

## APPENDIX D CONSULT ON NEW DRAFT PROPOSED PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

### GREAT DAWLEY, LAWLEY & OVERDALE, MADELEY TOWN COUNCIL, THE GORGE

Further to the phase two Community Governance Review consultation and the strength of feeling regarding community identity in Aqueduct, Little Dawley, Horsehay and Lightmoor, the Committee requested at its last meeting for consideration to be given to any alternative proposals regarding this area.

Having looked at the criteria for community governance reviews, revised proposals have been developed which the Committee may wish to consider and, as appropriate, seek further views through additional consultation. These revised proposals have consequential impacts on the proposed parish arrangements for The Gorge, Madeley Town Council and Lawley & Overdale.

#### Horsehay & Lightmoor, Aqueduct and Little Dawley

This proposed parish would include Aqueduct, Little Dawley, Lightmoor and Horsehay and would include the Lightmoor parish ward that is currently in The Gorge Parish. It would exclude the Small Hill Parish Ward which it is proposed would be within the proposed revised Lawley & Overdale Parish.

If the Committee were to seek further consultation on this proposed parish, it is suggested that views are also sought specifically on the name of this parish if it were to be adopted.

Given the significant variance between electorate in each polling district, it is difficult to reach a councillor number which provides good equality of representation and it is considered that, having looked at the available guidance, the 'least worst' option in respect of representation is the best outcome.

The proposed Horsehay, Lightmoor and Aqueduct Parish Council would have an electorate of, 6,789 represented by 9 parish councillors across 4 wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2168	723	-4%
Little Dawley	THA	1	794	794	5%
Lightmoor	THC	2	1003	502	-34%
Horsehay	THZ	3	2824	941	25%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>6789</b>	<b>754</b>	

## Great Dawley

This revised proposed Great Dawley Town Council would primarily be based on the existing Great Dawley Town Council with the addition of the following streets (part or all of) from Lawley & Overdale parish. This is not an exhaustive list, with the map at Appendix E showing the detail of the proposed boundary)

- Cambridge Close
- Dawley Bank
- Grange Farm Rise
- Hill Fold
- Concorde
- Croft Fold
- Milners Court
- Wakeley Drive
- Cemetery Road
- Milners Lane

The revised proposed Great Dawley Town Council would have an electorate of 9,073 represented by 14 councillors across 4 parish wards.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Dawley	TDX, TDP, TDA, TDZ	5	3287	657	1%
Doseley Road	THB	1	331	331	-49%
Malinslee	TME, TML, TMG, TMH (part 33%)	7	5065	724	12%
Trinity	THD	1	390	390	-40%
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>9073</b>	<b>648</b>	

## Lawley & Overdale

The revised proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council would be primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the following proposed changes:

- The inclusion of Small Gate area and Lawley Gate (TLS polling district).
- That the following, part or all of, are moved to Great Dawley Town Council (this is not an exhaustive list, with the map at the end of this appendix showing the proposed boundary):
  - Cambridge Close
  - Dawley Bank
  - Grange Farm Rise
  - Hill Fold
  - Concorde
  - Croft Fold
  - Milners Court
  - Wakeley Drive
  - Cemetery Road
  - Milners Lane

The revised proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish council would have an electorate of 9539 presented by 18 councillors across 5 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	5	3086	617	16%
Lawley East	TLL	5	2513	503	-5%
Lawley West	WLL	1	542	542	2%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	5	2743	549	4%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	2	655	328	-38%
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>9539</b>	<b>530</b>	

#### Madeley Town Council

The revised proposed Madeley Town Council would primarily be based on the existing arrangements with the addition of the Nightingale Walk parish ward from the current Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This proposal for Nightingale Walk is predicated on community identity with the A4169 Queens Way acting as a hard boundary. This proposal would enhance coterminosity between borough ward boundary and parish boundary.

The revised proposed Madeley Town Council would have an electorate of 12,938 with 17 councillors across 4 parishes. It is clear, from the table below that the Academy Ward (Polling District TIH) results in a very unbalanced electoral ratio. Having looked at all options, without increasing councillor numbers significantly to the extent that they would be far outside the range contained in guidance, it is difficult to remedy this situation (see next page).

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Academy	TIH	1	219	219	-71%
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3977	795	5%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3723	745	-2%
Woodside & Nightingale	TWP, TWO, TWL	6	5019	837	10%
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>12,938</b>	<b>761</b>	

### The Gorge

The revised proposed Gorge Parish Council would be primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the key change being that the Lightmoor parish ward would become part of the proposed Horsehay & Lightmoor Parish Council. This proposed change is predicated on community identity as it is consider that there is not a shared common identity between The Gorge and Lightmoor. This proposal would enhance coterminosity between borough and parish boundaries.

