

APPENDIX B: ADOPTION OF “PROPOSED” PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

Further to consultation, it is proposed that the following parish arrangements are adopted.

CHURCH AND CHETWYND ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In making these proposed changes and warding the new Parish in the way that has been identified, it maintains the rural identity of the area whilst enabling each area to be separately represented. On the whole, there was support for these proposals although there was a request for the warding arrangements to be different to those proposed. Similarly, representations were received regarding the proposed name with the one included in this proposal having some support.

Representations were received referring to the difference in councillor numbers between the two proposed Parish wards with a request that Church Aston be increased by one, giving a total councillor number of 11, particularly given the projected increase in electorate within 5 years. The projected growth within this proposed parish area is around 305 additional electors within a 5 year period which provides a projected electorate of 1,758 (when accounting for the movement of a polling district into Newport Town Council area). The guidance around councillor numbers indicates that an electorate of between 1,401 and 2,000 should be 9. It should also be noted, where possible, there should be an equality of representation amongst electorate but this is not always possible. Taking into account the guidance, it is recommended that 10 councillors is an appropriate number.

The proposed Chetwynd Aston, Woodcote and Church Aston Parish Council will have an electorate of 1,453, represented by 10 parish councillors across 2 wards:

Parish ward Name	Polling District	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Church Aston	WCA, WCB	7	1081	154	6%
Chetwynd Aston	WCC	3	372	124	-15%
Total		10	1453	145	

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

It is proposed that the existing arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery are retained, with the exception of increasing the number of parish councillors from 16 to 17. This additional councillor will be allocated to the Trench parish ward to improve the variability in the electorate to councillor representation.

That the current arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council are retained and will consist of 11,906 electors and is represented by 17 parish councillors across 5 wards.

Parish ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Apley Castle	WAC	4	2,765	691	-1%
Hadley Castle	WHL, WHC	7	5,628	804	15%
Hadley Manor	WHM	3	2,138	713	2%
Horton	WEX	1	145	145	-79%
Trench Lock	WOL	2	1,230	615	-12%
Total		17	11,906	700	

KETLEY

It is proposed that for the purposes of community identity, the existing boundary of the Parish Council is amended such that the area of Beveley Road and Lea Brook (to the east of Ketley Park Road) form part of the proposed Oakengates, Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council.

The arrangements for Ketley Parish Council will consist of a current electorate of 3,171 represented by 11 parish councillors in two wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Beveley	TOK, TOB (part 12%)	2	479	240	-17%
Ketley	TKY	9	2692	299	4%
Total		11	3171	288	

LILLESHALL

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

The proposed arrangements for Lilleshall Parish Council will consist of an electorate of 1,108 and 7 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Lilleshall	WCJ	7	1,108	158

MUXTON

As Muxton has a distinct community identity and different needs from Donnington, it is proposed that the two areas' needs are best met through alternative community governance arrangements. As such it is proposed that the community of Muxton has its own parish council which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community. Some comments were received that the proposals were "change for change's sake" whilst others felt that there was merit in having a standalone Parish Council for the Muxton area.

The original proposals were for councillor numbers to sit at 5. Representations were received that this proposal was too low given the electorate number particularly given the projected growth in the area. Having reviewed the guidance on councillor numbers, it is recommended that this is increased to 9.

The proposed Muxton Parish Council will have a current electorate of 3,848 and 5 councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Muxton	WMO	9	3848	428

NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL

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

The proposal to extend the Newport Town Council boundary south to include the area bordering on the A518 road would make the Parish boundary coterminous with the current Newport South borough ward boundary which would provide effective and convenient community governance in this area and reduce elector confusion. Consultation responses were broadly supportive of the proposals in relation to Newport.

The Station Road development is currently mainly contained within Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish, with a small number of properties in the Newport South ward of Newport Town Council. In terms of the identity and interests of the community and on community cohesion, this area fits better with the more urban Newport Town Council than with Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote. Residents are more likely to look to Newport for local services, schools and its High Street, than to the more rural Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish.

The proposed Newport Town Council will have an electorate of 10,083, represented by 12 parish councillors across 4 wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Newport East	WNE	3	2394	798	-5%
Newport North	WNN	3	2589	863	3%
Newport South	WNS, WNX	3	2367	789	-6%
Newport West	WNW	3	2733	911	8%
Total		12	10083	840	

PRIORSLEE

As Priorslee has a distinct community identity and different needs from St Georges, it is proposed that the two areas' needs are best met through alternative community governance arrangements. As such it is proposed that the community of Priorslee has its own parish council which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

The original proposal was for the Council to comprise 5 councillors but, given that this would provide for 900+ electors per Council in an area which is facing increased development, this seems slightly on the low side to enable effective representation.

