.7%
Trench	TWR	8	3081	385	-0.2%
Wrockwardine Wood East	TSW	1	451	451	16.9%
Wrockwardine Wood West	TOW	1	380	380	-1.5%
Total		11	4245	386	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Wrockwardine Wood & Trench were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	2
Resident	9
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	14

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council's submission set out three themes:

- Opposition to the creation of a central parish council drawn from Wrockwardine Wood & Trench, Donnington and St Georges Parish Councils due to its population size, and that it would be split over Borough Council wards and parliamentary boundaries.
- The preferred position for the Parish Council was a merger of Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council with Oakengates Town Council on the basis of community identity.
- Alternatively, the Parish Council wanted to retain the existing parish arrangements.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

OAKENGATES TOWN COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Oakengates Town Council consist of an electorate of 6,785 with 13 councillors across 4 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Hollyhurst	TOH	1	350	350	-32.9%
Middle Pool	TOT	1	449	449	-14.0%
North	TWT	3	1612	537	3.0%
Oakengates & Wombridge	TOE, TOO	8	4374	547	4.8%
Total		13	6785	522	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Oakengates were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	3
Resident	6
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	12

The Oakengates Town Council submission argued against any proposed merger of the existing Town Council with St Georges, Donnington and Wrockwardine Wood & Trench into a single parish for reasons of community identity. It further argued that Wrockwardine Wood & Trench should not be merged with Donnington and St Georges.

An alternative to these proposals was that Oakengates Town Council and Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council should merge for reasons of community cohesion and historical links between the two communities. This proposed council would have between 15 and 17 councillors compared to the existing 24 across the two existing councils.

The submission also sets out opposition to any proposal to move the part of Trench Lock in Oakengates into the Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council.

Alternatively, the submission argues that part of Trench Lock in Hadley & Leegomery should be moved into Oakengates Town Council as Trench Lock has always been aligned to Oakengates and Trench.

Other submissions about the Oakengates Town Council arrangements covered similar themes including the proposed merger of Wrockwardine Wood and Trench with Oakengates Town Council and that Trench should be with Oakengates Town Council.

Additional comments were received about New Road being in Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish rather than Oakengates Town Council, and that the Town Council should not be merged with another parish to ensure Oakengates retains a clear identity.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

KETLEY

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Ketley Parish Council consist of a total electorate of 3,821 represented by 11 parish councillors in two wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Beveley	TOK, TOB	3	1128	376	8.2%
Ketley	TKY	8	2693	337	-3.1%
Total		11	3821	347	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Ketley were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	3
Resident	9
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	15

The Ketley Parish Council representation argued that Ketley and Overdale should be brought together to create a single parish council. This is based on historic community identity.

The Parish also argued against Ketley joining with Oakengates again because of community identity and that the entire Millenium Community should be part of Ketley Parish Council.

The themes of other representations for Ketley included:

- No change and retain current arrangements for reasons of community identity.
- Overdale should not become part of Ketley Parish Council as the M54 should act as a physical boundary.
- Ketley should merge with Hadley & Leegomery, not Oakengates.
- That the area of Beveley Road and Lea Brook, due to matters of community identity should form part of arrangements for Oakengates.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DONNINGTON & MUXTON, ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE, WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH, OAKENGATES AND KETLEY

Proposal and Rationale

For this area of the borough, it is proposed that the following parish arrangements are implemented:

- Muxton – as Muxton has a distinct community identity and different needs from Donnington, it is proposed that the two areas' needs are best met through alternative community governance arrangements. As such it is proposed that the community of Muxton has its own parish council which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.
- Priorslee - as Priorslee has a distinct community identity and different needs from St Georges, it is proposed that the two areas' needs are best met through alternative community governance arrangements. As such it is proposed that the community of Priorslee has its own parish council which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.
- St Georges and Donnington – these two communities share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs, demographics and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

- Oakengates, Wrockwardine Wood & Trench - these two communities share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.
- For Ketley, it is proposed that for the purposes of community identity, the existing boundary of the Parish Council is amended such that the area of Beveley Road and Lea Brook (to the east of Ketley Park Road) form part of the proposed Oakengates, Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council.

