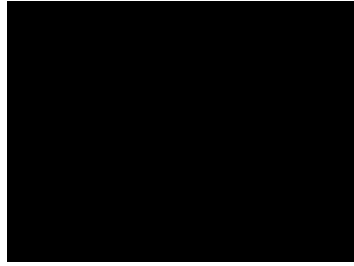


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Dear Sir / Madam

Community Governance Reviews Information Pack – Updated May 2025 – proposals re Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

My attention was recently drawn to this document and its proposal to butcher the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

I have lived in the parish for some 17-18 years and was completely unaware of any dissatisfaction amongst my friends, colleagues and neighbours with the existing structure of the parish yet I find the proposals in this document seek to abolish the parish completely.

Further although I am still active to a degree in the Horsehay area despite my advancing years, I had until recently heard no detailed mention of these proposals amongst my acquaintances so I am writing to express my unease and disagreement as a Horsehay resident at what is being suggested.

The references to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC) I wish to draw attention to are as follows:-

Page 17

LAWLEY & OVERDALE

It is proposed that the Small Hill area is incorporated into Lawley & Overdale Parish Council from Dawley Hamlet Parish Council.

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THE GORGE

It is proposed that Horsehay and Doseley are incorporated into The Gorge Parish Council together with the Nightingale Walk parish ward of the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

Page 29 - shows the existing Horsehay Parish Ward of DHPC

Page 32 - shows the existing Smallhill Road Ward of DHPC noted above at Page 17 as proposed to be moved to Lawley and Overdale.

Pages 106 - maps the proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

Page 113 - maps the proposed The Gorge Parish Council

It can be seen from the maps on pages 106 and 113 that – *although totally unmentioned in any of the document narrative* – what can be considered as the “Heart” of Horsehay is also seemingly to be moved into Lawley and Overdale without so much as a footnote or a by your leave.

I do not say the Heart of Horsehay lightheartedly since the area in question includes the Steam Railway Trust, the Village Hall, the Bowling Club and Green, Horsehay Pool, Old and New Rows, the redeveloped industrial complex and last but not least one of the only two remaining pubs in this vicinity!

I personally see no reason why the existing Parish cannot remain. However if the parish has to be split despite no arguments in the CGR document as to why this should be necessary or any mention of any failures of the existing arrangements then I consider that the whole of the Horsehay Parish Ward (with the exception of the Smallhill Road enclave north-west of the A5223 Wellington Road) has a much more natural affiliation with the proposed Gorge Council area given their mutual historical and industrial heritage than it will ever have to the current Lawley and Overdale proposed council area.

Yours sincerely,

