Community Governance Review

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Dear Sirs,

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My submission to the consultation process is as follows:

Horton should no longer be part of Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council

Why do we want this?

1. Rationale: HLPC has failed on multiple occasions to engage timely and appropriately with Horton residents on Hortonwood planning matters. Moreover, H&L has little in common with Horton in terms of setting. socio-economics, issues and concerns.

Horton's Future for Generations to Come

2. Despite several challenging reservations, Horton's representation needs would be best served by becoming a Parish Meeting of Horton on its own after the failed concept to merge all four villages. Horton is unique, its superbly multi-culturally integrated community, its digital village capable community and its wide skills base make it well placed to look after Horton best as Horton knows & understands Horton best and we are the best position to drive forward an already successful digital village & showcase of multi-cultural integration which should be a show case for TELFORD UK wide.

Local Structure, Representation & Governance

3. With this new arrangement, it is imperative that each community continues to maintain its own clear proud identity. In addition to village signage and the like, each village should be free and encouraged consult with its own residents to form ideas, identify projects and bring those to the council and or develop their own actions and activities within its own remit as appropriate. Horton village should have a new Parish Councillor & its own separate budget. In Horton's case that is best served as a Parish Meeting for Horton by Horton to grow Horton. This not happening is holding up massive grants.

Physical & Social Inclusion

4. Integral to this process is the need to bring all properties that are geographically in or very near Horton, but currently are in Preston, into Horton for representation purposes. This would ensure that all residents' communications can be unambiguous and inclusive. As things stand this anomaly concerns the Queens Pub and around 9 or 10 properties on the west side of the road leading out of Horton to the Leegomery roundabout. In this regard, Wheat Leasows properties currently in Horton ward should I believe remain. To my knowledge we have engaged with WL residents and asked for their views and to submit accordingly. As an aside, I would support Hoo Zoo, currently part of Horton Ward, remaining as such.

Green Spaces, Water Well Being, Mindfulness - Community + Boundary Alterations

5. Resolving the above Preston/Horton anomalies should also entail moving the ward boundary to be positioned further westwards and provide a green buffer area to be within Horton ward... Ergo the 'green space' then resulting to be used and as and when available for Horton to pursue the development of its 'own' nature and conservation space - notably when the large housing developments north of A442 and west of Horton takes place. Protecting our rural setting development encroachment is imperative. After all, having had the impact of Hortonwood developments on Horton over the past 20 years or more – trees and hedges removed, noise, lighting and disturbance factors, having some new green space to 'work with' in the long term would be some sort of appropriate and much needed recompense. SEE INDICATIVE MAP BELOW APPENDIX 1

This will facilitate establishing Horton wildlife haven, area's to relax & mindfulness away from Hortonwood disruption and an area of gathering ideally to site a Horton Village Hall from national grants.

No Need for Industrial Zone Inclusion in our Rural Parish

6. There is **NO** justification for any part of Hortonwood and any other new proposed industrial commercial areas to fall within the boundaries of a rural Parish Council. Therefore, the current position of half of Hortonwood being part of Horton Ward should therefore be changed accordingly. Horton (supported by the new PC) will continue to engage with Hortonwood businesses, TWC and other agencies on planning and environmental matters as and when. With a new PC we will also be able to work more closely with our own TWC Ward Councillors on such matters. This has been far from fit for purpose with Horton being part of HLPC.

Identity Independent Culture- Positive Quality Growth & Rural Communities

7. With the above boundary changes and new builds known and likely, Horton village is likely to grow to 190 - 200 electors by the May 2027 local elections. Demographics are likely to bring more young families into the village and as other residents retire and age there will be greater needs for a PC to be ready to support pastorally – making for a caring community spirit. Perhaps a campaign for buses, a new community centre plus village hall.making the best use of 'our' healthy green space land referred to above and such like. It is likely that the new Parish Council will be tasked to secure grants etc – focussing on enhancing our rural communities that surely must **not** be swallowed into being an annex to a large urban housing estate, lose that all important rural community identity and 'independence'

I very much hope you will consider this submission favourably and look forward to the outcome in due course. There is a spirit to made **great things** if you grant this to Horton.

Horton is motivated to achieve great things within its driven enthusiastic Community all we need is your full agreement & grant us what we politely request above as a complete package as our foundations for now next years & the next two generations.

We will be offering our resources energy and capabilities for other villages on a case by case basis and Community agreement as Horton Parish Meeting. This is on the basis of no re opening of Horton Lane at all.

Thank you.