New Arrangements

St Georges and Donnington

The arrangements for the proposed St Georges and Donnington Parish Council, are a current electorate of 12,524 served by 17 councillors across 3 parish wards. The three parish wards will be Donnington, St Georges and Red Hill. Red Hill has a distinct identity to the other two areas both by geography and by way of it being a community in development. The variance in the electorate per councillor ratio in Red Hill is forecast to rapidly alter as the planned development is built out.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seats	Variance
Donnington	WDG, WMH WDO, WDE	8	6027	753	2%
St Georges	TSE, TGK, TSW TPS, TSG, TSP	8	6029	754	2%
Red Hill	WMM	1	468	468	-36%
Total		17	12524	737	

Muxton

The proposed Muxton Parish Council will have a current electorate of 3,831 and 5 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Muxton	WMO	5	3831	766

Priorslee

The proposed Priorslee Parish Council will have a current electorate of 4,950 and be served by 5 parish councillors across two parish wards Priorslee East and Priorslee West.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seats	Variance
Priorslee East	TPP	3	3153	1051	6%
Priorslee West	TPR	2	1797	898.5	-9%
Total		5	4950	990	

Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates

The proposed Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates Parish Council will have a current electorate of 10,336 and be served by 15 parish councillors across three parish wards Oakengates & Ketley Bank, Wrockwardine Wood North and Wrockwardine Wood South.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE, TOO, TOB (part), TOT	7	4913	702	1.86%
Wrockwardine Wood North	TWR, TWT	7	4693	670	-2.70%
Wrockwardine Wood South	TOW, TOH	1	730	730	5.94%
Total		15	10336	689	

Ketley

New arrangements

The arrangements for Ketley Parish Council will consist of a current electorate of 3,731 represented by 11 parish councillors in two wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Beveley	TOK, TOB (part)	3	1038	346	2.01%
Ketley	TKY	8	2693	337	-0.75%
Total		11	3731	339	

EYTON UPON THE WEALD MOORS, PRESTON UPON THE WEALD MOORS, KYNNERSLEY AND HADLEY & LEEGOMERY

KYNNERSLEY

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Kynnersley Parish Council consist of a total electorate of 147 and is represented by 5 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Kynnersley	WEZ	5	147	29

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Kynnersley were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	32
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	36

In their submission, Kynnersley Parish Council argued that the existing arrangements met residents' needs and should remain in their current form. However, if a larger parish area was to be created, Kynnersley Parish Council would work with Preston for the benefit of both communities. If this were to happen, the Parish Council argued that:

- No new industrial areas or units or new housing estates should form part of the proposed parish.
- The parish should be warded by village to maintain identity.
- There is no support for a larger Weald Moors Parish.

The primary theme from the other representations were that the existing arrangements should remain as they reflect the community's rural identity. If a larger parish were to be created, that should be Kynnersley and Preston and not with other areas such as Eyton, Horton, Wheat Leasowes as they have different characteristics and identity.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PRESTON UPON THE WEALD MOORS VILLAGE

Current Arrangements

Preston currently has a parish meeting which serves an electorate of 227 (polling district WEP)

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Preston upon the Weald Moors were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	22
Total	25

The Preston Parish Meeting submission focussed on two proposed options for future parish arrangements for the area. These were to retain a Preston Parish Meeting or to join with Kynnersley Parish Council to form a larger parish. The rationale for this was shared rural community identity. The submission argued against either Horton or Eyton due to the possibility of future industrial development.

The other submissions received described a similar view in that consideration should be given to merging Preston and Kynnersley. Other submissions suggested that Eyton could be included in such a future arrangement, but there was a clear view that Horton should not be in them.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

EYTON ON THE WEALD MOORS

Current Arrangements

Eyton currently has a Parish Meeting. The electorate for this area is 71 (polling district WEM)

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Eyton on the Weald Moors were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	9
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	13

The response from the Eyton Parish Meeting focussed on community identity and that there should be “no change” to existing arrangements. However, if there were to be any change to existing arrangements, then new arrangements should not see Eyton combined with any industrial areas. Where there are planned new developments (industrial and housing) in the existing parish area these should be excluded from Eyton Parish. If a new, larger parish were to be created then the submission argues that warding would be essential to ensure Eyton is appropriately represented as would councillor numbers. An appropriate name for a parish council that brought together the villages of the Weald Moors would be Weald Moors Parish Council. Other comments were received supporting this position of the parish meeting with particular reference to ensuring that the rural identity of the parish was retained.

