

Great Dawley

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| <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] The contents of this email are my own thoughts and reflections, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, I believe it to be a well run Council, providing for the needs of its residents. I was horrified and shocked to read on page 33 of the recommendations to the Boundary Revue Committee that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council should be abolished. I attended the meeting of the Boundary Revue Committee on Monday 12th May, expecting the Committee members to have a discussion about this recommendation. As you know there was no such discussion. The submission by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council was for the two newest Wards, Nightingales Walk and Smallhill be returned to the Parish Councils they used to be in and retain Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Horsehay Wards. In order to abolish DHPC all of its wards would need to be moved to other Parish/Town Councils. I cannot find any valid reasons within the recommendations to move Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Horsehay Wards. The submission given by Great Dawley Town Council to take over the Aqueduct ward " as it is in the Borough Ward of Dawley and Aqueduct", seems to be for convenience only. At a meeting I attended in March, [REDACTED], I was assured this would not be a reason to move Parish Wards. There was also a suggestion that Little Dawley move to Great Dawley Town Council, without any reasons given. A decision was taken to move the Horsehay Ward of DHPC to the Gorge Parish Council, not a request made by the Gorge Parish Council, once again without any reasons given. Who makes these decisions and on what grounds? I would like to read the submissions made about Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, 2 from Business Representatives, 2 from Elected Members and 6 from Residents to see if they have made submissions asking for changes to Dawley Hamlets Council. I genuinely believe that Parish Councils are there to serve their local community and provide for their needs, rather than for the convenience of Borough Boundaries and resident numbers. I am finding it very difficult to find any rationale for these changes. I would appreciate answers to my questions so that I can put a new comprehensive response during the next consultation period</p> <p>I am objecting to the possibility of merging the parish Council, i feel the dhpc fo a good job, so there is no need to merge</p> <p>I strongly protest the apparent abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish council contained in this present review. It does not even have a selection option amongst the 'tick boxes' on the online survey. This appears opaque and anti-democratic to the ordinary voter and is another example of high handed councils making decisions before any public consultation is finished. The character of the villages and estates along the edge of the gorge is semi-rural, I live in old Aqueduct which was historically a part of Madeley and governed by Much Wenlock Rural District Council. I believe some evidence of this still exists in the Local Nature Reserve and many horse paddocks along the travel corridor defined by the Eastern Primary and Madeley Branch of the railway. It would be against these values that partitioning the Hamlets amongst The Gorge, Greater Dawley and Madeley would run. I believe that Greater Dawley spreading South towards Madeley without the 'buffer' of a greener parish would create urban sprawl which goes against what many parishioners feel for their area.</p> <p>Throughout the first consultation and now the second consultation of the Community Governance Review I have expected transparency, trust and meaningful participation from Telford & Wrekin Council. I have another example of how I do not think this is happening. At two residents of DHP meetings last night, the same complaint was made time and time</p> |

again. Residents want to complete your on line survey to give their reasons for not abolishing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, there is no facility to do this on your survey, Before being allowed access to a comments box residents are asked to select one of the "newly proposed parish/town councils". Residents of DHPC do not want to respond to your "proposed parish councils, they want to submit their views on why DHPC should not be abolished. This is a bias against Dawley Parish Council. I am sure, even at this stage of the review T&WC IT team could adapt the on line review so that residents of DHP can more easily make their comments known.

Abolition of Dawley Hamlets parish council - I must object to this proposition in the strongest terms. It's yet another example of a Labour Council trying to stifle free speech and democracy.

I am writing to submit my formal response to the Community Governance Review. I am strongly opposed to the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, and I am extremely concerned that the online survey fails to include Dawley Hamlets Parish Council in the list of town and parish councils. This omission is not only confusing, but frankly insulting to residents who are being directly affected. It prevents meaningful participation and risks invalidating the consultation process. Below are my comments as structured by the questions in the online form:

1. Please set out your comments on the draft proposed town and parish council arrangements below. Please include the reasons for your views. I oppose the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This council plays a vital role in representing and serving our local community. Residents benefit from a responsive, grassroots form of government with a clear understanding of local needs. The current arrangements work well and are delivered at a very low cost to taxpayers—just £29.04 for Band D properties. Transferring our wards to Great Dawley Town Council or The Gorge Parish Council would mean a massive increase in council tax precept, rising to as much as £317.00. There is no justification for this increase, especially when Dawley Hamlets Parish Councillors are unpaid and the current council delivers excellent value. This proposal would also result in a loss of local identity, accountability, and democratic representation. The community engagement sessions held on 2 June made it clear that residents overwhelmingly oppose these changes.
2. Some town and parish councils will own assets such as community centres, cemeteries, play areas and similar. What views, if any, do you have as to how these assets should be managed should there be any changes to the current town and parish council arrangements? If any changes are implemented (which I do not support), all existing assets—such as play areas, community spaces, or other facilities—should remain under local control and continue to serve the communities that originally funded and maintained them. It would be unacceptable for these assets to be transferred to other councils without full transparency, proper consultation, and protections for continued community benefit.
3. Some town and parish councils will have reserves (similar to savings in a household). What views, if any, do you have as to how these reserves should be managed should there be any changes to the current town and parish council arrangements?

With regards to the possible abolition of the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council I want to object to changing to the Great Dawley Town Council. We have an amazing parish council and I want to remain under Dawley Hamlets Parish Council who look after the interests of us residents. I do not believe being forced into being absorbed into Great Dawley Town Council would be of any benefit to the residents of Dawley Hamlets Parish - in fact the opposite. As the saying goes "If it ain't broke don't fix it".

I am contacting you on behalf of a group of deeply concerned residents of Horsehay Hamlet regarding your proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We feel that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council provides a strong link between residents and the wider Borough authority, removing the council would destroy this grassroots democracy and we feel that local democracy should be preserved and strengthened. We strongly oppose the abolition of our Parish council and wish our comments to be seriously considered before any decisions are made.

I am a resident of Aqueduct in Dawley Hamlets Parish and am contacting you to voice my concerns regarding your proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This move would not only strip our community of its local representation but would also undermine the ability of us as residents to have a direct and meaningful say in the governance of our area. For many years, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has played a vital role in advocating for our community's interests, maintaining our local identity, and ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and priorities of those of us who live here. The abolition of our Parish Council would erode this local voice, forcing residents into a larger governing structure where our concerns risk being overshadowed by broader borough-wide interests. Local governance is not merely administrative; it is fundamental to the fabric of our community. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council serves as a crucial link between residents and the wider borough authority, helping to preserve the unique character of our towns and villages while addressing local issues efficiently. Removing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would diminish this grassroots democracy, weakening the connection between governance and the people it serves. Without a dedicated Parish Council, decisions that directly impact Dawley Hamlets would be made by a larger authority that may lack the local knowledge and understanding required to make informed choices for our specific community. For example, the local nature reserve, historical sites and the school are at the heart of our village. I fear that our issues will not have the same significance or priority if we are swallowed up by our urban neighbour. Thus, leaving us, as residents, feeling unheard, disengaged, and disconnected from the governance process. I urge those responsible for this review to carefully reconsider the impact of their proposal. The removal of our Parish Council would not only result in a loss of local identity but would also set a concerning precedent for the future of community-led governance across Telford. Local democracy should be strengthened, not dismantled.

We wish to object to the abolishment of the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We have been much impressed by the care and commitment of this Parish Council. Their outstanding work most especially to the elderly has been highly valued by both ourselves, neighbours and others. It would be a great sadness if this Parish Council were to be abolished. Such excellent people are not easily replaced.

I write in support for the maintenance and continuation of the above Parish Council. The Parish Council carries out a vital service for the communities of Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Horsehay. The wards are a collection of small, discrete and long established villages which have their own character and needs together with more recently built homes. Dawley Hamlets Parish Councillors understand and recognise the support required to maintain the clear sense of community development necessary to support the range of children, working and other adults and retired people living in the hamlets. To absorb us into a considerably bigger council that share very little of our sense of belonging to an established community. In addition we have not been provided with any information or guarantee relating how the current level of service will be maintained or improved, especially when also facing a considerable increase in the precept. I therefore voice my strong objection to absorbing the parish Council into a greater council when, as far as I am aware there has been no research into the benefits to be gained.

Thank you for your email. I have read your comments with great interest. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I will continue to campaign against the Boundary Review Committee's proposal to abolish DHPC by moving the Aqueduct and Little Dawley Wards to Great Dawley Town Council and the Horsehay Ward to the Gorge Parish Council because there are no benefits to the residents of DHPC. I believe in order to abolish DHPC, Telford & Wrekin Council must provide evidence that this is in response to justified, clear and sustained local support. This has not been done. explain the benefits to DHPC residents. This has not been done. show that DHPC is unfit for purpose. This has not been done.

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I currently reside on Ellis Peters Drive, Aqueduct which is the only area of Aqueduct not under Dawley Hamlets. I therefore request this to be changed from Dawley Town Council to Dawley Hamlets as soon as possible.

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I am writing as a long time (36 years) resident of Horsehay and a constituent of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I am very dismayed at the current proposal to abolish our local Parish Council. I am also aware that I am not alone in my view. I have spoken to numerous residents about this and attended a Public Meeting in our local village hall some days ago, where 40 plus residents were present and no one present was in favour of this proposal. I am also aware that a similar meeting was held in Aqueduct where the same public opinion was expressed. In addition, I have not been able to ascertain any reasoning behind the proposed changes or indeed what benefits will be gained by residents if the proposal goes ahead. I am very concerned about the enormous increase in the precept levied, that residents of the Aqueduct area will suffer by such a change. This all at a time of national and global financial hardships and insecurities. Why contemplate adding further to this unless the benefits are substantial, known and guaranteed. I have not been able to find any reasons why DHPC should be abolished. The Council is well run, in contact with its residents and economical. To my understanding there have never been any questions about its management of tax payers monies, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have received help and support both financial and other and the area is clearly benefitting from this. This is totally in tune with the TWC green policies and their emphasis on the environment. I am aware that DHPC also support a number of other local groups within their Parish. To me, this is an important part of the function of a Parish Council and DHPC are very good at this. I trust you will take these views in your further consideration of the proposed abolition

I am writing to say that I would like the Ellis Peters estate, Aqueduct, to join the rest of Aqueduct to be in Dawley Hamlets.