The revised proposed The Gorge Parish Council would have an electorate of 2,199 with 8 councillors across 2 parish wards. This is in line with guidance on councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	512	256	-7%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB, TIG	6	1687	281	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>2199</b>	<b>275</b>	

### **BROOKSIDE, STIRCHLEY AND HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY**

The Community Governance Review phase two community consultation found considerable opposition to the creation of a proposed The Nedge Parish Council which would have been created from the merger of the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and the existing Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. In response to this phase two consultation finding, the Committee asked for further proposals in relation to this area. This was with a view to the need for parish and town council arrangements to deliver effective and efficient governance. The recent spate of councillor resignations from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council may be considered to indicate that the arrangements need to be reviewed.

Furthermore, in past Borough reviews, there has been a variety of views around the best arrangements to adopt in relation to this area and lower electoral registration makes it difficult to identify the optimum arrangements.

Nonetheless, the Committee has a number of options to consider:-

- Proposal one: retain the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and the Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council;
- Proposal two: create two new parish councils; one for Brookside and the second for Stirchley and Hollinswood & Randlay;
- Proposal three: create two new parish councils; one for Brookside and the second for Stirchley with the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council remaining in its current form;
- Proposal four: create two new parish councils; one for Hollinswood and the second for Randlay with the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council remaining in its current form.

Proposal one: retain the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and the Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council;

#### Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council

This proposed Parish Council would retain the existing arrangements and have an electorate of 4,361 served by 12 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4361	363

#### Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

This proposed Parish Council would retain the existing arrangements and have an electorate of 7,136 served by 13 parish councillors across 3 parish wards.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	11%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	343	343	-38%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3750	536	-2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>7136</b>	<b>549</b>	

Proposal two: create two new parish councils; one for Brookside and the second for Stirchley and Hollinswood & Randlay;

The proposals set out below would deliver good electoral equality and would also aim to reflect shared character of the respective areas with the South Telford estate area of Brookside being given its own Parish Council to reflect that area.

#### Brookside

This proposal is based on the creation of a parish council that is formed from the Brookside community as defined by Brookside Avenue and then extends northwards including properties to the south of Stirchley Road such that it is bounded by the Town Park.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	-1%
Stirchley Road	TTT (part 75%)	2	1273	636	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>4316</b>	<b>617</b>	

#### Stirchley and Hollinswood & Randlay

This proposed parish council would see an area of Stirchley combine with the existing Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. This area would, in general, be bounded by Stirchley Road (although it would include a small number of properties to the south of Stirchley Road at the north end of the recreation area) and include Tadorma Drive, Holmer Lane, Wroxeter Way and Boscobel Close in the Holmer Lake area.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	7	4361	623	4%
Stirchley & Holmer Lake	TTT (part 25%), TTS, TTH	5	2820	564	-6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>7181</b>	<b>598</b>	

Proposal three: create two new parish councils; one for Brookside and the second for Stirchley with the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council remaining in its current form;

#### Brookside

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	9	3043	338	2%
Stirchley	TTT (part 75%)	4	1273	318	-4%
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>4316</b>	<b>332</b>	

#### Stirchley

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Stirchley & Holmer Lake	TTT (part 25%), TTS, TTH	9	2820	313

#### Hollinswood & Randlay

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4361	363

Proposal four: create two new parish councils; one for Hollinswood and the second for Randlay with the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council remaining in its current form.

#### Stirchley & Brookside

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	11%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	343	343	-38%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3750	536	-2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>7136</b>	<b>549</b>	

### Hollinswood

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood	TTR	7	2246	321

### Randlay

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Randlay	TTO	7	2115	302

## **LITTLE WENLOCK, WROCKWARDINE AND RODINGTON**

The proposed parish arrangements which formed part of the phase two consultation for the Community Governance Review included a proposal to create a Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council. This proposal brought the pre-existing Little Wenlock and Rodington Parish Councils together with the Wrockwardine Parish Council excluding Bratton and Admaston as it is proposed these will become part of the revised Wellington Town Council.

The phase two Community Governance Review consultation found significant opposition to the proposal to create a parish council that included Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington. A core objection was the size of the proposed parish and a lack of a cohesive identity. It is acknowledged that The Wrekin creates a significant natural barrier between Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. In response and reflecting the changes that would be brought about as a result of the proposed changes to Wellington Town Council, the Committee may want to consider an alternative proposal which would see the existing arrangements for Little Wenlock retained and a new proposed Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish.

### Little Wenlock

The proposed Little Wenlock Parish would retain the existing arrangements with an electorate of 436 and 5 parish councillors in a single unwarded parish. This would be in line with the guidance on councillor numbers and would provide good electoral representation.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Little Wenlock	WWD	5	436	87



### Wrockwardine & Rodington

The proposed Wrockwardine & Rodington Parish Council would have an electorate of 1918 with 8 councillors across two parish wards which would deliver good electoral equality and reflect the rural village identity of this area.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Wrockwardine	WWC	5	1163	233	-3%
Rodington	WWR, WVN	3	755	252	5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>1918</b>	<b>240</b>	