Other comments and representations received for Eyton suggested that Eyton needed to be part of other parish areas, including for example joining with Wappenshall, Preston, Kynnersley Horton and Wheat Leasows. Another suggestion was that it should join only with Preston and Kynnersley and specifically, not with Horton. It was also suggested that Eyton could form part of a new parish for Apley.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY

The current arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council consist of a total electorate of 11,702 and is represented by 16 parish councillors across 5 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Apley Castle	WAC	4	2,660	665	-9.1%
Hadley Castle	WHL, WHC	7	5,614	802	9.7%
Hadley Manor	WHM	3	2,079	693	-5.2%
Horton	WEX	1	144	144	-80.3%
Trench Lock	WOL	1	1,205	1205	64.8%
Total		16	11,702	731	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	4
Resident	13
Total	19

The Parish Council representation argued that Horton should remain part of the Parish and that, in addition, Wappenshall and Preston on the Weald Moors should become part of the parish as these areas will essentially be urbanised by future growth.

The proposal to include new developments around Wheat Leasows and Wappenshall and Preston etc in Hadley & Leegomery Parish was supported by other representations.

The largest number of representations regarding Hadley & Leegomery Parish arrangements was for a proposal that Horton should no longer be part of the parish and should become part of a new multi-community parish council. comprising Eyton, Horton, Kynnersley and Preston.

The Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council response focused on community identity and a desire to maintain all areas currently with the parish boundary.

In addition, the Council's response proposed that the area of Trench Lock, presently within the parish of Oakengates should be incorporated into the Parish of Hadley & Leegomery.

Additional support was also received for the proposal to move all of Trench Lock into Hadley & Leegomery Parish.

Other themes for Hadley & Leegomery included:

- The creation of a new parish council for Apley Castle
- No changes to the boundary of the parish
- Merge with Upton Magna to reflect the rural area
- The Millenium Village should be part of Ketley parish arrangements

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

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PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS: EYTON, PRESTON, KYNNERSLEY AND HADLEY & LEEGOMERY

Proposal and Rationale

That a Weald Moors Parish council is created, bringing together the existing parish meetings for Eyton and Preston with the existing Kynnersley Parish council. These three areas have a strong rural identity and this proposal is focussed on retaining that character and community identity whilst enabling good democratic representation and ensuring viable parish councils capable of providing services to their residents. By adopting warding arrangements, the identities of each distinct area can be maintained.

It is recognised that the Borough Council is currently consulting on a revised Local Plan which, if approved, will see significant development within the existing Eyton upon the Weald Moors area. To ensure that the new parish retains its rural character, it is proposed that, if and when, the proposed development in the draft Local Plan is built out, then a localised community governance review will be completed to enable this development to be incorporated into another more urban parish arrangement.

The Committee is asked to consider how the needs of the area known as Horton are best served by future community governance arrangements. The area is currently part of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council and, with an electorate of 144, has a mix of rural and industrial areas. Proposals that the Committee may wish to consider with regard to Horton are:

- It remains as part of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council. Any future governance review could consider an extension of the existing northern boundary of the parish (WAC Apley Castle parish ward) to incorporate proposed development in the Eyton upon the Weald Moors area.

- It is incorporated into the proposed Weald Moors Parish Council – this proposal is focused on meeting the needs of the rural parts of the Horton but would also include the industrial part of the area.
- It is incorporated into the proposed Wrockwardine Wood and Trench and Oakengates Parish Council – this would see the whole of the Horton Wood industrial estate within a single parish council.

Whilst a final recommendation for future arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery is dependent on the Committee's decision on Horton, it is proposed that the existing arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery are retained, with the exception of increasing the number of parish councillors from 16 to 17. This additional councillor will be allocated to the Trench parish ward to improve the variability in the electorate to councillor representation.