In terms of the number of responses, there were far fewer received in relation to this proposal. There was some comment on the area of Redhill and its proposed inclusion in the new St Georges & Donnington Parish Council area on the basis that it is more aligned with Priorslee than anywhere else. This was not something which was notably present in many submissions and, it is considered this area is actually a distinct community of its own but, regrettably, it is not considered of sufficient size to be a sustainable Parish Council on its own. The facilities that those living within the Redhill area are likely to look to supermarkets and other facilities within the Donnington area (Asda, Donnington and service stations, shops in the Donnington parade), its inclusion within the St Georges and Donnington parish area seems appropriate.

The proposed Priorslee Parish Council will have a current electorate of 5,185 and be served by 9 parish councillors across two parish wards Priorslee East and Priorslee West. this delivers better electoral equality than the original proposal.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Priorslee East	TPP	6	3374	562	-2%
Priorslee West	TPR	3	1811	604	5%
Total		9	5185	576	

ST GEORGES AND DONNINGTON

The communities of St Georges and Donnington share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs, demographics and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

The arrangements for the proposed St Georges and Donnington Parish Council, are a current electorate of 12,759 served by 17 councillors across 3 parish wards. The

three parish wards will be Donnington, St Georges and Red Hill. Red Hill has a distinct identity to the other two areas both by geography and by way of it being a community in development. The variance in the electorate per councillor ratio in Red Hill is forecast to rapidly alter as the planned development is built out. Whilst there were mixed views on the merits of merging these two communities, on the whole, there was support for the proposal.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Donnington	WDG, WMH WDO, WDE	8	6075	759	1%
St Georges	TSE, TGK, TSW TPS, TSG, TSP	8	6094	762	1%
Red Hill	WMM	1	590	590	-21%
Total		17	12759	751	

TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON

It was proposed that the current boundary arrangements for Tibberton & Cherrington be retained. Whilst there were some comments about this proposal as part of a wider submission on other proposed areas, no consultation responses were specifically focussed on this proposal. On this basis, and in view of the criteria for community governance, it is proposed that the current boundary arrangements will be retained with the Parish Council area comprising 804 electors represented by 6 councillors in a single unwarded parish – this is a reduction of two councillors against the current arrangements.

Parish ward name	Polling District	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Tibberton & Cherrington	WEE	6	804	134

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

WELLINGTON

It is proposed that Admaston and Bratton are incorporated into Wellington Town Council from Wrockwardine Parish Council. The rationale for this proposal is community identity and cohesion. Admaston and Bratton are an extension of the urban community of Wellington, whilst the other part of the existing Wrockwardine Parish is rural. The residents of Admaston and Bratton look to Wellington for the provision of services including schools, medical and dental services and shopping. There is a clear change in identity between Admaston and Wrockwardine which can be seen when travelling from the estate-type development of Admaston towards the village type settlement of Wrockwardine.

In addition, the Lewis Crescent area of Wrockwardine is also proposed to be incorporated into Wellington Town Council to bring co-terminosity with the Borough boundaries. In addition, residents in the Haygate Fields development look to Wellington for the provision of services rather than to the village of Wrockwardine. Transport links between the Haygate Fields area are more connected to Wellington than to Wrockwardine and see residents from Haygate Fields traveling through Wellington to reach Wrockwardine.

Although there were some mixed opinions on some of the proposed changes, these proposals received some support through the consultation. It is considered that these proposals will also provide effective and efficient governance arrangements, support strong community identity and cohesion reflecting the more urban character of these areas.

The proposed Wellington Town Council would have an electorate of 20,294 served by 25 Councillors in 5 town wards. These wards are aligned with the Borough Council wards for the area.

Ward Name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Arleston & College	WAR, WAO	6	5181	864	6%
Shawbirch & Dothill	WSD, WSB	6	4557	760	-6%
Ercall	WGE	3	2452	817	1%
Haygate & Park	WHZ, WHW, WHP	7	5620	803	-1%
Admaston & Bratton	WAA, WAB	3	2484	828	2%
Total		25	20294	812	

WROCKWARDINE WOOD, TRENCH & OAKENGATES

As these two communities share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

Whilst not unanimous, there was support for these proposals within the submissions received through the second phase of consultation.

The proposed Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates Town Council will have a current electorate of 10,992 and be served by 15 parish councillors across three parish wards Oakengates & Ketley Bank, Wrockwardine Wood North and Wrockwardine Wood South.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors April 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE, TOO, TOB (part 88%),TOT	7	5518	702	2%
Wrockwardine Wood North	TWR, TWT	7	4732	670	-3%
Wrockwardine Wood South	TOW, TOH	1	742	730	6%
Total		15	10992	689	