Dear Councillors, I write to express my profound concern and unwavering opposition to the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and the subsequent transfer of our community to Great Dawley Council. This proposal represents not merely an administrative reorganisation, but a fundamental threat to the quality of local governance that our residents have come to rely upon and value deeply. The Irreplaceable Value of Local Parish Governance Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has consistently demonstrated an intimate understanding of our community's unique needs, challenges, and aspirations. Unlike larger administrative bodies, our parish council operates with the invaluable advantage of proximity – both geographical and social – to the residents they serve. This closeness translates into responsive, nuanced, and effective local governance that would be impossible to replicate within the broader structure of Great Dawley Council. The parish council's awareness of local issues is not theoretical but practical and immediate. They possess detailed knowledge of our streets, our concerns, and our community dynamics that can only come from genuine local engagement. This granular understanding enables them to address problems swiftly and appropriately, tailoring solutions to the specific context of our neighbourhood rather than applying generic approaches that may prove inadequate or inappropriate. I can speak from personal experience about the exceptional support provided by our parish council during challenging circumstances. When my family faced a prolonged and distressing situation involving severely antisocial and criminal behaviour from neighbours, it was our parish council that provided consistent, dedicated assistance. They maintained regular contact throughout our ordeal, offered practical guidance, liaised with relevant authorities on our behalf, and demonstrated a level of commitment and understanding that went far beyond mere administrative duty. This level of personalised support and advocacy would be entirely

unrealistic to expect from a larger council structure. The parish council's ability to invest time and attention in individual cases, while maintaining awareness of how such issues affect the broader community, represents a standard of local governance that is both rare and precious. Beyond crisis support, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council plays a vital role in maintaining the safety, cleanliness, and general wellbeing of our area. Their proactive approach to community maintenance, their responsiveness to residents' concerns about local amenities, and their commitment to preserving and enhancing our neighbourhood's character contribute immeasurably to our quality of life. The council's work in keeping our area safe extends beyond formal responsibilities to encompass a genuine stewardship role – they serve as vigilant guardians of community standards and active advocates for residents' interests. This dedication to local welfare would inevitably be diluted within a larger administrative framework where individual communities must compete for attention and resources. The proposed transfer to Great Dawley Council would not only diminish the quality of local representation but would also impose additional financial burden upon residents through higher council tax rates. This represents a double penalty – reduced service quality coupled with increased costs. Such an outcome serves neither fiscal responsibility nor community welfare. The current parish council structure represents excellent value for money, delivering high-quality, personalised services at a reasonable cost. The efficiency and effectiveness achieved through local knowledge and community engagement cannot be easily replicated through larger, more distant administrative structures. Local parish councils represent democracy at its most immediate and accessible level. They provide residents with direct access to decision-makers who genuinely understand their circumstances and concerns. The abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would create a democratic deficit that no amount of administrative efficiency could compensate for. Our parish council serves as more than a service provider – it functions as the embodiment of community self-determination and local democratic participation. To dissolve this institution would be to sacrifice the very essence of local governance in favour of a model that prioritises administrative convenience over community representation. I urge you, as representatives of the broader Telford community, to recognise the exceptional value that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council provides to our residents and to reject any proposal that would compromise this vital local institution. The parish council's record of dedicated service, local expertise, and community engagement represents a model of governance that should be preserved and celebrated, not dismantled in pursuit of administrative uniformity. The residents of Dawley Hamlets deserve to maintain their current level of local representation and should not be compelled to accept diminished services at increased cost. I respectfully request that you consider the genuine concerns of our community and vote against any proposal to abolish our parish council. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

This is an email to join the petition to join Ellis Peters Estate to the rest of the Aqueduct so that we are part of the Dawley hamlet. Hope to hear back soon.

I am a long standing resident of 44 years at the address at the top of this letter. I very much enjoy living under the governance of dawley hamlets parish council and strongly support this parosh councils existence & it's great local service must continue into the future. Please do not abolish it.

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Subject: Proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and incorporation of Horsehay into the Gorge Parish Council. I have been a resident of Horsehay for 38 years, and before that in Jackfield for 6 years. I am very concerned about the proposed changes to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. Whilst trying to express my concerns on the T&WC council website, I found that there was no option to reference Dawley Hamlets on the list of parishes. This is either an error or possibly an indication that the decision to abolish the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has already been made. During my time at Horsehay I have been very impressed with the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. The councillors have been helpful with problems and have provided much financial support to local services and facilities. This is done on the basis of local knowledge of a well-defined community. The proposal to remove Horsehay from the adjoining areas of Dawley and lump it with the Gorge, with which it has no physical connection, separated by 2 miles of mainly fields and woodland, makes no practical sense whatsoever. The priorities of the Gorge, which is primarily a tourist attraction are different from those of the mainly residential area of Horsehay, which has very few facilities. I am also concerned that apart from the electronic form on the T&WC website, which does not include Dawley Hamlets, there has been little information or consultation about these changes. If we have a vote on who should represent us on the parish council, surely we should have a vote on the very existence of the parish council. I am very aware that there have been significant changes in the population and housing in the borough, but Dawley Hamlets remains a recognisable community and as such should remain as it is.

I have lived in Horsehay for 38 years and I am deeply concerned that Dawley Hamlets may lose its Parish Council. Despite the growth of 2 new estates, Horsehay has retained its village atmosphere. We may have lost the shop and Post Office and 2 of the 4 pubs but many of the original residents still live here and remember working at AB Cranes, the reason this community began. The Parish councillors sort out problems and provide 2 free parties for the over 65's each year, one in the summer and one at Christmas. They organise the Christmas tree and the book library and support the Annual Horticultural Show. They supply Easter eggs for the local Dawley school. This would probably all finish if we became part of the Gorge Parish Council. We have little in common with the Gorge which has become a tourist destination with parking issues. It is also quite separate geographically with no houses between Jiggers bank and the Coke Hearth. Indeed it would make more sense to link Lightmoor and Dciseley with Dawley Hamlets and keep the Gorge separate as this will increase in size anyway when the Coalbrookdale "AGA" site is developed. Ironbridge has many issues including Jackfield subsidence, flooding in the gorge, traffic problems when the Power Station development is up and running and I feel that Horsehay will not be represented fairly if it leaves Dawley Hamlets. It will be overshadowed by interests in the Gorge. As far as I know, Gorge residents have not been told about these plans. They have had no meeting and it will affect them too. I feel that there should be a vote on this, open to all concerned. The general feeling is that it is a bad idea. Aquaduct will face a large increase in their precept from £29 to over £300 pa by being linked to Dawley Town Council. If this change in representation is repeated throughout Telford it will lose the identity of many of the original villages. I am very concerned that this decision has already been made. Firstly Dawley Hamlets is not even listed as an area for comment and secondly several people who were formerly listed as living in Horsehay have now been classified as residents of Dawley. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council serves as a crucial link between residents and the wider borough authority, helping to keep the unique character of our communities. Local councillors know the feelings of its residents. Gorge councillors would not. I hope that you

will take notice of residents views and that this has not been decided already.Keep Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It works. It is relatively cheap and is wanted.

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explained the benefit to residents of moving to a different Town/ Parish Council. There has never been a suggestion that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is not fit for purpose.

To the review body. I am a Parish councillor for Aqueduct and a resident of Aqueduct. Having read about abolishing a parish council, I don't think you have yet met the criteria which is to take into account the wishes of the people living in the area. To be able to say the parish council is badly run. To list the advantages of the council we would be SUBSUMED into. Our council is solvent, well run and looks after its residents very well. I think you need to look at this from DHPC point of view to make sure you are making the right decision.

Opposing the abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I taught at the Phoenix School in Dawley for 31 years, during this time I worked with families and pupils from Dawley, Malinslee, Little Dawley, Aqueduct, Horsehay and Doseley, which gave me an excellent insight into the needs of all these local communities. I have lived in Aqueduct for 49 years, my belief is, you need to live within a community to understand it [REDACTED]

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Pack, CGR Appendix A, page 35 published 8th May:• A further concern arises from the lack of transparency and consistency in the second phase of the review. When the updated information pack was published on the 19th May, it initially omitted any reference to the proposal to abolish DHPC. As a result: - Residents were unaware: that abolition remained the proposal under consideration. - No media coverage occurred: as the omission meant the press had no clear indication of the proposal's continuation. - Public engagement was undermined: as residents were not given a fair opportunity to respond to the actual recommendation. Upon contacting the CGR team, DHPC received a response on the 21st May confirming that a clarifying line would be added: "these draft proposals, if adopted, would see the parish of Dawley Hamlet subsumed into other proposed parish areas as clearly demonstrated by the maps in Appendix 3". This clarification was briefly included in the information pack (see extract below) but was then removed without notice sometime in June. This sequence of events raises serious questions about the integrity of the consultation process. This document should clearly state the CGR committees' proposal to abolish DHPC which it does not. DHPC also wishes to highlight resident concerns regarding the readability and useability of the maps provided in appendix 3 due to lack of clarity and detail and their sheer volume (98 in total) hindering their ability to understand the proposed changes. The second-stage of the CGR consultation invites public responses from the 19th May – 14th July primarily via an online survey, with a QR code provided for convenience. Dawley Hamlets is omitted from the town and parish council selection list (see below). Part way through the consultation process, without notification, this question was changed to include the words 'draft proposed'. DHPC has received multiple reports from residents expressing confusion and frustration with this online survey. Specifically: - DHPC was not listed as a selectable option in the survey, leaving residents unable to identify the parish they wished to comment on. - Some residents reported selecting a random parish just to proceed with the survey, undermining the accuracy of the data collected. - Others were unable to complete the survey at all, effectively silencing their views. This flawed design has serious implications: - Misattribution of responses: Comments intended for DHPC may be incorrectly assigned to other councils - especially if respondents used the term "Dawley," which could refer to either Dawley Hamlets Parish Council or Great Dawley Town Council. - Underrepresentation of DHPC: The inability to select DHPC directly may result in artificially low response numbers, misrepresenting the true level of community engagement. - Data contamination: The survey's structure risks producing a distorted picture of public opinion, which could be used to justify decisions not supported by the affected community. DHPC is deeply concerned that the CGR conducted by T&WC has not upheld the principles of transparency, trust, and meaningful public participation. Despite assurances from the CGR Committee that public feedback would shape the outcome of the review, DHPC has observed several troubling patterns that undermine confidence in the process. Despite the best efforts of DHPC to make residents and interested parties aware and encourage them to comment on this review, many of our older residents will not take part as they do not have access to the internet or email. Those that attended our recent summer party were very much against their Parish Council being abolished, we leave you with just a few of the residents' comments to think about when you are considering your decision. Parish Councils should only be abolished in exceptional circumstances and it is required to show broad, long-term community backing for such a decision. Having completed a full engagement process with our residents we believe that there is a clear and sustained desire NOT to abolish this Parish Council. As many of our residents have told us 'if it isn't broke, don't try to fix it!' [REDACTED]

I would like to add my name to the list of people requesting Ellis Peters Estate. To join the rest of Aqueduct and become part of Dawley Hamlets for council tax purposes.