New Arrangements

Wealds Parish Council

A proposed Weald Moors Parish Council (excluding Horton) would have a current electorate of 445. Based on the proposal for a future community governance review of this area to ensure that its rural character is retained and therefore no significant population growth is projected, it is proposed in line with the Aston Business School guidance that the parish has 6 seats across three wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Kynnersley	WEZ	2	147	74	-1%
Preston	WEP	3	227	76	2%
Eyton	WEM	1	71	71	-4%
Total		6	445	74	

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council

That the current arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council are retained and will consist of 11,702 electors and is represented by 17 parish councillors across 5 wards.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
Apley Castle	WAC	4	2,660	665	-3.4%
Hadley Castle	WHL, WHC	7	5,614	802	16.5%
Hadley Manor	WHM	3	2,079	693	0.7%
Horton	WEX	1	144	144	-79.1%
Trench Lock	WOL	2	1,205	602.5	-12.5%
Total		17	11,702	688.35	

LAWLEY & OVERDALE, GREAT DAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL, DAWLEY HAMLET AND THE GORGE

LAWLEY & OVERDALE

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Lawley & Overdale Parish Council consist of a total electorate of 9,224 and is represented by 8 parish councillors across 5 parish wards:

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB	1	2526	2526	119.1%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2492	831	-28.0%
Lawley West	WLL	1	532	532	-53.9%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY	2	2692	1346	16.7%
Town Centre	TMH	1	982	982	-14.8%
Total		8	9224	1153	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Lawley & Overdale were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	4
Resident	10
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	2
Total	18

The representation from Lawley & Overdale Parish Council argued that the Parish Council should continue to represent Lawley, Overdale, Newdale, The Rock and Old Park for the purposes of community cohesion and stability. In addition:

- The area of Malinslee represented by the Council, including Cambridge Close and Park Road should move to Great Dawley Town Council as it is more in keeping with the identity of Great Dawley.
- The area of Lawley, including Stainburn Road, The Crescent, Smallhill Road to be moved to Lawley & Overdale Parish Council from Dawley Hamlets
- For the area of Dawley Bank, including the areas of Kilgallon Road, Husselbee Crescent, Meyer Crescent, Isiah Avenue up to and along St Helier Drive and surrounding streets, up to Milners Lane and including Princes End, to remain with Lawley & Overdale Parish Council.
- The whole of Lawley Gate area to move to Lawley & Overdale Parish Council.
- For the area of Concorde and along Milners Lane including the areas of Croft Fold, Cemetery Road, Dawley Bank and the area of Hill Road etc to be amalgamated with Great Dawley Town Council to allow for inclusion up to Dawley Green Way.

The Parish Council also stated that the number of parish councillors should increase to reach parity with other parish councils who have a smaller area but a greater number of councillors.

In terms of other representation, other themes were:

- Dawley Bank should move to Great Dawley Town Council.
- That Overdale, The Rock and Old Park should have their own parish council as they are the “poor cousin” to Lawley and previously Ketley.
- Retain existing arrangements

The Ketley Parish Council representation argued that Ketley and Overdale should be brought together to create a single parish council. This is based on historic community identity.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

GREAT DAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Great Dawley Town Council consist of a total electorate of 8,650 and is represented by 14 parish councillors across 4 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Dawley	TDX, TDP, TDA, TDZ	5	3256	651	5.4%
Doseley Road	THB	1	328	328	-46.9%
Malinslee	TME, TML, TMG	7	4676	668	8.1%
Trinity	THD	1	390	390	-36.9%
Total		14	8650	618	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Great Dawley were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	2
Resident	7
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	12

Based on community identity, Dawley Town Council's submission suggested that the part of the existing Malinslee and Dawley Bank borough ward not within the existing parish boundary should become part of Great Dawley Parish Council (currently part of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council). Similarly the Parish Council suggested that the existing part of the Dawley & Aqueduct Borough ward not with Great Dawley should become part of the Council.