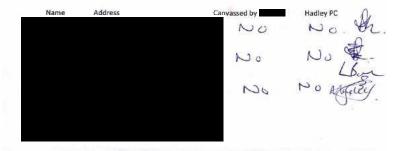


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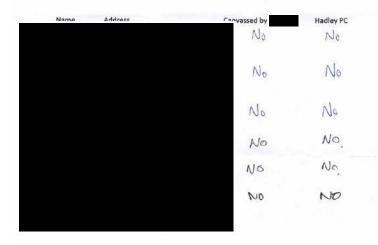
Detailed below is a signed petition requesting TWC grant Horton its residents urgo Horton's Community Parish Meeting status to allow us to be more free to grow develop & enhance our beloved Community that we all are passionate about and given such an opportunity will develop grow & enhance our identity as a lead from the front digital village of go get culture and we passionately need to be freed from Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council & our current Parish Councillor David Brown.

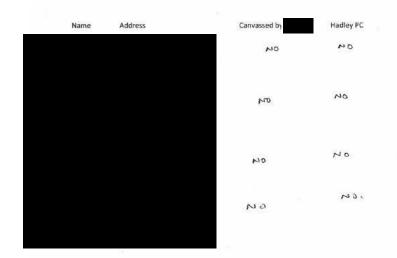
In the petition asking for our freedom to grow via a self managed community of very capable individuals motivated to its success we also as well as 110 signatures requesting this urgently please for our community to fully establish its identity spirit and desire for better things we also point out that none of the 110 individuals signed have not been canvassed in any way on CGR as can be seen by the NO NO entries by David Brown or Hadley & Leegomery parish council.

Please grant our gift of Parish Meeting and watch our community free of restrictions blossom grow develop further be more dynamic cost efficient and enhance Horton for Horton, for its Community and for its old its families and for its growing children. Be it wonderful times, pandemic, civil emergency or just having successful fun community.



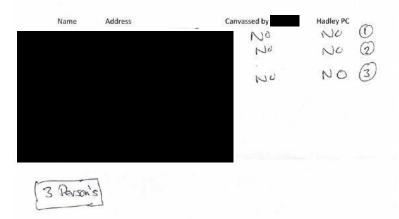
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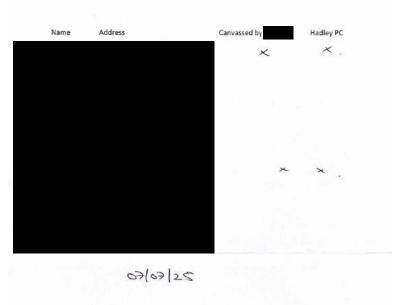


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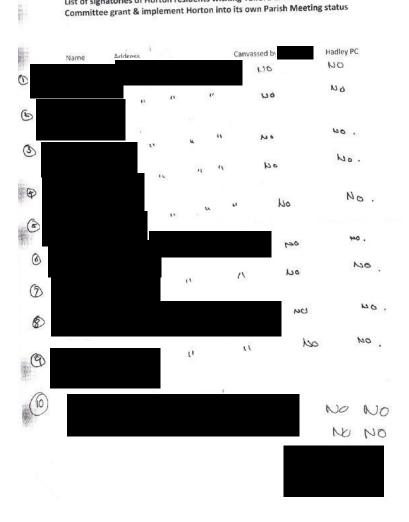
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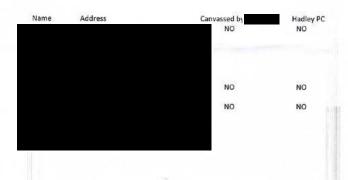


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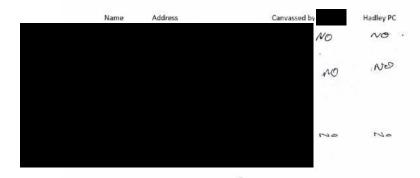




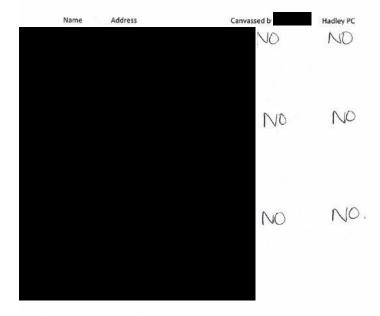




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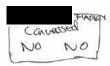


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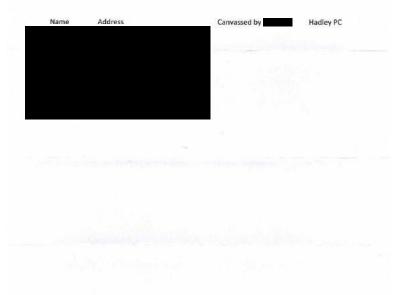
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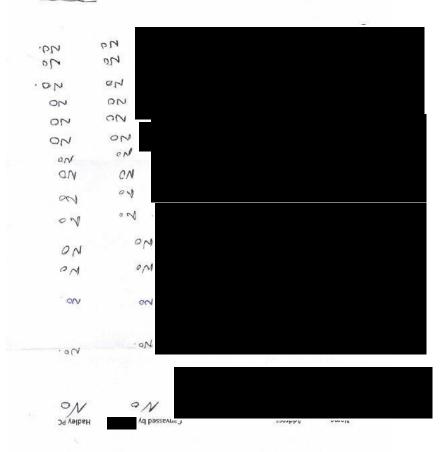


In supporting Horton to become a Parish Meeting, I also wish to point out that as part of the CGR process, I have not at any time been personally canvassed or approached by sked for my preferences, views or opinions.