I couldn't attend the meeting on 2nd June, However, I wish the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to remain in place and not merge with Great Dawley Tiwn Council. Thank you.

I am writing to say that I totally disagree with the proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I have lived in Spring Village, part of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, for the last 35 years. I recently went to a well attended public meeting at Horsehay Village Hall, where everyone spoke in support of keeping the Parish Council as it is and there was no support for the proposals to change. After reading all the available documentation about the reasons for the change, I cannot see any logical benefit to Horsehay residents in abolishing the local Parish Council. It seems like change for change sake and also makes our Parish Council much less local. I don't think many people of Horsehay feel any link to the Ironbridge Gorge Parish Council. Infact I along with a few other Horsehay residents went to a recent Ironbridge Gorge Parish Council Meeting and in the public session we had a healthy discussion about the proposals with the councillors and I didn't get any impression that this change was one that they wanted either. Infact they had great sympathy with us and said that if their Parish Council was being broken up they would fight to stop any changes as well. If the changes go ahead our Parish Council will be split in two with Aqueduct going into Dawley and Horsehay going into Ironbridge, both charging much greater precepts and in the case of Aqueduct a massive increase. The Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is well run, whilst not agreeing with all their decisions, I still feel that it serves many of the needs of the residents. It is financially viable and is generous in grants to local organisations and the events in the Parish that it supports. I have witnessed first hand the support that the Parish has given to The Friends of Horsehay Pool, Telford Steam Railway and the Horsehay Horticultural Show to mention just 3 organisations. In summary I am totally against the abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, please take my views into account and make them available to all members of the decision making group.

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i am writing on behalf of my husband and myself regarding DHPC and the grave concern we have that it could be merged into something else, into another council or similar. It makes us very sad to feel this threat because this area has its own personality and identity will be likely drowned out if it should be changed / merged. in a fast changing world this is one thing we and our friends and neighbours of this area agree on we don't want DHPC abolished we need things to stay as they are even though so many other things of life are changing rapidly. this is where we live its our home our neighbourhood. many of us are elderly more simple folk and don't understand the complexities of politics or planning, but we vehemently say please leave us as we are - little dawley hamlets. thank you for this opportunity to share our passionate beliefs. also here is talk of us paying more CT if merged and we don't think that's fair because we wouldn't benefit from this more than likely the other areas would though at our expense, for example, the swimming pool in dawley. apologies if any of these fears are unfounded but that's what we've heard.

As a resident of the area for more than 30 years I am concerned about the proposal to abolish our Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC), and the way in which the procedure has been handled. DHPC is an efficient and responsive local body, with experienced and committed members who are familiar with the area and understand the issues that affect us. They facilitate and enable locals to voice their views on local planning, safety and environmental issues, and have advocated for and with residents on issues affecting our welfare and daily lives. They also quietly organise and carry out smaller acts for the improvement of local life, such as litter picking, little libraries and a Christmas meal for older residents. All of this is achieved with a low average annual precept, which is appropriate for the disparate small communities which fall within the Parish Council area. Our environment and concerns are not the same as those in The Gorge or Great Dawley, one or other of whom we would likely be included in if the changes were to go ahead. The lack of easily accessible information provided about the proposed changes for residents, and failure to

even include the DHPC on the list of councils in the online Governance Review Survey indicates a large part of the problem. Many people are represented by DHPC, but otherwise we seem to be forgotten. The officers of DHPC do a good job in representing the residents of their area; there is no equally good, or any sound alternative being offered, and no reason given for the proposed abolition. I urge the Committee to reconsider this proposal and to leave DHPC as it is to function as a good example of grassroots local government. And I am aware that many of my neighbours feel the same.

Re: Dawley Hamlets Parish Council have been a resident of Horsehay and Doseley for over 45 years. [REDACTED]. I am writing to you concerning the current proposals for Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC). The proposals from the Review Committee of T&W Council recommend dismantling DHPC and putting Horsehay and Doseley in with the Ironbridge Gorge PC and adding Little Dawley and Aqueduct to Great Dawley Town Council. I am objecting to these proposals. These are the points I wish to raise: 1. DHPC is a long established and well run Parish Council with a large enough electorate for it to be viable. 2. There has been no move or request that I am aware of from residents for these proposed changes. 3. Many residents are concerned that the proposed abolishing of DHPC will result in less focus and support for local groups, organisations and facilities. Local democracy will suffer. 4. There has been no clear explanation for these proposed changes. 5. There will be increases in the precept for DHPC residents if these changes go ahead. Horsehay ward residents would see their precept increase from £29.04 to £63.91 and Little Dawley and Aqueduct residents will see their precept massively increased from £29.04 to £317.00. Almost 11 times greater than their present precept. (All band 4 figures). 6. One obvious consequence would be that Dawley Town Council would receive a massive boost in their precept income. Difficult for me to be accurate but if there are 2932 electorate residents in Little Dawley and Aqueduct and we assume 2 per household average, then the financial increase for Dawley Town Council could be £929,444. per annum. I have based my calculations on the T&W Community Governance Reviews Information Pack, May 2025. Five of the nine DHPC Councillors, all Labour, are also Dawley Town Councillors. Four of them are also Borough Councillors. One of them is also on the Review Committee. To the best of my knowledge none of them have commented publicly on the proposals and some of them have claimed that is due to conflict of interest. One of them has said nothing at all even though I wrote to him personally. My understanding is that Councillors are able to voice their opinions publicly as long as they make their circumstances clear. I do not believe conflict of interest is an issue for them if they are clear about their circumstances. I think there may be other questions about conflict of interest in this process. 7. I do not believe there has been any serious attempt by T&W Council to make residents, particularly the residents of Little Dawley and Aqueduct, aware of the significant increase in precept that they could discover when they next get their rates statement. I can accept the increase for Horsehay although it is double. I doubt if residents getting a tenfold increase will be quite so sanguine and I would like to know whether they can expect a service from Dawley Town Council that will be ten times better than what they are presently receiving. 8. There will be a significant cost to this removal of a perfectly viable Parish Council. Has this been considered? If the change has no obvious benefits, quite a few disadvantages and is unpopular why is it being proposed? 9. I consider these proposals to be undemocratic, they do not appear to take into account the views and feelings of local residents and due to the perception of some of our elected representatives that they have a 'conflict of interest' and are unable or unwilling to communicate with us or to speak on our behalf I believe these proposals are not being made with the best interests of the residents of DHPC. I have yet to see or hear any convincing argument in favour of the proposals. That raises the questions in my mind, 'Why are they being proposed?' and 'Who is in favour of them?' 10. I found nothing in the T&W Community Governance Review that explained the

reasoning behind these proposals. For all the above reasons I do not support these proposals.

The review has put forward a Proposal to abolish (subsume) Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I wish you to record that I oppose the proposal. My main objection is the fact that the proposal does not in any way support the households within the parish. Having considered the available documentation I am particularly disturbed by the fact that the Review Committee has not given us any valid reasons for their decision. Furthermore they have not outlined any perceived benefits to DHPC households. The DHPC name tells a lot about this Parish which comprises of several unique and diverse communities. The said communities come together under the umbrella of DHPC to serve the said communities. To deprive the said communities of this togetherness would be doing a grave disservice to the said communities. In an era when central government is devolving powers to smaller entities it is disheartening to find that Telford and Wrekin Council are moving in the opposite direction. There are significant cost implications for all DHPC households contained in the review committee's proposals. Residents who transfer to Great Dawley Town Council are very likely to see a ten fold increase in their precept and those transferring to the Gorge Parish Council would see their precept more than double. In a continuing cost of living crisis is it fair to impose such massive financial burdens on households? Then there is the cost to residents because decision making is no longer local.

Objection to the Proposed Abolition of Our Parish Council I am writing to express strong objection to the proposal to abolish our existing parish council and transfer our area into the Greater Dawley Parish. This change would result in: 1. Loss of Local Representation. We would lose our dedicated parish councillors, who understand the unique needs, priorities, and identity of our community. Representation would shift to councillors with no specific mandate to represent our area. 2. Increased Precept (Local Tax) Being absorbed into Greater Dawley Parish will involve an increase in the parish precept — effectively raising our local council tax. This is particularly unfair given that service levels and community priorities may not reflect our specific needs. 3. Erosion of Community Identity. Our parish has its own history, voice, and character. Merging it into a larger body risks diluting this identity and reducing the ability of local residents to influence decisions that directly affect them. 4. Lack of Democratic Mandate It appears there has been no meaningful consultation or ballot of local residents on this significant change. Such a restructuring should not proceed without clear and overwhelming local support, which to my knowledge has not been demonstrated. I urge decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and instead invest in strengthening, not dissolving, local democratic structures that allow residents to have a meaningful say in their own communities.

I object to getting rid of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to amalgamate with other parishes as it would incur costs for our household. The service they provide include: 1. Commenting on local planning applications. 2. Looking after public spaces by strimming on major paths. 3. Litter picking. 4. Provide and keep books stocked up in the little book exchanges in the area. 5. Organise social gatherings for elderly residents at Christmas and summer. These are just a few projects they're involved in - more are noted in their minutes from monthly meetings. My husband and I are residents in this area and have worked well with Dawley Hamlets over the years. We're very happy with what they do - they communicate and respond well and do a great job. As local pensioners we would not want to lose this and possibly have to pay extra costs. Why change something that works!!!

Community Governance Reviews Information Pack – Updated May 2025 – proposals re Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. My attention was recently drawn to this document and its proposal to butcher the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I have lived in the parish for some 17-18 years and was completely unaware of any dissatisfaction amongst my friends, colleagues and neighbours with the existing structure of the parish yet I find the proposals in this document seek to abolish the parish completely. Further although I am still active to a

degree in the Horsehay area despite my advancing years, I had until recently heard no detailed mention of these proposals amongst my acquaintances so I am writing to express my unease and disagreement as a Horsehay resident at what is being suggested. The references to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC) I wish to draw attention to are as follows:-Page 17 LAWLEY & OVERDALE. It is proposed that the Small Hill area is incorporated into Lawley & Overdale Parish Council from Dawley Hamlet Parish Council. Page 18 THE GORGE. It is proposed 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. Page 29 - shows the existing Horsehay Parish Ward of DHPC. Page 32 - shows the existing Smallhill Road Ward of DHPC noted above at Page 17 as proposed to be moved to Lawley and Overdale. Pages 106 - maps the proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council. Page 113 - maps the proposed The Gorge Parish Council. It can be seen from the maps on pages 106 and 113 that – although totally unmentioned in any of the document narrative – what can be considered as the “Heart” of Horsehay is also seemingly to be moved into Lawley and Overdale without so much as a footnote or a by your leave. I do not say the Heart of Horsehay lightheartedly since the area in question includes the Steam Railway Trust, the Village Hall, the Bowling Club and Green, Horsehay Pool, Old and New Rows, the redeveloped industrial complex and last but not least one of the only two remaining pubs in this vicinity! I personally see no reason why the existing Parish cannot remain. However if the parish has to be split despite no arguments in the CGR document as to why this should be necessary or any mention of any failures of the existing arrangements then I consider that the whole of the Horsehay Parish Ward (with the exception of the Smallhill Road enclave north-west of the A5223 Wellington Road) has a much more natural affiliation with the proposed Gorge Council area given their mutual historical and industrial heritage than it will ever have to the current Lawley and Overdale proposed council area.

