

Wellington

Email Responses – 1

Re: Community Governance Review (closing date for submissions 14th July 2025). Wellington Town Council were pleased that their previous submission to the consultation had been noted and that borough council were consulting on the following suggestions for Wellington. Admaston and Bratton - to be incorporated into the urban community of Wellington on the basis of community identity and cohesion as they already look to Wellington for services such as schools, medical, dental and shopping. Wrockwardine is a clearly distinct rural settlement. Haygate Fields / Lewis Crescent - also to be incorporated into Wellington Town Council area to create co-terminosity with the Borough boundaries and again because residents naturally look to Wellington for services and not the rural village of Wrockwardine. Members noted in the proposals that Wellington Town Council would have an electorate of 20,021, served by 25 Councillors in 9 parish wards aligned with Borough Council wards. They acknowledged the present Meadows ward would be incorporated into the proposed Admaston / Bratton wards. Members highlighted the inconsistency in the numbers of electors allocated to councillors due to the proposal to split the wards of Admaston and Bratton. They have suggested these wards should not be split proposing one ward served by 3 town Councillors in keeping with the remainder of the current council wards. Overall members were in favour of the proposals forwarded by the Borough. Please note that Cllr Luter did not take part in the discussion or vote on this subject.

Survey Responses - 11

As a resident living on the 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.

I recognise the importance of effective local governance. Any changes to the current Town and Parish Council boundaries should, first and foremost, be designed to strengthen local representation, improve accountability, and maintain the unique identities and historical ties of the communities within the borough of Telford & Wrekin. For any proposed changes to the current arrangements, the Council should explain clearly how those changes would address each of those points. Telford & Wrekin Council should engage further with residents, community groups, and other local stakeholders before any final decisions are made. My comments on the Council's draft proposals have been informed by conversations and correspondence with Town and Parish Councillors, Borough Councillors, and other interested parties. The Community Governance Review is more extensive than it needs to be at this time. With the latest version of the draft Local Plan still to be published, a more targeted review to accommodate significant new developments in Muxton and Priorslee would be sufficient, while a more comprehensive review could be conducted following the publication of the final version of the Local Plan.

Waters Upton and Ercall Magna – I support maintaining the current boundary and governance arrangements. Both communities have a distinct identity and are geographically separated by a significant distance. Muxton – I support the proposal for a separate Parish Council. The boundary of the new Parish Council should be the same as the Borough Council ward boundary. The new developments on Donnington Wood Way and at the top the Redhill should be included in the Muxton Parish boundary to include the new residents in the existing community. The extra care facility on Donnington Wood Way was approved with community facilities for Muxton included in the planning application. Donnington Wood Way, Redhill and the A5 are the obvious and logical boundaries of the new Muxton Parish as opposed to the arbitrary proposed boundary which divides the existing community. Priorslee – I support the proposal for a separate Parish Council. Donnington, Wrockwardine Wood, Trench – I do not support the current proposals. Donnington and St. Georges are older, well-established communities. Residents of Donnington will associate more with Wrockwardine Wood and Trench, whereas residents of St. Georges will identify more with Oakengates. The proposals as currently drafted would split Wrockwardine Wood in two, with Summer Crescent, Cockshut Piece and The Nabb being moved into St Georges. A more logical proposal would be to merge Donnington (excluding Redhill) with Wrockwardine Wood & Trench; alongside the creation of a single Oakengates and St Georges Town Council which would better reflect community identities. Eyton, Preston, Kynnersley and Hadley & Leegomery - Wealdmoor Parish Council should include Kynnersley and Preston. Horton should have its own Parish Meeting as it is a predominantly rural community which is clearly distinct from Hadley and Leegomery. Eyton should retain a Parish Meeting due to its distinct and isolated rural location. Apley Castle should not be included within the Hadley and Leegomery Parish, as it is a distinct community with little connection to Hadley & Leegomery. Wellington Town Council - Admaston, Bratton & Shawbirch should have their own Parish Council, separate from Wellington, as they constitute a distinct urban area with shared local services. Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock – these villages are geographically separated by The Wrekin and are long established distinct communities. They should each have their own Parish Council. I know that Little Wenlock Parish Councillors have serious concerns about the proposals to merge the Parish Council with other areas, as they feel that would create a loss of identity and influence for their community. I am told that, in response to a recent survey carried out by the Parish Council, a majority of Little Wenlock residents supported keeping a separate Parish Council for Little Wenlock. Rodington – this village should retain its own Parish Council. I would welcome further opportunities to contribute as the Community Governance Review progresses.

