

Lawley and Overdale

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Object: Objection to Potential Council Tax Changes Due to Merger with Great Dawley Council. I am writing to express my objection to any changes to Council Tax components that may result from a proposed merger with Great Dawley Council. The current standard of service is already unsatisfactory. There has been poor maintenance of the village, neglect of the pond area, unmanaged bamboo growth directly outside [REDACTED] and a lack of upkeep in local passageways. These ongoing issues raise serious concerns about the quality and consistency of service delivery — concerns that would likely worsen if responsibilities are diluted further under a merger. Residents should not face increased costs or reduced accountability while basic local maintenance is being neglected. I urge the council to address existing shortcomings and conduct thorough public consultation before progressing with any structural changes.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed changes to the parish boundaries, specifically the inclusion of Horsehay, Spring Village, and parts of Doseley into the Lawley & Overdale Parish. The proposals lack clear communication and consideration for the current communities that would be affected. Many residents, [REDACTED], strongly feel that these areas should remain part of their existing parishes to preserve local identity, continuity of services, and community cohesion. The plan to split Horsehay, for example, is particularly concerning as it divides a historically connected area and could lead to confusion and reduced representation for residents. Furthermore, the increase in Parish Council rates will burden local taxpayers and raise questions about the justification for such a change, especially when the benefits of this realignment are not apparent. I also find it troubling that communities such as Aqueduct and Little Dawley are being moved to different councils, which further adds to the fragmentation of areas that have long had shared interests and services. Therefore, I strongly urge the council to reconsider these proposals and ensure that any boundary changes reflect the wishes and interests of the communities affected. These changes should only be made with comprehensive consultation and clear evidence that they will benefit the local population. Thank you for considering my objections.

I wish to raise my objections to Horsehay being divided up and moved from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council into Lawley and Overdale or Ironbridge councils. I feel with the extra homes being built in Ironbridge, and all the homes around Lawley that in either situation Horsehay would lose its community spirit, identity and be even more lost and neglected than

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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, Depsite [REDACTED] 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.

The Council believes the number of proposed ward Councillors (18) is too high and believes it could represent its constituents with the following numbers: Town Centre Ward currently 1 - to increase to 2 Lawley East Ward - to remain the same with 3 Overdale & The Rock Ward - to remain the same with 2 Lawley Common Ward currently 1 to increase to 2 Lawley West Ward currently 1 - to increase to 2 This would see the current number of Councillors increase to 11 from 8. Council would also propose to retain the name of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

My comments relate not specifically to Lawley & Overdale. I was unaware of any proposed changes until [REDACTED] suggested I look at Telford Live in Facebook. For many residents, particularly older people, there has been little in the way of communication. For example a leaflet drop. Not everyone uses the internet or Facebook. It sounds like change for changes sake.