We object along side with others to getting rid of Dawley Hamlet Parish Council with the intention to amalgamate with other Parishes as it would cost for our households. The services they provide include: 1. Commenting on local planning applications. 2. Looking after public spaces by streaming on major paths. 3. Little picking. 4. Provide and keep books stocked up in the little book exchange in the area. 5. Organise social gatherings for elderly residents it's Christmas and summer. This are just a few projects they are involved in - more noted in the minutes from monthly meetings. For nearly 40 years, they have been very supportive, communicated well with us and came to help when we asked. We really value their contribution. If something works so well, why change it?

I am concerned to hear you are considering abolishing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I have been a resident in Lightmoor for nearly 40 years and have been very pleased with the work the DHPC do. I have been able to communicate with them effectively my concerns with a number of local issues and feel they have a good understanding of the local area. I am concerned that being incorporated into a larger parish council would not represent me and my neighbours as well. Dawley Hamlets is a distinct area and quite different to the adjoining councils of the Gorge or Greater Dawley. Local representation is something I value and urge you to maintain.

I am emailing to you as [REDACTED] organisers of the Horsehay Flower, Vegetable, and Craft Show. This much-loved annual event is held at Horsehay Village Hall and is open to the entire local community. It has been proudly supported by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for many years. As a committee, we are deeply concerned about the proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. Our show, which has run for over 150 years, would simply not survive without their ongoing support. The loss of such a long-standing village event would be a significant blow not only to Horsehay but to the wider community as well. Once common across the Telford area, local shows like ours are now rare. We are one of the few that remain, and it is only through

community effort and the invaluable support of the Parish Council that we are able to continue. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council understands the importance of community involvement and actively encourages events like ours. Abolishing the Parish Council risks losing vital local knowledge, historical context, and community spirit—all of which are essential for fostering engagement and local identity. Their support enables democratic participation at a grassroots level and ensures that the voices of our residents are heard and respected. We strongly urge those responsible for this review to reconsider the serious implications of their proposal. Removing the Parish Council would not only erode local identity but also set a concerning precedent for the future of community-led governance in Telford. Local democracy should be strengthened, not dismantled. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council deserves to be retained. It is an essential part of our community's voice and heritage, and its abolition would be a significant and deeply regrettable loss. We, as the Horsehay Horticultural Society Committee, firmly oppose this proposal. We call for a solution that protects local representation, preserves our community's identity, and upholds the principles of democratic engagement. Please do not abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

I submitted a response to the proposals on July 10th. I received an acknowledgement [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I have subsequently been made aware of discrepancies and misinformation in the documentation and maps that have been provided by T&W Council as part of the consultation process. I have written to my local Parish and Borough Councillors [REDACTED]. I am now submitting these additional comments that I am making as part of my response to the consultation. I would like these to be considered alongside my previous comments made on July 10th. Following information from an observant local resident I looked again at the documentation in the Community Governance Review Information pack. The proposed Parish boundaries maps are clearly at odds with the written descriptions in the CGR Information Pack (updated May 2025). I believe this amounts to misinformation. The boundary proposals from T&W Council also clearly go against the judgments and decisions from the Boundary Commission in August 2022 as part of the consultation for the Borough boundaries. This is what the documentation says: The narrative for Lawley and Overdale would naturally lead anyone reading it to think that the only part of Dawley Hamlets PC that was to be moved to Lawley & Overdale would be the Small Hill (road) area. There is no mention of the fact that most of Horsehay, all of Spring Village and a large part of Doseley are also intended to be moved to Lawley & Overdale. It is interesting to note that TLS (Small Hill Road) has been included with Lawley Common and not named, whilst THZ, Horsehay, Spring Village and Doseley is labelled 'Horsehay (part)'. It is reasonable to assume that anyone reading the Lawley & Overdale section of the document would assume that 'Horsehay (part)' refers to Small Hill Road. This shows where 'Small Hill' is. They don't add the word road in the info above. The Small Hill Road area is designated as TLS. The Horsehay and Doseley Ward area is designated THZ. TLS and THZ both appear in the table above but not in a way that corresponds to the narrative. The documentation for the Gorge PC suggests that Horsehay and Doseley (THZ) will become part of the Gorge PC. It is not made clear that a large part of Horsehay and Doseley is intended to become part of Lawley & Overdale and Horsehay and Doseley would be divided along the middle of a long established road with residents' properties on both sides. Anyone reading this part of the narrative for Ironbridge Gorge without carefully studying the proposed boundary map, which is in a completely separate part of the document and labelled as 'Lawley & Overdale Parish Council', would naturally assume that all of Horsehay & Doseley were proposed to become part of the Gorge PC. This is the relevant part of the map for Lawley & Overdale proposals in the documentation: I find it difficult to believe that all this 'mis-labelling' and lack of clear information about important changes is not deliberate. I believe that this misinformation also led to the Chair of Dawley Hamlets PC calling a meeting in Horsehay to tell me and about 30 other residents that the proposals meant we

could all end up as part of The Gorge PC. Nobody [REDACTED]) questioned that because the information that we had seen at that point all led us to believe that was the case. Along with 5 other residents I even attended a meeting of The Gorge PC to hear their views about the proposals. The proposals as they stand would put all of us into Lawley & Overdale. Our 3 Parish Councillors, all of whom are also Borough Councillors (including our two Horsehay Councillors) [REDACTED] have not, as far as I am aware, said anything publicly about the proposals that a large part of Horsehay, Doseley and Spring Village is designated to become part of Lawley & Overdale. They have referenced 'conflict of interest' as being a reason that they cannot comment. They claim that their involvement with other T&W Councils is the reason. I have pointed out to them that is incorrect and Government guidelines, easily available, clearly state that and also explain the requirement for them to act on behalf of their electorate. The effect of that is that councillors who could and should have kept residents informed failed to do so. The proposed map boundaries match up with the relevant proposed map boundaries for Great Dawley and The Gorge. These are clearly not simple errors or omissions. The boundary on the Lawley & Overdale PC map appears to be much the same as the boundary that T&W Council proposed in 2021 for the Borough Council boundaries. The Boundary Commission threw that out because it was pointed out very clearly that they would cut the community of Horsehay in half and would put significant places in Horsehay in a different parish. The Boundary Commission stated the following in their final recommendations in August 2022: Para. 52. 'We received significant opposition to the latter two recommendations, with opposition focused on our proposed boundary along Woodhouse Lane/Frame Lane. We received evidence from a significant number of sources that this proposal would divide the village and community of Horsehay between wards, and mean that areas and facilities such as Horsehay Pool and Horsehay Steam Railway would not be in the ward bearing this name.' Para. 57. 'We are persuaded by the myriad of evidence that our draft recommendations* do not reflect the community identity of the Horsehay area in particular. We are therefore amending our draft recommendations*....' *These recommendations were provided by T&W Council. These misleading and inaccurate discrepancies should be flagged up and T&W Council should explain what's going on and take appropriate action. If there is a proposal for large parts of Horsehay, Doseley and Spring Village to be incorporated into Lawley & Overdale then that has not been made clear to the residents or Dawley Hamlets PC and the proposals should be thrown out. All the above information along with the questionable (and unexplained) decision to put Little Dawley and Aqueduct in with Great Dawley Council as part of the dismantling of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council needs to be looked at carefully. I have stated in my previous submission that I believe the significant increase in funding for Dawley Town Council from a major increase in precept from Aqueduct and Little Dawley could explain that part of the proposals. I am inclined to think that a similar benefit for Lawley & Overdale at the expense of Horsehay, Spring Village and Doseley could also be a factor. It is also my intention to write directly to the Boundary Commission and ask them to look at these proposals, the way this consultation has been presented and the apparent dismissal by T&W Council of their previous comments 3 years ago about the boundary in Horsehay. a

How can you recommend our Parish council be abolished and transfer us, with the cost implications to neighbouring Great Dawley Council. Without our local parish representatives to voice on our behalf we would be swallowed up and our local concerns overshadowed by broader borough interests. The parish council have helped our community in so many local issues and are still helping, I can only applaud their efforts on our behalf. What's the impact of this change, has this been carried out? It's obvious it will have a monetary impact, which we can all ill afford and for that being pushed further down our community interest. A terrible idea, it's a resounding NO

I would like to add my voice to the protest about your proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I cannot think of any benefits that will arise out of this action. Our Parish Council looks after the interests of this discrete community perfectly adequately and I do not think Great Dawley Town Council will look after my interests any better. GDTC's area coverage is far bigger than DHPC's. There is only 1 school within DHPC whereas there are several that GDTC covers. DHPC has a close relationship with Aqueduct Primary, much closer than GDTC could have with its schools. Likewise with our Local Nature Reserve. DHPC has just one - granted LNR status a few years ago - whereas the maps in the briefing document - while not very clear - appear to show many such areas. DHPC is very supportive of our LNR. Would GDTC be as attentive? Our Parish Council provides free summer and Christmas lunches, with entertainment, for the older residents. It is difficult for some to get out to meet friends on a regular basis and these meals help to people to catch up with each other. These gatherings are very much appreciated and help to keep the community together. And money! My precept, should the proposed abolition of DHPC and the likely destination of my address into GDTC go ahead, would increase by £270. Please explain to me - and I would like a written reply - what additional benefits I will receive from GDTC.

