

To: [REDACTED] Chair of the T&WC Community Governance
Review Committee

Address: Community Governance Review, Electoral Services, Telford &
Wrekin Council, Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford TF3 4JA

I am a resident of Dawley Hamlets Parish and I am deeply concerned regarding your proposal to abolish Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This move would not only strip our community of its local representation but would also create a significant democratic deficit, undermining the ability of us as residents to have a direct and meaningful say in the governance of our area.

For many years, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has played a vital role in advocating for our community's interests, maintaining our local identity, and ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and priorities of those of us who live here. The abolition of our Parish Council would erode this local voice, forcing residents into a larger governing structure where our concerns risk being overshadowed by broader borough-wide interests.

Local governance is not merely administrative; it is fundamental to the fabric of our community. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council serves as a crucial link between residents and the wider borough authority, helping to preserve the unique character of our towns and villages while addressing local issues efficiently. Removing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would diminish this grassroots democracy, weakening the connection between governance and the people it serves.

Furthermore, this proposal raises serious concerns about our democratic representation. Without a dedicated Parish Council, decisions that directly impact Dawley Hamlets would be made by a larger authority that may lack the local knowledge and understanding required to make informed choices for our specific community. This risks leaving us as residents feeling unheard, disengaged, and disconnected from the governance process.

I urge those responsible for this review to carefully reconsider the impact of their proposal. The removal of our Parish Council would not only result in a loss of local identity but would also set a concerning precedent for the future of community-led governance across Telford. Local democracy should be strengthened, not dismantled.

The residents of Dawley Hamlets deserve a voice. Our Parish Council is an essential part of that voice, and its abolition would be a significant loss to our community. I strongly oppose this proposal and call for a solution that safeguards our local representation, protects our identity, and upholds the principles of democratic engagement.

DO NOT ABOLISH OUR PARISH COUNCIL!

Name: . [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Additional Comments: *DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH, KEEP IT SMALL,
KEEP IT LOCAL. KEEP IT RELEVANT TO THE COMMUNITY
IT SERVES. THANK YOU.*

I wish my comments to be taken into serious consideration as part of this review before any final decision is taken.

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Additional Comments: We in Dawley Hamlets are a different demographic to Greater Dawley with different needs. I don't agree with how Dawley spend their precept. I want my money spent in my area on things relevant to my community.

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