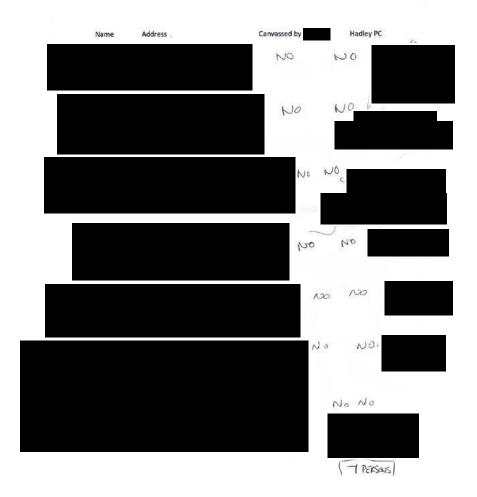
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List of signatories of Horton residents wishing Telford & Wrekin CGR Committee grant & implement Horton into its own Parish Meeting status

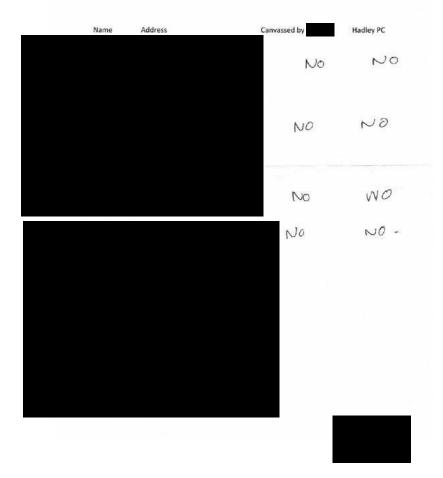


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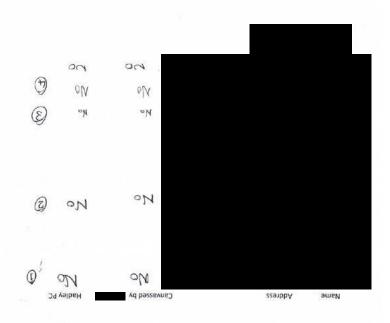


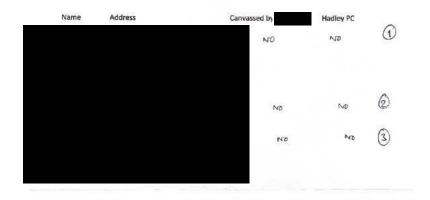


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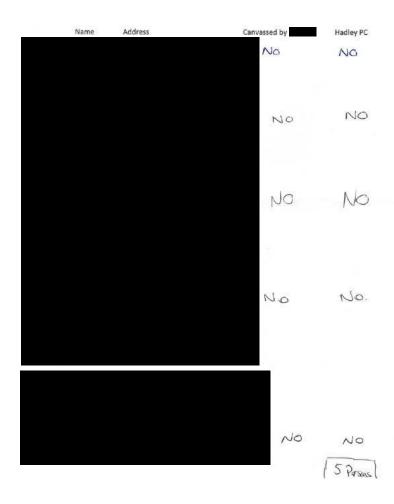


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2 Persons

Horton requests that all of Chapel Row in Horton moves its boundaries so all buildings are in Horton inc 3 new developments The Queens Pub and the fields behind to allow thos residents to identify with o Horton Culture and be truly in Horton not preston by a silly line in the road this is very important.

See map below.

We ask for a meeting with the CGR & Boundary full team to present our requests ASAP.

PLEASE MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS OUR WISHES AS 110 HORTON RESIDENTS WHO DESIRE HORTON PARISH MEETING – DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY MANDATE



APPENDIX 1

Shows the new boundary form Horton including all properties moving from Preston ward to Horton Ward by ensuring three new build detached homes & Queens at Horton Pub are to be included in Horton so the whole village is actually in Horton not bit in Preston.

Furthermore all homes from crowbrook bridge to solar farm should equally be in Horton moving forward. We ask for these changes NOW as part of becoming a Parish Meeting.

These people have been unfairly treated as residents of Horton, integrated in Horton's Community yet officially in Preston with zero Community involvement or identity with Preston. This is wrong and in need of immediate correction it also includes The Queens at Horton our pub officially in Preston yet has identified as The Queens at Horton for 20 + years and indeed now actively markets itself as The Queens at Horton. How glaringly wrong can it get?