I am writing to object to the abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I do not see a need for this to happen & I consider that it could, probably would, be detrimental to the area I have lived in for almost half a century. At present the Parish Council serves a sizeable number of residents, your proposals appear to divide the existing hamlets and subsume them into much bigger entities. I am not in favour of bigger government, neither, as I understand it is the national Labour Party. I thought devolution was policy. What you propose is not devolving power, it's quite the opposite, you are taking away power from local people! You will see that I live in Horsehay which you propose to split along Woodhouse Lane dividing Horsehay between Lawley Parish Council & that of Ironbridge Gorge. I think this is a terrible idea & as I understand, was thrown out by the boundary commission when this was proposed some years ago. It is quite ridiculous to have people living on either side of the same road being served by different parish councils & consequently paying different precepts. You describe these proposals as 'Community Governance Review', I am struggling to see a rationale for dividing up a long established Community in this way. At present the Parish council supports organisations like Friends of Horsehay Pool, Horsehay Steam Trust & Horsehay Village Hall Committee. They give grants to enable events such as the Horsehay Flower & Produce Show. I fear that in the future if the proposed changes go ahead then these organisations & events will be less viable. If clear reasons can be provided as to why this proposed change should go ahead then I suggest keeping the village of Horsehay as one entity & amalgamating it with the Parish Council of the Ironbridge Gorge. The two areas have strong historical links & are a much closer match than Lawley & Overdale which has far fewer older properties. I have only recently been made aware that, by far the largest portion of Horsehay could end up being served by Lawley & Overdale Parish Council. Residents were initially informed by the chair of DHPC that the whole ward, if your proposals were implemented, would be moved in with the Gorge. I am very surprised that the chair of DHPC made this fundamental error. If he isn't clear on the facts of this matter then what hope is there for us residents? Somewhere in all this, communication has been woefully lacking. Surely Telford & Wrekin Council need to go back to the drawing board on this one. Thank you for taking the time to read my correspondence

I wish to formally object to the proposed changes of parish council boundaries and the plan to get rid of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I feel the DHPC currently understand the issues of the parish and respond well to these in a cost effective way. I can see the improvements the council has made any time I walk around the parish. The councillors are accessible and engaged with the community they serve. They have been vital in supporting the local community to increase road safety and have ensured footpaths are accessible therefore

encouraging local residents to access green spaces and improve their health. The demographics of this community and the issues it faces are markedly different from any of the areas surrounding it. If we are absorbed into any of these areas our needs will not be met as the larger existing populations will be that Parish Councils priority. We will be charged more council tax in order to be a lower priority. Democratic representation at a local level is vital and this runs contrary to this principle. I hope this proposed changes will be rejected and our parish council will be allowed to continue to serve their community as brilliantly as they currently do.

Objection to the Proposed Amalgamation of Parish Councils I am writing as a resident of Dawley Hamlets Parish to formally object to the proposed amalgamation of parish councils, which would see Dawley Hamlets merged with either the Lawley & Overdale Parish Council or Gorge Parish Council as part of a wider boundary change review. This proposal presents a number of serious concerns, chief among them being the loss of local democracy. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council currently serves the unique needs of its local community, including those of Horsehay residents. Any amalgamation risks diluting our voice, removing a level of representation that is both familiar and effective in addressing local issues. Larger, merged councils often fail to reflect the identity and priorities of smaller communities such as ours. Furthermore, the proposal would split Horsehay village into different Parish Councils which is totally unacceptable. As a village, we are already at risk of being swallowed up due to overdevelopment & this proposal would be of great detriment to locals & village life. Additionally, we are extremely concerned that such a move would result in an increase in parish precept charges. Residents should not be expected to pay more for a service that, in effect, may become more remote and less responsive to their needs. This constitutes poor value for money and will undoubtedly cause further financial strain on households already facing rising living costs. There is also the question of cost and necessity. Changing parish boundaries without clear and compelling benefit is an unjustifiable expense. The funds required to implement these changes—ranging from administrative restructuring to the rebranding of signage and documentation—could be far better spent on essential services, infrastructure improvements, or community support initiatives which are all badly needed in Horsehay. It is hard to justify such disruption and cost simply for the sake of change. In summary, we, the residents of Horsehay, strongly oppose this proposed amalgamation. We urge the Council to reconsider and instead focus on strengthening the existing structures that already serve our communities well, rather than dismantling them.

Re: Community Governance Review –The Proposal to Abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. These proposals are very poorly presented and full of misrepresentation. The proposals are very closely based on the those presented in 2021 and which The Boundary Commission threw out very clearly stating that cutting the community Horsehay into two parts was not acceptable and the likes of Horsehay Pool and Horsehay Steam railway would no longer be in a ward that bore the name. It is of little surprise that these proposals show just how disconnected Telford & Wrekin Council is with its residents and communities. Dawley Hamlets, a parish that stands full square and proud, with absolutely have no desire to be amalgamated with, and most likely lost within, The Gorge Parish Council. Horsehay and Spring Village has an industrial heritage that goes back to Industrial revolution and Telford and Wrekin Council believe progress is to wipe that heritage away. The proposal of amalgamating Dawley Hamlets with The Gorge Parish Council has no merit to it whatsoever and is merely a proposal for change for the sake of change likely to provide Dawley Hamlets with a much lower standard of service. little representation and yielding no improvements. Most likely a loss of everything Dawley Hamlets Parish Council currently provide for the community. To suggest splitting Horsehay into two parts and lumping it into Lawley and Overdale is laughable. Lawley is just a suburb of Telford with little identity and a very long way from the heritage that is Horsehay. The proposals burden the residents with increased costs for zero benefit when we, your residents that you claim to fight for, are suffering

horrendous increased Costs of Living imposed by this lamentable current Government. The indicated precept rises that will be forced upon residents would be very unlikely to see any improvement in the services we receive merely providing The Gorge Parish and Lawley and Overdale Councils to be more indulgent upon themselves. These proposals are completely without merit and very thoughtless of The Grandees in Darby House. The proposals should be consigned to the best place for them, The Bin

I write with regards the current Boundary Review. Firstly when I have attempted to complete your survey I note that Dawley Hamlets Parish is not an option to comment on and instead residents have to choose a random area in order to continue with the survey. I would like to provide my comments on the boundary review: I am a resident of Ellis Peters Drive, [REDACTED]. Although my postal address is Aqueduct our home falls within the Great Dawley Town Council. Previously we resided in Earls Drive, Aqueduct and were a resident in the parish of Dawley Hamlets for many years. A number of my neighbours are unaware that they fall within the boundary of Great Dawley Town Council until recently when the proposal was to abolish the Parish Council of Dawley Hamlets. This proposal has highlighted to my neighbours the vast difference in precept of roughly £30 in Dawley Hamlets to roughly £300 in Great Dawley, something which has come as a shock as residents living on the very edge of Great Dawley, we seem to see very little of the precept of Great Dawley spent in our area, the majority of this precept is used in Dawley town itself for activities and events we do not attend. Instead living so close to the Dawley Hamlets Parish we attend more events held in this parish and indeed have continued to attend Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to discuss issues with the Aqueduct area. When we have attended Great Dawley Town Council with this issues they were not interested as of course these issues did not fall within their area. Myself and my wife spoke with Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to request support to amend the boundaries a couple of years ago. We proposed with the majority of the residents of Ellis Peters Drive and surrounding streets already believing they lived in Dawley Hamlets and indeed turn to the Parish Councillors for support with local issues, that the boundary be altered to incorporate Ellis Peters Drive into the Dawley Hamlets Parish. By abolishing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council entirely this will vastly increase the number of homes and residents reliant on decisions being made by a larger authority that may lack the local knowledge and understanding required to make informed choices for the community. I am of course aware that the number of councillors would be increased should the boundary review proposal be passed but there is no guarantee that the councillors elected will be residents of Aqueduct or Little Dawley and therefore representatives of the local area on the new Town Council. I am concerned that by abolishing Dawley Hamlets, the concerns and support of the residents of the more rural areas of the new ward will be prioritised. I do not support the abolishment of Dawley Hamlets Council. As a resident on the very edge of Great Dawley would propose that consideration is given to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and the boundary remaining however Ellis Peters Drive and surrounding streets being moved into this parish.

We have been residents in the Dawley Hamlets area for more than 40 years and have been served well during that time by our local parish council. We object most strongly at the proposal to abolish the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council by merging the Aqueduct and Little Dawley wards into Greater Dawley Town Council. We currently pay a council tax precept of just £29.04 p/a and to have to pay more than ten times that as residents of Greater Dawley Town Council we do not consider to be good value for money as the services we will get will be no better than current and believe this is more about funding the Dawley and Malinslee areas of the Town Council.

Having been a resident in Horsehay (part of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council since September 1978, I find it bizarre and quite frankly, undemocratic to even suggest removing our local Parish Council without a single reason given for such a decision. As the [REDACTED] Horsehay Pool and Environs Friends Group, Myself and our team have

enjoyed excellent rapport with the Parish Members over the last 5/6 years with some positive outcomes that have led to improvements and enhancements of our local environment. Having also recently joined the committee for the local horticultural Society, that meets in our village Hall (bequived and owned by the folk in our village) a deep sense of community continues to be apparent.at all our functions and at the heart of it is the Parish Council.I therefore submit that whosoever has been responsible for this current nuisance to our wellbeing, reconsiders their decision and and returns our current status as an individual and truly representative and pertinent Parish Council for all the residents and businesses in Dawley Hamlets. Let's not hear any more of this nonsense, so that we can keep our local community alive and well with one of the most cost effective Parish Councils within the District.

We are writing to your department in the hope rthat somone will tae notice. We are concerned to learn that our dawley hamlets parish council could be abandoned and our village placed with greater dawley. We are very unhappy about this suggestions as our village has in the past and to date done nothing had nothing to do with Dawley. For years our postal address has been madeley and if any decision is made we should be placed with madeley. we should add that dawley hamlets has been a very good parish council and represented our village very well. it would be a sin to abandon it. we hope it will be considered.

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Commenting in relation to Dawley Hamlets PC. I feel that the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council adequetely represents our interests here in Aqueduct and the surrounding hamlets. I feel strongly that the identity of our Parish will be lost should the Hamlets be consolidated into other larger Parishes. I would worry that our local community areas, nature reserves and local centres would not be cared for as well as the current team who clearly care deeply. The cost and manpower of running a larger area of telford would be spread more thinly and therefore it is likely that our local areas and assets will suffer greatly. I hope that this change does not go ahead, in view of this.

Dawley hamlets parish council. Please leave our small council alone, we are our own parish and we have our own needs. If we get added to another then we won't be anyone's priority.

My comments relate to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We don't want our parish to be changed, merged with any other areas, councils. We chose to live here two and a half years ago because of the strong sense of identity and community which will be fractured if the parish set up is changed or abolished.

I am against the abolition of the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. In my view this plays a vital role in representing our local interests and ensures that full and proper consideration is given to the needs of the local community and that decisions are made with those needs and priorities in mind. If abolished I am concerned that those needs and priorities will be overlooked or overshadowed by wider borough issues and that we would lose the voice we currently have.

