

Newport

Email Responses – 2

Comment:I think the people living in Woodland Heights and Blue House Barns would be better served by being part of Newport and not the Edgmond ward and Chetwynd parish. I think the boundary would be better to run along the public footpath starting almost opposite Deer Park Drive, following the footpath along the Deer Park boundary wall to its exit half way up Cheney Hill. My thoughts 1.We are in Newport, not Edgmond and not the rural parish of Chetwynd which is centred in Sambrook 2.All the houses I can see [REDACTED] are in Newport and we are not – Stonebridge, Deer Park Drive, end of Masons Place.3. Avoid confusion on who is responsible for issues with Chetwynd Road and the Chetwynd Road footpaths – as the boundary it feels like Chetwynd Road is in no mans land sometimes 4. Avoid the situation where the houses are in one ward/parish and the driveway exit is in anothe

With specific regard to Newport Town Council.Retain 4 wards.Retain 12 councillors.Extend S ward to A518.Retain name

Survey Responses - 6

I 100% agree with the proposed changes to the boundary that have been put forward by Newport parish Council. We need areas like station road to be included in the Newport parish now as it is long overdue. The changes will better reflect/represent the area. Especially as all those houses in that area will be using Newport Council run/owned facilities like the library.

I fully support the proposals. Edgmond needs to do more and a merger would help us residents, although it should be warded to keep community identity and local councillors speaking for their area.

CHETWYND AND EDGMOND Supportive of this proposal. Chetwynd Parish is mostly set in a very rural area with small hamlets and pockets of development such as Blue House Barns, Woodland Heights and Cheney Hill which are more contiguous with Newport or as proposed Edgmond, which will ensure their "semi-rural status". However, the settlements of Howle, Standford Bridge, Sambrook and Pickstock are more reflective of a rural identity and share similar demographics and identities with Tibberton & Cherrington Parish. Chetwynd Parish, like Tibberton & Cherrington have had limited/uncontested elections. Chetwynd Parish is currently protected within the current local Plan (HO10/11) from development in the rural area, whereas Edgmond and Tibberton are not. During the changes with the revised local plan some of the Chetwynd/Sambrook protection may be lost. The proposal to merge the two parishes should not adversely affect the rural character or identity of the parishes. There is a necessity to maintain the name of "Chetwynd" within any merger. NEWPORT Supportive of the proposal to extend the Newport Town Council boundary south to include the area bordering on the A518 road, it has long been the aspiration of Newport Town Council to include this area, and as stated in the proposal will provide effective and convenient community governance in this area and reduce elector confusion, and give residents not only of the new development on Station Road, but those of Wright Avenue a clear definition of where and who provide their local service provision (Allotments, Cemetery, Library).

Generally supportive. The extension of the Newport boundary to include the recent housing & industrial developments to the south and up to the A518 seems very reasonable. However it seems strange that the NI Park industrial estate is not included in the Newport area as most people regard it as a part of the town. The argument that the boundary can not go beyond the bypass does not hold up to scrutiny as the Mere Park development is in Newport but beyond the A41 bypass boundary.

As a resident living [REDACTED] boundary between Newport and Chetwynd Aston parishes ([REDACTED]), I thoroughly support the extension of Newport parish's southern boundary. The area affected "feels" like Newport, is now increasingly urban, and if you talk to people who live there, they say they live in Newport, not Chetwynd Aston. It also makes sense for borough and parish wards to align. I also support the move of Admaston and Bratton to Wellington parish. I visit reasonably frequently, and they feel as much part of Wellington as neighbouring Shawburch does. Indeed it shares services with Shawburch and it is difficult to know where Admaston ends and Shawburch begins. Very much in the orbit of Wellington, and will be beneficial for residents to have a say in the running of the town.

Newport Town Council – Consultation Response on Parish Boundary Review

Newport Town Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on parish boundary arrangements and strongly supports the need for a review. Newport Town Council welcomed and agree with the draft changes presented at the review meeting held on 12th May 2025. The Council firmly believes that the current ward boundaries for Newport, as established by the Boundary Commission in 2014, are appropriate. These changes rightly recognised the A518 as a natural and logical southern boundary for the town. However, despite repeated requests since 2014, parish boundaries remain misaligned with ward boundaries, resulting in several significant and growing issues for residents, service delivery, and local governance.

1. Community Identity and Representation A key strength of Newport is its strong sense of community. This has been further reinforced in recent years, particularly through the mutual support networks that developed during the pandemic. However, the current parish boundary excludes hundreds of residents who live within close proximity to the town centre and who actively identify as Newport residents. These individuals are geographically, socially, and economically part of Newport, yet are not recognised as such for administrative purposes. This undermines community cohesion and excludes these residents from having an equitable voice in local affairs.

2. Access to Services and Fairness Residents in the affected areas are excluded from services and concessionary fees offered by Newport Town Council to its residents. These include allotment access, reduced fees for weddings and burials at Newport Cemetery, and access to the Citizens Advice Service at the Newport Community Library. The situation is particularly unjust given that some of these residents live closer to the High Street than those in the officially recognised Newport North and West Ward.

3. Growth and Future Development While the current misalignment affects fewer than 100 dwellings, the area is subject to significant ongoing and planned housing development, particularly along Station Road. The Borough Council's own Local Plan identifies this land as being within the urban boundary of Newport. Furthermore, the area is actively marketed to prospective buyers as being part of the town. Without a boundary correction, many hundreds more residents will be excluded from services and local representation.

4. Financial Burden and Resource Allocation Newport Town Council has taken on greater responsibility for services formerly delivered by the Borough, such as neighbourhood enforcement and community library services. This has placed an increased financial burden on Newport residents, who are supporting services that benefit a wider population. Expanding the parish boundary would ensure that all residents who benefit from these services also contribute to their cost, promoting fairness and long-term sustainability.

5. Practical, Historical, and Geographic Justification The proposed boundary extension would simply formalise what is already accepted in practice: that the A518 and A41 are natural geographical boundaries for the town. Realigning the parish boundary to match these lines provides a logical, historically grounded, and future-proofed solution that reflects the town's true footprint.

6. Operational and Strategic Benefits Aligning the parish and borough boundaries will enable more efficient service delivery, planning, and resource allocation. It will also provide a clearer and stronger basis for Newport Town Council to attract investment and apply for funding to support community infrastructure, economic development, and public services.

Conclusion and Formal Request Newport Town Council formally requests that the historical misalignment of the parish boundary be corrected and that the boundary in the south be expanded to align with the current ward and borough boundaries. This change will:

- Ensure fair and equal access to services for all residents;
- Reflect the lived reality and community identity of residents;
- Promote equity in resource contribution and representation;
- Support long-term growth, planning, and sustainability.

We urge the reviewing authority to adopt the proposed changes and bring an end to the longstanding boundary inconsistency.