I believe that Apley Castle Ward has a different and distinctive character to Hadley and Leegomery and that Apley would be better located in the Wellington Parish and/or together with Admaston and Bratton. The current parish name does not even include Apley. I don't believe that many Apley residents use the local facilities in Leegomery, preferring to use Wellington.

Following the publishing of the draft recommendations, specifically those linked to Wellington and Wrockwardine. I'd like to record my support for the proposals. The rationale for bringing Admaston and Bratton into Wellington is logical and will improve services for existing residents, and for future residents as identified in the local plan. The proposals clearly separate the rural and urban identities and will ensure that the relevant town and parish councils can focus on delivering for residents based on their specific needs. I also support the merging of the rural parishes that form the constituent parts of Wrockwardine as a borough ward.

I am concerned about the proposal to move Admaston & Bratton into Wellington for several reasons including the potential impact on residents due to the following: - Council tax band is higher so will impact residents financially - Decision-making will be impacted at a new town council which already has its priorities and spending plans set which currently don't include Admaston & Bratton. This is likely to mean it will be harder to get funds allocated for improvements in Admaston & Bratton. Wrockwardine Parish council have funds set aside for various projects in the area which may not now go ahead if Admaston & Bratton is moved e.g. Admaston traffic calming scheme. I also have concerns about the merging of Wrockwardine, Little Wenlock and Rodington due to the following: - This would cover a huge geographical area which could again erode decision making for particular areas within the parish meaning local people may not get to be represented. - Job risk - This is likely to impact some people's jobs e.g. clerks as there is unlikely to be a need for 3 clerks across this parish. In both of these proposals, the concern is that residents are less likely to have as much representation and priorities will shift it be undermined. It is also difficult to see the motivation for the changes which are likely to have a negative impact on residents, at least initially.

Shawburch, Admaston and Bratton are a significant distance from Wellington and have a different community and 'feel'. I would object to the amalgamation of them into the Wellington Parish for these reasons.

I strongly oppose the proposed amendment of moving Bratton from Wrockwardine to the Wellington parish council. Bratton encompasses a large amount of rural land and although there are housing estates - these were built more than 20 years ago and designed to fit in with a more rural location - spacious and well designed - unlike the many new developments that have been built in Wellington, a large proportion of the houses built there are affordable homes and house a completely different demographic to those in Bratton, requiring different needs from their parish councils. In my opinion, the areas do not share facilities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We believe that the areas have very different needs. The parish council in Bratton should be concentrating on things like public rights of way being cleared, clear signage for rural footpaths etc. There would be very different needs in Wellington - anti social behaviour, town centre street cleaning, running local community. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - the Bratton community has strong links with Wrockwardine Village.

Certainly Shawburch, Bratton and Admaston has a common identity, so makes sense to be all together. It also seems more sensible to be part of Wellington than Wrockwardine given the nature of the locality. Therefore I agree with your proposals.

I support Admaston and Bratton coming under Wellington Town Council. I have lived here for 41 years in Shawburch and was disgusted when I was sold off to the Admaston and Bratton ward. I live in Shawburch!!!

There are 54 town/parish councils in England with a population of 30k or above. The average number of electors per Councillor for town and parish councils with between 30-35k populations is 1,783. Based on average occupancy per household in Telford, an enlarged Wellington Town Council, when the new houses are built would have a population of approximately 33,600 - which would make it the 45th largest town/parish Council in England and half the population of Shrewsbury and almost a fifth of the population of Telford town. It would make the population of Wellington around a third bigger than the original Wellington Urban District Council and about half the size of Rutland County Council. I think that Shawburch, Admaston and Bratton should form their own Parish Council. The Dothill Nature Reserve provides a convenient cut off point. This parish would retain its own shops, doctors surgery, chemist, vets, park and nature reserve and churches. A perfectly contained community under one local parish

I support the proposal to move Admaston and Bratton borough ward from Wrockwardine into Wellington. The current arrangements which include Admaston and Bratton in the rural ward of Wrockwardine is an anomaly. Part of the borough ward is already within Wellington Parish and the whole of Admaston and Bratton forms a natural extension of the current urban area of Wellington. Wellington provides the local shopping hub for the area and also has the leisure and library facilities used by the residents of Admaston and Bratton. I suggest that for town council representation the current proposal for a one member Admaston ward and a two member Bratton ward should be abolished and the entire borough ward should form a three member town council ward. I can see no reason to slit the two communities and the number of residents per councillor is much more balanced by adopting a single parish ward.