I am a resident of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, not included in your list above! Has the decision to abolish us been made already. I am against the abolition of this Parish. It works on behalf of smaller more rural communities of the Borough. The voices of communities will be lost if subsumed into larger parishes.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is a vital conduit for the local residents to express their views and opinions on all matters that concern all our residents.

The proposed changes will make an increase to my council tax. I live in the Dawley Hamlets Parish council area. Under the proposed combination into a larger council this will mean that the low council tax in my area will be increased to the rates of the larger council area. I object to the proposal to remove the Dawley Parish local council for the above reasons. Thanks.

The Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is great for the community in our area, they are more hands on to what the community needs. It would be totally wrong to have the Parish Council Abolished

I am commenting on the dawley hamlets being abolished which in my opinion would be detrimental to the area. we have council which have the residents within its area at heart but being absorbed into the bigger council this i feel would be lost and the value for money and cost at such hard times for residents should be taken into account when making this decision

As a Resident in the Dawley Hamlets parish council ward. I believe that there is a proposal to it being merged with a bigger local council ward. This will dilute the identity and voice of a growing area within Telford & Wrekin where local issues are easily addressed via local councillors. The area has been part of the Dawley Hamlets Parish for the 46 years that my family and I have lived within the area.

My comments are in respect of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council I strongly support retaining the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We have a well run team of councillors who work very hard to support the Dawley Hamlets Community. We do not want things to change. Day to day affairs of a community are always best served by committed willing local people Bigger, is not always better. Please leave us in the good hands of our Parish Councillors !! Thank you

As a resident in my property for 43 years Dawley Hamlets Parish council has been a constant source of support to our community and any talk of abolishing it is not in the community interests and is a threat to all residents of Dawley Hamlets Parish community I would like you to consider this matter and as they say if it's not broken leave it alone 🤔👍

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This is related to Dawley Hamlets parish council. Dawley Hamlets should remain as a parish council and should not be combined with great Dawley. This enables Dawley Hamlets to consider and agree what is best for the areas that are set outside Great Dawley area. Also this would significantly increase council tax for individuals living in Dawley Hamlets who would be receiving no further incentives despite having to pay more.

As a resident of Gittens Drive, Aqueduct I do not want our parish council, Dawley Hamlets to be amalgamated with Great Dawley Town Council

My comments are related to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and I do not support the recommendation that my local parish Council is to be abolished, I have lived in the Little Dawley all of my life and Dawley Hamlets has always been the voice of the local people because they speak up on behalf of the residents about local peoples views and needs, they care about the residents and the area we live in . I also strongly oppose this action as we are being told that it will have an effect on our council tax bill which we simply cannot afford.

The draft proposal to merge Dawley Hamlets Parish Council with that of Great Dawley would be detrimental to households causing a precept increase of £287.96 per household many of whom have had their winter fuel allowance of £300 removed. This creates an added burden of in total £587.96 per annum, with cost of living increases on top of this the strain on their finances will be severe. It would also result in a potential failure to have local community interests represented at a higher level or be simply ignored by a larger community council.

Dawley Hamlets PC has served me well for the 35yrs I have been with them and see no need to make changes to anything when it is not necessary. If these changes are made it will be of no benefit to myself and will cost more for service's that I am very happy with as they are.

I don't understand why my part of Aqueduct (Ellis Peters Drive estate) is seperated from the rest of Aqueduct. We ARE Aqueduct! I want to see this changed. I want to see Dawley Hamlets preserved and my area added to it along with the rest of Aqueduct. I don't understand how customers being added to already larger areas are going to have a better experience. Looking at Dawley Town's website they seem not to know that we are covered by them...Sometimes smaller is better. Any concerns I have raised with Dawley Hamlets have been efficiently dealt with. It performs really well and should not be broken up.

I wish to object to the move from Dawley Hamlets to Great Dawley as it will increase the council tax for everyone in Dawley Hamlets by on average nearly £350 and for a Band C property of over £250. This increase comes at a time of increased costs for everyone and in this case it comes with no great benefit to the residents of Dawley Hamlets. It also reduces our representation by increasing the number of electors per councillor. The residents of Dawley Hamlets now also have to contribute to the vanity post of a meaningless Mayor.

We do not see any good reason to change what is working. It seems to be change for changes sake. Leave the town and parish councils to continue the good work they already do. Merging councils is going to nean less staff and reduced services. Believe me I have seen it all before!

I am commenting against the plans to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council - in its current form it is delivering significant value for money and contribution to the parish and based on history to date, no evidence suggest its removal and move to Great Dawley will provide any benefit to Aqueduct residents. Funds have be focused either side of the area and concerns abolishing the parish council will further erode how funds and distributed to areas benefit yet impact residents with further substantial costs. More costs with less return is clearly not a decision any business would accept so why should residents.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council should not be abolished. It's a large parish and serves its resident well- giving our residents value for money and ensuring the villages in our area are not over shadowed. Little Dawley and Aqueduct should be part of Dawley Hamlets and we continue to respect the fallen of our villages in our services. Local residents and school children benefit from our local events and support. Expecting residents in Horsehay and Doseley to go down the gorge is unfeasible. Residents will also not appreciate the huge increase in precept.

Im not in support of Dawley hamlets merging with Great Dawley Town Council. Dawley Hemlets serve the residents of its parish well and Dawley Hamlets council tax is considerably lower than that of Great Dawley town council. I feel if Dawley hamlets where to go under the banner of Great Dawley then our council tax will rise which is sonething that will not be welcome and not needed. We will also lose our identity of Dawley Hamlets.

As with other counties who have 'reshuffled' the borders, it appears on paper to save money but only at the detriment of the residents. Prove to the residents it will be for the better before putting this time wasting plans into action. You won't be able to and will remove the identity of another parish

I firmly refuse to move to the Great Dawley Parish Council due to the unnecessary increase in the council precept that would result. Our current Parish Council provides us with excellent service, and I see no justifiable reason for this change. As the saying goes, "if it isn't broken, don't fix it." Let's maintain our effective governance as it stands.

I don't see the logic of incorporating Dawley Hamlets into Great Dawley as the nature of the area fits in better with the Gorge Parish Council. The Castle Pools and neighbouring residential areas are diametrically opposed to Great Dawley which leans more towards the urbanised belt around Telford Town Centre.

I believe that Dawley Hamlets parish Council understands, and is able to meet the needs of my neighbourhood, "better" a much larger Great Dawley Town Council would be able to do. Local issues would be overlooked by the issues that are more important to a larger Town Council. Also, I understand that the "precept" my council tax is likely to increase massively, 10 times what I pay now! My current council tax bill is already much too high for the services provided.

I am commenting on Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. Why is this not on the list? Dawley Hamlets Parish Council plays a vital role in advocating our community's interests, in maintains our local identity and ensuring decisions reflect the needs of all that live in the Parish. Getting rid of our Parish Council would seriously erode our local voice, forcing residents into a much larger governing structure where our concerns risk being overshadowed by much broader borough wide interests Amalgamating the Parish with Greater Dawley Town Council/The George Parish Council would take away our interests and be a lot more remote. Also paying a precept to Greater Dawley Town Council of £317 when I am currently paying £29.04 is not on. What extra services would I get for an increase of nearly £300? Amalgamating my Parish Council with Greater Dawley Town Council is in my opinion rather stupid because going into a bigger organisation does not mean it is better. It is working now and not broken so when try to change it. I am discussed with Telford and Wrekin Council for even thinking about it! Not impressed with Telford and Wrekin at all.

As a resident of Dawley Hamlets parish council my self and my wife Maria plant do not want to merge with Great Dawley. WE REPEAT WE DO NOT WANT OUR PARISH COUNCIL TO MERGE.

With regards to the changes to remove dawley hamlets parish council . I wish to object to the removal of dawley parish council . I am proud to live in the parish of dawley hamlets and wish the parish council who do amazing work in the community to continue .

I am proud to live in the wards of Aqueduct and little dawley . I object to the change of dawley hamlets parish council as they are the voice of my community .

DAWLEY HAMLETS ARE NOT ON THE LIST PROVIDED NOT ABLE TO SELECT COULD NOT MOVE ON WITHOUT MAKEING A SELECTION FROM SAID LIST ALLTHOUGH NOT MY PARISH

I have ticked Great Dawley as there is no option for Dawley Hamlets. As a resident for nearly 40 years I strongly object to the proposed merger with Great Dawley. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is a mainstay of the local community providing unique and needed services for the local area. The proposed merger would result in the loss of identity of one of the oldest historical sites in the area and I believe, the loss of the personal touch of the local councillors. I can literally walk 5 minutes and knock on the door of [REDACTED] who will listen and act upon any local concerns. In addition, the 10 fold increase in the precept charge is totally unacceptable not just for myself but for the many young families and elderly people who live within the ward. Is the merger just a way of getting more money from those who can ill afford it to fund the larger council? I think so. Not having Dawley Hamlets as an option on the tick boxes is I hope an oversight and should be corrected. We are still here!

I want to keep our parish council as it is DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL as a country we are starting to lose our identity and i dont think the same should happen to our parish councils. Our parish council is a vital part of our community and want it to stay that way. DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

I disagree with the changes of parish councils. I live in DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL and wish to keep it this way. We are a good community in DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL and think we survive quite well as we are and don't want to lose our identity as a country we seem to be losing that. We don't want to be swallowed up and lost in a larger council area who will probably discount us for their greater need. So I want to keep DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL as it is.

We do not agree with Dawley Hamlets council to be amalgamated with any other council! We get an amazing service at a reasonable price as it is and also do not want to lose our identity thank you

I do not want Dawley hamlets to join Great Dawley parish council. This will have a huge detrimental effect on residents, on services we receive & also on the local school.

I am commenting on Dawley Hamlets I strongly object to a merger. Our councillors are working to create a community and it's working This will be lost if the parish is absorbed by Great Dawley. Such a substantial increase in precept will cause hardship for many - pensioners and parents alike. Many more hours working away from their children to cover Increase. I fail to see any Benefit apart from a financial one for Great Dawley

This is towards my support of the DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL. How have you come to the decision that it is this Parish council you want to abolish against any other? I have ticked the box above as Great Dawley as there is NO DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL BOX TO BE TICKED. I AM SUPPORTING DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL.

We live in Aqueduct and do not want to be under Great Dawley but there is no mention of us listed anywhere. Please explain why not any why we would have to pay hundreds of pounds more this doesn't make any sense.