In terms of other representations, the view to move all of Malinslee into Great Dawley Parish area received support. It was also suggested that Little Dawley should become part of Great Dawley Parish Council.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

DAWLEY HAMLETS

Current Arrangements

The current Parish Council arrangements for Dawley Hamlet consist of a total electorate of 6,301 and is represented by 9 parish councillors across 5 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2144	715	2.1%
Horsehay	THZ	3	2792	931	32.9%
Little Dawley	THA	1	788	788	12.6%
Nightingale Walk	TWL	1	124	124	-82.3%
Smallhill Road	TLS	1	453	453	-35.3%
Total		9	6301	700	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Dawley Hamletd were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	2
Resident	6
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	11

Dawley Hamlet Parish Council set out a proposed series of changes:

- Nightingale Walk (ward) should transfer to Madeley Town Council
- Smallhill Road ward with the exception of Lawley Gate should become part of the Horsehay ward
- Horsehay (including parts of Wellington Road, Myford, Woodlands Lane and Roundhouse Park) should move from the Gorge to Dawley Hamlets.
- Upper Pool Hill Road, Horsehay should transfer from Great Dawley Town Council to Dawley Hamlets.
- Station Road, Horsehay should transfer from Great Dawley Town Council to Dawley Hamlets.

- Dawley Hamlet should then consist of three wards Aqueduct, Horsehay and Little Dawley and be composed of 9 councillors.

The themes of the other responses were:

- Merge Dawley Hamlets with Great Dawley.
- That the area of Dawley Hamlets that is composed of the Dawley & Aqueduct Borough ward should be moved to Great Dawley Town Council.
- Horsehay should be moved to the Gorge Parish.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

THE GORGE

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for The Gorge Parish Council are an electorate of 3,157 served by 8 parish councillors in 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	500	250	-36.6%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG	3	1662	554	40.4%
Lightmoor	THC	3	995	332	-16.0%
Total		8	3157	395	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for The Gorge were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Resident	6
Total	8

One submission was received specifically for The Gorge which was to merge The Gorge with Madeley Town Council. The rationale for this was that a larger parish council would better meet the needs of the area than current arrangements.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS LAWLEY & OVERDALE, GREAT DAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL, DAWLEY HAMLET AND THE GORGE

Proposal and rationale

It is proposed that:

- The areas of Little Dawley and Aqueduct are incorporated into Great Dawley Town Council
- That Cambridge Close and Baptist Avenue are incorporated into Great Dawley Town Council
- That the area formed by Concorde, Milners Lane and Dawley Green Way in the existing Lawley & Overdale Parish Council are incorporated into Great Dawley Town Council
- That Horsehay and Doseley are incorporated into The Gorge Parish Council together with the Nightingale Walk parish ward of the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.
- That the Small Hill area is incorporated into Lawley & Overdale Parish Council
- Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is abolished

It is clear that there was recognition through the submissions received about these areas that significant changes were felt to be needed although there were varying views on what those changes should be. This reflects the fact that the current arrangements are unlikely to best reflect the community identity. In making these proposals, there is recognition that there is a distinct mix of (relatively) new-build type communities with much older historic communities. The proposed changes aim to reflect those differences.

Additionally, in terms of identity, the existence of the Bournville Village Trust in Lawley is a feature which is unique to the Lawley area with a strong existing relationship between the Village Trust and the Parish Council. Any changes that affect this relationship or do not maintain the community ties with the Village Trust are not recommended.

It is recognised that Lawley & Overdale Parish Council was created some time ago when the scale of development had not yet been built out and, consequently, the representation ratio is in need of some attention to ensure that there is, as best as possible, equal access to elected representatives.

Finally, some of the changes also bring greater alignment between Parish and Borough boundaries and this is to be welcomed.

New Arrangements

Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

The proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council will have an electorate of 10,357 and be served by 18 parish councillors across 6 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB TLS	5	2979	595.8	3.5%
Lawley East	TLL	4	2492	623	8.3%
Lawley West	WLL	1	532	532	-7.5%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY	4	2692	673	17.0%
Town Centre (Lawley part)	TMH	2	736	368	-36.0%
Horsehay (part)	THZ	2	926	463	-19.5%
Total		18	10357	575	

Great Dawley Parish Council

The proposed Dawley Parish Council will have an electorate of 11,828 served by 18 parish councillors across 6 parish wards.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
Dawley	TDX, TDP, TDA, TDZ	5	3256	651	-0.90%
Doseley Road	THB	1	328	328	-50.08%
Malinslee	TME, TML, TMG, TMH	7	4922	703	7.01%
Trinity	THD	1	390	390	-40.65%
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2144	715	8.81%
Little Dawley	THA	1	788	788	19.92%
Total		18	11828	657	

