

Ketley

Email Responses:

1	<p>We have received a letter informing us that we will no longer be under the Ketley council. I don't agree with this decision as beveley road is separated by the bridge. To get to our home we have to go down a Ketley road and is the Ketley side of the bridge area. Can you please let me know when will the change happen as this isn't included in the letter and because of this change will our bin collections change and our council tax reviewed as we pay Ketley council tax at the moment.</p>
2	<p>Response to Consultation on the 2025 Community Governance Review</p> <p>I think the Community Governance proposals for Ketley are a missed opportunity for 2 main reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reducing the geographical area, and hence the electors per seat ratio for Ketley, whilst increasing the area of neighbouring Parishes, thereby giving them significantly higher ratio's of electors per seat, does not achieve one of the Reviews main aims of establishing "effective and convenient community governance." It makes little administrative or indeed economic sense to leave Ketley with a ratio of only 339 electors per Councillor whilst giving Lawley & Overdale a ratio of 575 and increasing that of Oakengates to 702!•• Leaving Overdale and The Rock Ward as part of the revised Lawley & Overdale Parish Council does not in any way effectively recognise "the identities and interests of local communities" or contribute to "community cohesion" - both of which are supposed to be aims of this Review. These residents have few current or historic ties to either the current Lawley area or indeed the proposed new Lawley area that expands into Horsehay. Many of the original Overdale families moved from Ketley when the area was first developed and the names of many Overdale and The Rock residents' can be found both on the Ketley War Memorial and in the original and more recent Ketley Cemeteries. Today many Overdale and The Rock residents attend clubs and events at Ketley Community Centre, rather than going to Lawley, as this is where their relatives and friends live. <p>If the Overdale and The Rock Ward were to be incorporated into Ketley Parish Council significant historical and current community links would be restored, and a more sensible ratio of electors per Councillor would be achieved in both Ketley (428) and Lawley (547).</p> <p>I hope you will further consider these points and reconsider your proposals for both Ketley Parish Council and the ward of Overdale and The Rock.</p>

Survey Responses:

1	<p>Ketley Parish Council would like to respond to the draft proposed town and parish council arrangements as follows: • Reducing the electors per seat ratio for Ketley</p>
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	<p>whilst neighbouring areas retain significantly higher ratio's does not achieve "effective and convenient community governance." It makes little sense to leave Ketley with a ratio of 339 electors per Councillor whilst giving Lawley & Overdale 575 and increasing Oakengates to 702 • Leaving Overdale and The Rock Ward as part of the revised Lawley & Overdale Parish Council does not effectively recognise "the identities and interests of local communities" or contribute to "community cohesion." Overdale residents in particular have little current or historic ties to either the current Lawley area or the proposed Lawley area that expands into Horsehay. Most of the original Overdale families moved from Ketley and it is Overdale residents' names that can be found on the Ketley War Memorial and in the original and more modern Ketley Cemeteries. Today many Overdale and The Rock residents attend clubs and events at Ketley Community Centre, rather than going to Lawley. • Residents in Lea Brook and Beveley Road were not aware that they had an affinity with Oakengates and enjoy attending the Events that are run by Ketley Parish Council. If the Overdale and The Rock Ward were to be incorporated into Ketley Parish Council significant historical and current community links would be restored, and a more sensible ratio of electors per Councillor would be achieved in both Ketley (428) and Lawley (547).</p>
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