This is madness removing localised decisions, cost increases and no service improvements.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed merger of our parish into a larger administrative unit. Our parish has a distinct identity, history, and sense of community that would be diluted if it were merged. Residents feel a strong connection to the local governance that currently serves us, and there is real concern that our local voice would be lost in a larger, more bureaucratic system. Decisions made by a merged parish council may not reflect the specific needs and character of our community. We will have reduced representation, making it harder for local concerns to be heard. There will be a loss of accountability, small parishes are more accessible and responsive, and a larger parish will make it harder for residents to engage. It will erode the local culture as traditional events and local initiatives could be overshadowed or replaced by a broader area. And finally, the delivery of service could be impacted as the community connection is lost and the needs are less targeted at the residents. We understand that there is a need for efficiency, but we believe that locally focused governance is more valuable to the residents. We respectfully urge the council to reconsider the proposal.

I do not want Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to be abolished. As a resident I am appalled that you think it is acceptable to move me into an astronomically increased precept area when I am a pensioner and cannot increase my income to pay for nothing extra provided. As far as I can see the only advantage is to you not me and then you want me to pay for the privilege! It is a diabolical move and I want to stay in the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council so do not make me have to pay this extra amount because I just cannot afford it. I am nowhere near Dawley because I live in Aqueduct I very rarely go to Dawley and I do not have an affinity with Dawley so I do not wish to and can neither afford to supplement Great Dawley's coffers. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ME!

My comments relate to proposed changes to Dawley Hamlets PC Boundaries. I live within Aqueduct area and have received no information regarding the proposed review. I object most strongly to what I understand the proposals to be. These objections include: 1. Reduced personal representation within a much larger Parish. 2. Potentially greatly inflated precept payments.

Dont wish to be linked to great dawley, it would be better linked to Madeley as its all ways been in the past

I strongly oppose the proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This decision would remove vital local representation, increase costs for residents, and weaken our community's voice. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council plays a crucial role in ensuring that local concerns are heard and addressed. Moving Aqueduct and Little Dawley Wards to Great Dawley Town Council would significantly increase precept charges, placing an unnecessary financial burden on residents while making it harder for our community to maintain its distinct identity. I urge Telford & Wrekin Council to reconsider this proposal and allow Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to continue serving its residents effectively.

I oppose the merging of Dawley hamlets into Greater Dawley, Dawley hamlets councillors are doing a sterling job of serving the local community and understanding the needs and wants of residents.

I am a resident of AQUEDUCT. My Parish Council of DAWLEY HAMLETS is not even listed as an option on this survey! This is an unacceptable oversight that immediately poses a barrier to expressing my views. This issue was raised by our Chairman last week and has not been resolved. DAWLEY HAMLETS parish council is an intrinsic and active part of this community. The character of Aqueduct is that of a village: we have a beautiful nature reserve; the historic aqueduct itself; one school; one shop; no doctor's surgery(!). It would be devastating and inappropriate for this close-knit community to get swallowed up in Great Dawley. Our local grassroots issues differ from those of our urban neighbour and I fear that our local needs will be overlooked. We need to keep local governance to ensure that our right to effective local democracy is maintained. The charm of Aqueduct and original concept was that of a village development. The parish council is very hands-on in promoting local initiatives and an effective connection and representation in the wider borough. As for the impact on my pocket... The Great Dawley precept is roughly x10 of the Dawley Hamlets precept. It is morally reprehensible if the motivation for T&W to subsume DHPC is purely financial. I see no benefit in joining with Great Dawley - only negative impacts. KEEP DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

I really do not want Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to be abolished and to transfer to another parish council. I'm quite happy with it just the way it is. Aqueduct and Little Dawley would transfer to Great Dawley Town Council which would definitely increase our council tax. Possibly over £300 ! I think we would get overlooked, we are a small community and we all look after each other. Happy with our local Parish and councillors.

As a resident of AQUEDUCT , I wish to object to the abolition of DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL. We need local voices for local people in order to maintain our local identity and to ensure AQUEDUCT is not swallowed up by a larger governing body, meaning we will undoubtedly lose our democracy. Also of pressing importance is the huge increase in our council tax. We are in a cost of living crisis, and the increase, if this were to go ahead, is unfair and cannot simply be justified.

HORSEHAY seems to be missing of the above list. However we have lived in HORSEHAY for more than fifty years, one of the reasons for moving to HORSEHAY was we always wanted to live in a village and be part of it's community. Over the years we have been on the village hall committee and helped organize many functions, bringing people together for social gatherings and raising funds for a number of charities. This is all part of what living in village means. Taking away the Hamlets takes away this community spirit.

These comments relate to the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I do not agree with this proposal! This current Dawley Hamlets Parish Council fully represents the views and interests of the community it represents. We have excellent Parish Councillors who are always available and approachable I would not want to move under another parish councillor which would not fully reflect the views of our current area / parish. Also as i live in Aqueduct this would involve a £ 30 per month increase in the amount of Council Tax i am currently paying!!

I am a resident of Aqueduct in Dawley Hamlets Parish and I am very concerned about the proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I have lived in Aqueduct for 25 years and feel we would lose our local identity if we became part of a larger parish council, and local interests would not be as important. Local democracy in Telford should be preserved and improved, not worsened for the residents involved. As this proposal would also mean a large increase in the parish council precept on the council tax bill, for little gain, the impact would be severe. Please seriously consider my comments and keep our local voice, DO NOT ABOLISH DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL [REDACTED]

I do not want to be governed by the councillors that run Great Dawley, in my opinion our local team at Dawley Hamlets would represent my family better than [REDACTED] Labour [REDACTED] in Dawley. We also like our local identity, and wish to keep it, there is also the proposed increase in council tax, which in this economical climate is not needed.

We do not want horsehay to be moved into the group and. One under ironbridge stay as we are please

I am a resident within Dawley Hamlets Parish and have benefitted from the local and intimate nature of our parish council. The proposal to dispose of Dawley Hamlets PC makes absolutely no sense to anyone who lives in the parish. We will lose our identity, our local councillors looking directly after our interests, only to get lost within a much larger parish council, who will have absolutely no concern or interest for our local issues. Please don't take away our identity, our individuality and our ability to make our own decisions for things that matter to our residents

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL My husband and I object to the above being part of Great Dawley Town Council. Councillor Wennington does a lot for our area. He can often be seen walking around the area and happy to discuss any items of concern to residents. We also object on the grounds that we (pensioners) will have to pay an increase in Council Tax.

Dawley Hamlets area of Little Dawley should not , in my opinion , be overseen by Great Dawley Parish as our tax is much lower and the occupants have not been informed as to how an amalgamation is at all positive for them.

Object to the abolishing of Dawley hamlet's

Dawley Hamlets Parish council I believe this proposed move will not fulfill the interests of Horsehay ward and disagree with it's potential implementation.

By going ahead with the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Council I believe the residents of this area will not be given priority as we are not part of the Gorge and we will lose our identity.

My comments apply to Dawley Hamlets PC which it has been decided to leave off the above lists, so it appears its fate is already decided despite this survey??? Having a Parish Council, as the name implies, is so beneficial to the area it stands in as the local councillors know the area and can react to problems much more hastily, than being governed by a council outside their area. As naturally they will deal with problems within their area due to local knowledge before dealing with problems outside the area, which will involve more investigative time. Lastly why should residents in Dawley Hamlets Parish Council be asked to pay more in the Parish Precept for a less efficient service.

I don't wish to be part of Greater Dawley council. I want to remain as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We have a good community here and I am happy with how it is run.

I'm perfectly happy with our current service and wish to therefore retain our current council at Little Dawley (DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL).

We would prefer that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council remains as the parish Council responsible for Little Dawley. We have been living in this parish for over 40 years, and have always been happy with the services they deliver. Being so close to the area they support, enables them to keep in touch with local residents' needs and priorities. If Little Dawley were to become part of a wider area, then we feel that the needs of this area may not be prioritised.

We strongly object to the proposed abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This council provides an essential localised voice for our community - ensuring that decisions reflect the unique needs of residents in Dawley Hamlets. Its track record in addressing local concerns, supporting community initiatives, and maintaining transparency makes it invaluable. Abolishing the parish council would be a backward step for community engagement, democratic representation, and efficient, locally-informed service delivery. We unequivocally support the continued existence and work of the parish council.

Ref: Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I'm writing concerning the abolishment of the above local parish council. We've lived in the Aqueduct area for over thirty years and have thoroughly enjoyed living and raising a family in the area. There are a wealth of facilities in the local area that have been campaigned, actioned and maintained through local council representation. Of particular interest is the local nature reserve status around the Little Dawley pools. This is a fantastic local area, which is well utilized by local people, particularly for walking. Improvements have been made to the access and paths for all users. The area is looked after, with regular visits to empty the bins and collect litter within the local area, as well as upgrading of park areas, children's play areas, etc. Measures like these improve the quality of life in the area, and promote a sense of pride in our community. Community that looks after each other as well as the environment we all share. I feel the loss of Dawley Hamlets PC and it's councillors will dilute the focus on our concerns as residents in the area. We'll become part of a larger, more costly, less dynamic council, and we'll lose the community presence that is clearly felt in the area and become fragmented in our aims. Change should not be for changes sake, or for a 'penny pinch, pound foolish' policy. Small negative steps cause huge strides in the degradation of local communities. I hope that you rethink the proposed abolition, and allow Dawley Hamlets PC to continue to represent and manage our local interests.

I am completing as part of Dawley Hamlets PC so all comments apply to that and no other PC. Personally, I would rather NOT become part of a larger community.

We wish for the Little Dawley Hamlets parish to remain. There is no need to change things and merge with Great Dawley when all it is going to do is increase the cost of tax to us residents. Not thinking of the people here at all. Very disappointed that there has been little information sent to households about this too. I had one leaflet/letter notifying us of a meeting at Aqueduct primary school with 2 days notice which meant I was unable to attend. Please don't change a system that works perfectly well as it is

I don't want our area to move to the other parish council. We are happy as we are with what we have and don't want the added stress of an increase in precept.

The increase in costs for changing parish council is unnecessary and is one of my main reasons for not agreeing to the change of parish council for our area

Commenting on Dawley Hamlets Parish council. .Please maintain the Dawley Hamlets pc .
“I’m really pleased with my local council — they’ve shown they genuinely care about the people, and it’s reassuring to see the positive impact of their work in the community. I’d much rather remain part of this council than be merged into a larger one, which could mean less local focus and likely higher council tax. I support staying with a council that listens, acts, and puts its residents first — and I’d be proud to continue being part of it.”

****THIS IS FOR DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**** the parish council Little Dawley should remain. The work these guys do is outstanding. As a resident, it's important that Little Dawley remains as a village. The age and demographic of the residents supports this and is not in keeping with Great DAWLEY. The councillors are visible and ever present and we don't want to lose that. Please let us keep our village Is there any scope for DAWLEY HAMLETS to take in parts of great DAWLEY to keep us going?