The Gorge

The proposed Gorge Parish Council will have an electorate of 5,147 served by 10 parish councillors across 4 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	1	500	500	-2.9%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG	3	1662	554	7.6%
Lightmoor	THC	2	995	497.5	-3.3%-3.34%
Horsehay	THZ, TWL	4	1990	497.5	-3.3%-3.34%
Total		10	5147	514.7	

HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY & STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE

HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council consist of a total electorate of 4,279 and is represented by 12 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4279	357

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Hollinswood & Randlay were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	2
Resident	15
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	20

The Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council submission argued that the Parish Council should not merge with any other parish council. It proposed a number of changes:

- The Hem housing development should be placed in a single parish.
- Arundel Close should be part of the parish
- Station Quarter could move into the parish and the development of Southwater Phase 2 along with the Telford International Centre.
- Industrial areas, for example Stafford Park, should not be included in parish boundaries unless specific funding is available to the parish.

Other supporting comments were received for the proposal that Station Quarter should be part of Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council.

Other themes from representations about Hollinswood & Randlay parish arrangements included:

- Hollinswood & Randlay should merge with Stirchley.
- Hollinswood & Randlay should **not** merge with Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council.
- Those properties in Stirchley with a Randlay postcode should move to Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council.
- That the Hem should wholly be part of Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council.
- The existing arrangements should continue without change.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council consist of an electorate of 7,045, served by 13 parish councillors in 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	2986	597	10.2%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	341	341	-37.1%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3718	531	-2.0%
Total		13	7045	542	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Stirchley & Brookside were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	14
Total	17

The submission from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council proposed that the existing arrangements are retained based on current boundaries. The submission suggested that the Hem development in its entirety should be place within the Stirchley ward.

Finally, the existing three wards of Brookside, Holmer Lake and Stirchley should remain as is and that the existing number of 13 Councillors remain unchanged with the existing number of Stirchley ward Councillors best placed to serve an increased electorate from the Hem development.

Other submissions included:

- The two communities should each have their own parish council.
- Retain the existing arrangements as they work for the local community.
- That the Hem development should be wholly within the parish.
- That Arundel Close and Botfield Close should be moved to Randlay & Hollinswood Parish for the reason of community identity.
- Opposition to any proposal to merge Stirchley & Brookside with Hollinswood and Randlay.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY AND STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE

Proposal and Rationale

It is proposed that the two existing parish councils are merged to form The Nedge Parish Council. This would make the Parish Council co-terminous with the Borough boundaries.

It should be noted that the submissions received proposed a variety of options for this area.

The area of The Nedge has, historically, had some movement in boundaries which suggests that the arrangements that have been in place historically have not necessarily best reflected the local community.

The geography of this area is very diverse and it is difficult to create community governance arrangements predicated solely on the geography but they all have connections to the A442 as a common transport link.

New Arrangements

The proposed Nedge Parish Council will have an electorate of 11,324 and be served by 18 parish councillors across 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	7	4279	611	-2.8
Brookside	TBR	5	2986	597	-5.1
Stirchley & Holmer Lake	TTT, TTS, TTH	6	4059	677	7.5
Total		18	11324	629	

MADELEY TOWN COUNCIL

The current arrangements for Madeley Town Council consist of an electorate of 12,721 served by 17 parish councillors across 4 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Academy	TIH	1	217	217	-71.0%
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3917	783	4.7%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3697	739	-1.2%
Woodside	TWP, TWO	6	4890	815	8.9%
Total		17	12,721	748	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Chetwynd were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	9
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Grand	13

Madley Town Council's submission suggested that The Gorge Parish Council, excluding Lightmoor, should become part of Madeley Town Council. In addition, the submission argued that Brookside should not become part of Madeley Town Council as it was not a good fit and Brookside was better aligned with Dawley Hamlets.