As a resident Dawley Hamlets Parish and not Dawley, (Mine is not listed), I DO NOT wish that Dawley Hamlets Parish be abolished and there fore we are mixed in other councils, We will lose a very important part of our say and view's, this is not in the interest of our residents at all, Please leave Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to run independently and run it's OWN affairs,

I object that you have not listed Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, which you would like to do away with and join Great Dawley PC. This is a preposterous idea. Dawley Hamlets is a well run P C with dedicated Councillors. Great Dawley, is as the name suggests too big for purpose and should be broken up. This is also an increase in taxation via the back door, with the precept for GDPC vastly higher than DHPC. Where do you think that we pensioners get all this money from? You're having a laugh, and It is Not funny. Why not do away with ALL parish councils and have one well performing council for the whole area. DHPC maintains all its areas in good stead, which is more than can be said of GDPC.

I do not agree with the abolition of Dawley Hamlets parish council, they do a great job of working on behalf of the local residents and the area is distinct from the surrounding parishes.

DAWLEY HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD BE RETAINED. AS RESIDENT OF LITTLE DAWLEY, I DON,T WANT TO BE MOVED IN TO GREAT DAWLEY. WE HAVE BEEN SERVED WELL BY DAWLEY HAMLET,S FOR MANY OF YEARS, WE WON,T GAIN ANYTHING BY BEING PART OF GREAT DAWLEY.

I strongly object to the abolition of DAWLEY HAMLETS Parish Council due to the large increase in precept that would result. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council plays a vital role maintaining our local identity and ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and priorities of those who live here. We are overlooked in the area. We have already lost our local doctors surgery, despite an increase in housing.

This review does not take into account the unique position of Dawley Hamlets PC. The clue is in the name. DHPC comprises several diverse communities who come together under the DHPC Banner to provide for the needs of these very diverse communities.. I do not believe that these needs can be properly served by Great Dawley Town Council or The Gorge Parish Council. Both these Councils have very different needs and aspirations to DHPC. The documentation made available from the review committee does not show any benefits to DHPC households by being part of a larger entity. It would have been very beneficial if the committee had highlighted the "perceived" Benefits. At the last Review Little Dawley was transferred into the Horsehay and Lightmoor Borough Ward and a 1 seat Parish Ward was created. Now you propose having this community within Great Dawley Town Council. Thus splitting the wards again. Addressing the major disadvantage to DHPC households is the cost element. Currently the Great Dawley Town Council Precept is 10 yes 10 times higher than the DHPC precept.. The Gorge Parish Precept is more than double the DHPC precept. At this time with a cost of living crisis still ongoing do members still feel it is right to impose such substantial increased costs on households? It is a great tragedy that Lightmoor village is not a DHPC Ward. I believe the Horsehay Ward boundary should be extended to the A4169 so as that Lightmoor Village can be in the same Parish as Lightmoor. It would then also align to the Horsehay and Lightmoor Borough Council Ward. Nightingale Ward should transfer to Madeley Town Council and Small hill ward should be part of Lawley and Oversale Parish Council.

I object to the proposal of the review committee to Abolish (Subsume) Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I do not see how The Gorge Parish Council or Great Dawley Town Council can serve the needs of the diverse communities that are within Dawley Hamlets Parish. Currently the Parish "Buys in services to enhance the needs of specific households. The Gardening Scheme and the Children's Holiday Breakfast Clubs come to mind. The report from the Review Committee does not highlight any benefits to the Residents with their proposal. We are all aware of the fact that Big is not always best. As a pensioner I am deeply concerned at the very possible substantial increase in my Parish/Town Council precept. I accept that it may be necessary to adjust Parish / Town Council Boundaries. It should not require the abolition of Parishes that diligently serve their communities.

It is proposed to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and possibly transfer it to Great Dawley Town Council. Based on this my precept would possibly increase from £29.04 to £317. Is this acceptable ???, I don't think so. It is not necessary. Also our present council are local people known by us who do a good job. Why change something that is doing a good job and doing nothing wrong and which the community are happy with. I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL WITH NO LOGICAL REASON TO CHANGE WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Our councillors are excisable and we can contact them any time , they are always there for us . We now who they are and if we merge we will lose all of the above and just become a number

commenting on Dawley Hamlets Parish Council I do NOT support the abolition of the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council In the current situation local issues are addressed by local people who know and are part of the community they represent. I already pay enough to the Council and do not wish to pay more especially for a service which not meet my needs or address the local issues as readily. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has worked tirelessly over many years to serve the needs of local residents, giving us a louder voice and supporting a local identity and unique community. There is no justification for changing a system which has worked very well for years.

I wish to object to these proposals which, in my opinion, is based purely on political grounds in advance of future elections. These proposed changes have no positive impact in the residents of Horsehay and Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and will actually abolish historic parishes. Under these proposals Horsehay ward will transfer to The Gorge Parish for no benefits to the residents. It will of course benefit T&WC as they will gain additional revenue from increased precept within our council tax bill. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council currently plays a vital role in its communities interests, and this role will be watered down in the interests of broader borough-wide interests.

As resident I oppose the suggestion of merging Dawley Hamlet Parish into Great Dawley. Why overlook smaller parish councils which offer a more personal approach with a voice which represents our local representation, protects our identity and upholds principles of democratic engagement.

I live in the Dawley Hamlets Parish and I am worried about the proposal to abolish the local parish council in favour of moving to a larger governing structure. This would have the potential to quash the voice of the local residents and have our local issues risk being overshadowed by broader borough wide interests.

I am against the proposals that get rid of my parish council, although i do feel that Little Dawley should be in Great Dawley, but Aqueduct, Doseley, Lightmoor and Horsehay should have its own Parish Council, but not called Dawley Hamlets as it has nothing to do with Dawley, Despite Mr Wenningtons loud shouting. It would be good to have an Aqueduct Ward, Doseley Ward, Horsehay Ward and Lightmoor Ward and reduce the gorge back to the main road, and as mentioned loose little dawley to Great Dawley.

I have not been advised of any benefits, additional costs or tangible reasons why this proposed inclusion of my current Dawley Hamlets Parish be abolished and subsumed into a larger parish. I have been informed that should this happen, my precept payment could rise by as much as £300 per annum. Since I have not been advised of the subsequent six times amount of benefits to be provided to my household and local area, I see no obvious reason to support such a ridiculous proposal. A number of the many aspects of Dawley Hamlets Parish are unique, in that it contains extensive wooded walks in and around the area, requiring maintenance and upkeep, which residence bring to the attention of councillors as they utilise the areas for leisure, dog walking and general routes for work and educational establishments. It is an area for a range of animal and bird habitation (to include deer who appear to have been displaced by the construction works of the former power station). The wooded walks cross over into the Madeley Parish via a number of underpasses and cross road routes which provide thoroughfare for leisure and work and school access. With regards to transport the parish abuts one of the most congested road sections and roundabout at peak times, which on most days sees traffic congestion on five of the roads that join the roundabout. This situation will become worse as the housing development being planned for the old power station land evolves. The roundabout (and the roads leading to it) have been the scenes of numerous near misses, involving school children, dog walkers and other pedestrians, as they progress from all areas in and around Aqueduct to get to and return from Madeley Academy and Abraham Darby, in addition to Madeley shopping centres. With just these few reasons, aforementioned, there is more association and day to day geographical impact with south of the Queensway Road than there is with, say the Malinslee Area.

As a Doseley ■■■ Resident Dawley Hamlets Parish Council being abolished means our village could be overshadowed resulting in paying more each month for the precept that does not even relate to us! Doseley could join Ironbridge Gorge.... which is incorrect. Doseley is part of Horsehay/ Dawley Hamlets and not the Gorge! We would only get invites to events in the wrong parish, not my local area.

i feel the abolishment of Dawley Hamlets is unacceptable, i feel some parts of the parish should go to great Dawley like little Dawley, but Lightmoor, Doseley and Horsehay should have their own parish council. as the gorge is too far away.

I have heard a lot around Dawley Hamlet PC. I do not live in a hamlet and i am not in Dawley, it needs changing the chair doesn't get it, his one man campaign is just sentimental, lets have a proper parish council that works for us residents. i think Aqueduct should be in a Parish Council not in Dawley but i think Little Dawley should be in Dawley, we should be with Doseley which has nothing to do with the Gorge so should be here with us.

I am opposed to the abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a well-run council with a very low precept. The character of Dawley Hamlets is not replicated in either The Gorge or Great Dawley Town Council. It is not a small parish, having over 3000 dwellings at 2023 figures so would not benefit from being amalgamated. I very much doubt if the representation we now have will be improved by amalgamation because our neighbours who are in The Gorge, neither know which parish they are in, what that parish could do for them or who their parish councillors are. There is a large undeveloped area between Dawley Hamlets and The Gorge which is currently classified as The Gorge but would sensibly be included within Dawley Hamlets, with the boundary running along Queensway/ Ironbridge Bypass. Great Dawley has a much larger pool of social housing than Dawley Hamlets and their Town Council is geared towards that. I cannot see the Town Council being interested in the mainly private ownership housing in Dawley Hamlets. One would have reason to consider [REDACTED] an extra 3000 houses in Great Dawley TC would produce an increase in precept of towards £1,000,000 with no benefit to the residents of Dawley Hamlets. I would suggest that, should Dawley Hamlets PC be abolished, the increase in precept be paid by Telford & Wrekin Council for the next 10 years.

I strongly oppose the abolition of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council • We will lose local Services Delivered by DHPC specific to our residents and demographic • Value for Money: Merging into either would mean significantly higher Council Tax with no clear service improvements. Many residents, especially older ones, are already managing tight budgets. A sudden increase in council tax to subsidise other areas is unfair and unjustified. • Loss of Local Identity: Dawley Hamlets is distinct from both The Gorge and Great Dawley. No shared tourism identity with The Gorge. Different demographics and housing than Great Dawley. Risk of our community being subsumed and underrepresented. • Representation Matters: o DHPC currently has nine councillors, four of whom focus solely on Dawley Hamlets. These councillors know the community, care deeply, and take action. Councillors from other areas may lack this knowledge or commitment. • It also feels there has been a lack of transparency: No clear explanation for why this change is being proposed. No public justification of benefits or drawbacks. No outreach or detail from other councils involved in the takeover. Only DHPC has actively informed residents. Our Parish Council is brilliant, they are easy to approach, they are proactive and look after their residents. They deliver a fantastic service, losing them would mean the residents of DHPC will be left in the shadows.