Other submissions included:

- a suggestion that the area that forms the existing Town Council should not be increased, nor should the number of councillors be reduced. An alternative suggestion was that the boundary should remain, but the number of councillors should reduce.
- specific comment against any proposal to merge Brookside into the Madeley Town Council area. This was based on lack of shared identity, electoral incoherence and potential strain on Madeley Town Council.
- support for the proposals for Madely Town Council to merge with The Gorge Parish.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS MADELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Proposal and Rationale

It is proposed that the existing arrangements for Madeley Town Council are retained. The arrangements are considered to meet the needs of the community and meet the criteria for the number of councillors. Parish warding arrangements are constrained by the Borough Council ward boundaries which do not allow alternative arrangements to be created for the existing Academy parish ward, an outcome of this is that the Academy parish ward has only a small elector to councillor ratio in comparison to the rest of the parish.

New arrangements

That an electorate of 12,721 continues to be served by 17 parish councillors across 4 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Academy	TIH	1	217	217	-71.0%
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3917	783	4.7%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3697	739	-1.2%
Woodside	TWP, TWO	6	4890	815	8.9%
Total		17	12,721	748	

WELLINGTON, WROCKWARDINE, LITTLE WENLOCK AND RODINGTON

WELLINGTON

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Wellington Town Council consist of an electorate of 17,231 served by 21 parish councillors in 8 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Arleston	WAR	3	2690	897	9.3%
College	WAO	3	2406	802	-2.3%
Dothill	WSD	3	2397	799	-2.6%
Ercall	WGE	3	2421	807	-1.6%
Haygate	WHZ	4	2952	738	-10.1%
Meadows	WAB	1	137	137	-83.3%
Park	WHP	2	2106	1053	28.3%
Shawbirch	WSB	2	2122	1061	29.3%
Total		21	17231	821	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Wellington were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	6
Resident	13
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	5
Total	26

The submission from Wellington Town Council focussed on three themes. These were:

- The Lewis Crescent Ward of Wrockwardine Parish should be moved to Wellington Parish Council. Lewis Crescent is already within the Haygate and Park Borough Council Ward. It forms part of the urban development of Wellington and should logically be transferred from Wrockwardine Parish to Wellington Town Council to provide for co-terminosity with the Borough.
- The Wellington boundary should be extended west of Vesey Court to include all land between the M54 and the B5061.

- Transfer Admaston and Bratton borough ward from Wrockwardine to Wellington. The Admaston and Bratton brough ward already includes the Meadows ward of Wellington Town Council and is generally contiguous with the urban area of Wellington. Removing the area from Wrockwardine leaves Wrockwardine as a rural parish.

The themes of the other submissions for Wellington were:

- Support for the three proposals from Wellington Town Council.
- The creation of a Greater Wellington Town Council which incorporates Wrockwardine, Eyton, Apley, Leegomery and Ercall Magna to drive efficiency and enhance community identity. An increase in the number of Councillors would be required.
- Retain the existing Town Council arrangements.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

WROCKWARDINE

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Wrockwardine Parish Council consist of an electorate of 3,886 served by 10 parish councillors in 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seats	Variance
Admaston & Bratton	WAA	6	2329	388	-0.1%
Lewis Crescent	WHW	1	461	461	18.6%
Wrockwardine	WWC	3	1096	365	-6.0%
Total		10	3886	389	

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Wrockwardine were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	4
Resident	11
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	18

Wrockwardine Prish Council's submission focussed on community identity and meeting community need and the effectiveness of current arrangements. The submission argued that the Parish's existing boundary should not be changed, nor should the Parish be merged with another area. The submission highlighted the need for Admaston and Bratton to remain part of the Council.

The other submissions for Wrockwardine Parish articulated a similar position to the Parish Council's submission with support for the existing boundary to remain unchanged and that the Admaston and Bratton should remain as part of a Parish Council for Wrockwardine.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

LITTLE WENLOCK

The current arrangements for Little Wenlock Parish Council consist of an electorate of 428 electors and 5 councillors in a single unwarded parish:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Little Wenlock	WWD	5	428	86

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Little Wenlock were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Elected member	1
Resident	9
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	13

Little Wenlock Parish Council's submission focussed on the results of a parish survey that they had undertaken. This found that the majority of respondents to that survey wanted to retain an independent Little Wenlock Parish Council and not be merged with another area to create a larger parish area. Respondents wanted to see Little Wenlock Parish retain its rural identity.

That the existing arrangements for the parish should continue to reflect community identity was a core theme of other submissions that were received.

Alternatively, submissions were received that suggested Little Wenlock Parish should merge with Wrockwardine Parish which would create a parish focussed on the needs and concerns of more rural and dispersed communities. This latter comment was predicated on Admaston and Bratton moving from Wrockwardine Parish to Wellington Town Council.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

RODINGTON

Current Arrangements

The current arrangements for Rodington Parish Council are an electorate of 754 with 7 councillors in a single unwarded parish:

Parish ward name	Polling District	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Rodington	WWR, WWN	7	754	108

Phase One Consultation

The type and number of submissions received about the parish arrangements for Rodington were as follows:

Cohort	Number of respondents
Business Representative	2
Resident	3
Parish/Town Council/Meeting	1
Total	6

The Parish Council submission argued that the current community governance arrangements are satisfactory and allow the parish council to provide effective and convenient local government which reflects the identities and interests of the community.

Other submissions received related to all parish and town councils suggesting that they should all be abolished or retained.

WELLINGTON, WROCKWARDINE, LITTLE WENLOCK AND RODINGTON

Proposal and Rationale

It is proposed that

- Admaston and Bratton are incorporated into Wellington Town Council from Wrockwardine Parish Council. The rationale for this proposal is community identity and cohesion. Admaston and Bratton are an extension of the urban community of Wellington, whilst the other part of the existing Wrockwardine Parish is rural. The residents of Admaston and Bratton look to Wellington for the provision of services including schools, medical and dental services and shopping. There is a clear change in identity between Admaston and Wrockwardine which can be seen when travelling from the estate-type development of Admaston towards the village type settlement of Wrockwardine.
- That the Lewis Crescent area of Wrockwardine are also incorporated into Wellington Town Council to bring co-terminosity with the Borough boundaries. In addition, residents in the Haygate Fields development look to Wellington for the provision of services rather than to the village of Wrockwardine. Transport links
- That the rest of Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock Parish are brought together to create a new Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock Parish Council. The rationale for this proposal is community identity. The proposal will bring together two rural areas to better meet the needs of the community.
- The Boundary Review Committee consider whether there is merit in the proposed Wrockwardine & Little Wenlock Parish Council incorporating the area currently served by Rodington Parish Council. this would create a parish council with a clear rural identity serving the western part of the borough's rural area. The proposed Council would have 11 parish councillors compared to 22 for the current arrangements across the 3 parish areas

New Arrangements

Wellington

The proposed Wellington Town Council would have an electorate of 20021 served by 25 Councillors in 9 parish wards. These wards are aligned with the Borough Council wards for the area.

Ward Name	Polling district	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
Arleston	WAR	3	2690	897	12.0%
College	WAO	3	2406	802	0.1%
Dothill	WSD	3	2397	799	-0.2%
Ercall	WGE	3	2421	807	0.8%
Haygate	WHZ, WHW	4	3413	853	6.5%
Park	WHP	3	2106	702	-12.3%
Shawbirch	WSB	3	2122	707	-11.7%
Admaston	WAA (part)	1	1048	1048	30.9%
Bratton	WAA (part)	2	1418	709	-11.5%
Total		25	20021	801	

Little Wenlock & Wrockwardine and Rodington

Option 1: Little Wenlock & Wrockwardine Parish Council and Rodington Parish Council

The proposed Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine Parish Council will have an electorate of 1985 and will be served by 7 parish councillors in 2 parish wards.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per Councillors	Variance
Wrockwardine	WWC	5	1096	219	0.7%
Little Wenlock	WWD	2	428	214	-1.7%
Total		7	1524	218	

Rodington

The current arrangements for Rodington Parish Council will be retained with an electorate of 754 serviced by 7 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling District	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat
Rodington	WWR, WWN	7	754	108

Option 2: Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council

The proposed Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council will have an electorate of 2,278 served by 11 councillors in 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Number of electors per seat	Variance
Wrockwardine	WWC	5	1096	219	5.85%
Little Wenlock	WWD	2	428	214	3.34%
Rodington	WWR, WWN	4	754	189	-8.98%
Total		11	2278	207	