

Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington

Email Responses:

1	<p>Subject: Objection to Proposed Merger of Rodington Parish</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to express my family's strong objection to the proposed merger of Rodington Parish with other parishes situated several miles away. Rodington Parish has a clear identity and plays a vital role in meeting the needs of its local community. To merge it with more distant parishes would undermine its effectiveness and dilute the representation of our community's priorities—particularly in relation to local highways, rights of way, cemeteries, children's play areas, and communal spaces, all of which are currently managed well under the existing structure.</p> <p>There should be no changes. Each parish should remain independent and be able to focus on and budget for its own local needs, not those of a parish located several miles away. Combining parishes with differing priorities and geographic challenges would reduce accountability and responsiveness, ultimately to the detriment of all the communities involved.</p> <p>We strongly urge that this proposal be rejected in full, and that Rodington Parish be allowed to continue serving its residents as it currently does—effectively and locally.</p>
2	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>Further to your Phase Two Governance Review update, please see attached the response from [REDACTED] together with the results of our Phase Two survey, we also attach our Phase One survey results for completeness.</p> <p>We sincerely hope that Telford and Wrekin Governance review team take note that for our Phase Two survey we have had over 50% of households within the parish reply, with 100% of those replying being against your proposal, we would suggest that this level of response is unprecedented and clearly shows that both Councillors and parishioners do not want the suggested changes and feel very strongly that this will lead to degradation of service and identity.</p> <p>Appendix A – Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex A Appendix A – Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex B Appendix A – Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex C</p>
3	<p>Letter received</p> <p>Appendix A – Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex D</p>
4	<p>Please find attached the submission regarding the Community Governance Review, on behalf of Rodington Parish Council.</p> <p>This has also been submitted online. Please can you confirm that this has been received. Thank you and I look forward</p> <p>Appendix A – Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Annex E</p>
5	<p>The local government review proposal to merge three parish councils because they are villages shows a lack of understanding of local communities.</p>

	<p>The villages of Rodington, Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock have few connections. They are distinctly different in size and demographic.</p> <p>Rodington parish council already includes two villages Rodington and Longdon on Tern. Its councillors are local and know the issues concerning residents here.</p> <p>Merging villages together because they are villages shows a lack of understanding of how these communities work.</p> <p>Community engagement happens when initiatives are local and involve villagers, a bigger council would be more remote and there would be fewer local representatives.</p> <p>Why wasn't there a consultation with residents before the proposal was put together?</p> <p>Surely looking at the links that villages currently do have might have been a better starting point?</p> <p>Bigger doesn't always mean better!</p>
6	<p>Please find attached the submission from [REDACTED] in response to the Community Governance Review proposals.</p> <p>Please could you confirm receipt.</p> <p>Appendix A – Wrockwardine Wood, Trench and Oakengates Annex F</p>
7	<p>Hello,</p> <p>It is unclear what there would be to gain in becoming part of Wellington only to penny pinch from us more. Living in rushmoor I would prefer to remain within Wrockwardine Parish Council.</p> <p>[REDACTED] has been exceptionally supportive in addressing issues affecting the Admaston and Bratton community and I would not want to lose this.</p> <p>I would be interesting to hear [REDACTED] views on this!</p> <p>At the moment, Admaston and Bratton retain the rural feel, however, if we become part of Wellington we would get 'swallowed up' as part of the town. Telford is swiftly increasing in population more people more houses, A& E to go completely unacceptable!</p> <p>Now you want to take merge the councils, stop trying to take everything and leave things as they are it works fine!</p> <p>It doesn't get my support or my family's!</p>

Survey Responses:

1	I feel the total parishes offer no services to residents just a job for their friends and should be merged as shown in hand draft recommendations Bigger parishes with wider representation will offer better services for its residents, my parish hasn't even signed the armed forces covenant what a waste of time they are
2	I recognise the importance of effective local governance. Any changes to the current Town and Parish Council boundaries should, first and foremost, be designed to strengthen local representation, improve accountability, and maintain the unique identities and historical ties of the communities within the borough of Telford & Wrekin. For any proposed changes to the current arrangements, the Council should explain clearly how those changes would address each of those points. Telford & Wrekin Council should engage further with residents, community groups, and other local stakeholders before any final decisions are made. My comments on the Council's draft proposals have been informed by conversations and correspondence with Town and Parish Councillors, Borough Councillors, and other interested parties. The Community Governance Review is more extensive than it needs to be at this time. With the latest version of the draft Local Plan still to be published, a more targeted review to accommodate significant new developments in Muxton and Priorslee would be sufficient, while a more comprehensive review could be conducted following the publication of the final version of the Local Plan. Waters Upton and Ercall Magna – I support maintaining the current boundary and governance arrangements. Both communities have a distinct identity and are geographically separated by a significant distance. Muxton – I support the proposal for a separate Parish Council. The boundary of the new Parish Council should be the same as the Borough Council ward boundary. The new developments on Donnington Wood Way and at the top the Redhill should be included in the Muxton Parish boundary to include the new residents in the existing community. The extra care facility on Donnington Wood Way was approved with community facilities for Muxton included in the planning application. Donnington Wood Way, Redhill and the A5 are the obvious and logical boundaries of the new Muxton Parish as opposed to the arbitrary proposed boundary which divides the existing community. Priorslee – I support the proposal for a separate Parish Council. Donnington, Wrockwardine Wood, Trench – I do not support the current proposals. Donnington and St. Georges are older, well-established communities. Residents of Donnington will associate more with Wrockwardine Wood and Trench, whereas residents of St. Georges will identify more with Oakengates. The proposals as currently drafted would split Wrockwardine Wood in two, with Summer Crescent, Cockshut Piece and The Nabb being moved into St Georges. A more logical proposal would be to merge Donnington (excluding Redhill) with Wrockwardine Wood & Trench; alongside the creation of a single Oakengates and St Georges Town Council which would better reflect community identities. Eyton, Preston, Kynnersley and Hadley & Leegomery - Wealdmoor Parish Council should include Kynnersley and Preston. Horton should have its own Parish Meeting as it is a predominantly rural community which is clearly distinct from Hadley and Leegomery. Eyton should retain a Parish Meeting due to its distinct and isolated rural location. Apley Castle should not be included within the Hadley and Leegomery Parish, as it is a distinct community with little connection to Hadley & Leegomery. Wellington Town Council - Admaston, Bratton & Shawbirch should have their own Parish Council, separate from Wellington, as they constitute a distinct urban area with shared local services. Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock – these villages are geographically separated by The Wrekin and are long established distinct communities. They should each have their own Parish Council. I know that Little Wenlock Parish Councillors have serious concerns about the proposals to merge the Parish Council with other areas, as they feel that would

	create a loss of identity and influence for their community. I am told that, in response to a recent survey carried out by the Parish Council, a majority of Little Wenlock residents supported keeping a separate Parish Council for Little Wenlock. Rodington – this village should retain its own Parish Council. I would welcome further opportunities to contribute as the Community Governance Review progresses.
3	The supposed rationale for this proposal is community identity, but the proposal would erode the identity of each parish. There is no shared community identity between the three parishes proposed for merger. The current arrangements allows Rodington Parish Council to focus on local issues and drive forward a number of initiatives in a cohesive community. The Parish Council has achieved several awards for its work in the local area, which demonstrates how well the Council serves its local residents. Combining Rodington Parish with a community 9 miles away will obviously dilute the focus on the priorities in the Parish, the connection with our residents and the effective delivery of local services. This proposal goes against the prevailing direction of thought which advocates decentralizing decision making because local decision making is more nimble and more able to respond to local needs.
4	The consolidation of Parishes should not in any way reduce the representational power of any new Parish so formed. Any attempt by a Council to make a reduction is a flagrant attempt to undermine the democratic process. Moreover Parish boundaries, if reset, should not just take into account the population represented but also the enclosed geographical area. A large rural area is likely to have as many Parish issues as those of a tight urban area and therefore needs the appropriate Parish Councillor "seats" to make the proportionate representation equitable. As far as Telford & Wrekin Council are concerned, their priorities have always been set for the benefit of (exploit {sic}) the urban (town) communities, with the rural area positively discriminated against. The proposals for the Parish boundary changes do very little to change this.
5	Cannot understand the combination of the proposed merge of Rodington, Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock. Rodington will completely lose its identity and why Little Wenlock not even near by. I am totally opposed to the proposed merger. Bigger is not necessarily better.
6	I am AGAINST the merger of the parish councils
7	I Don't think Rodington Parish Council merging with Little Wenlock or Wrockwardine is a good idea , as they are too far away , if it was Upton Magna or Longdon on Tern or High Ercall it may be better. (But i guess some of them come under Shropshire Council maybe?) Certainly little wenlock is too far away , and my worry is this would impact on what gets done in Rodington
8	I disagree with the proposals to combine Rodington. Parish council with Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock. Each area has a unique set of issues and priorities and I don't believe that there will be sufficient representation and it will result in a loss of responsiveness to local prevailing issues and a loss of identity.
9	Living rurally we are already at a disadvantage when it comes to decision making. The more urban areas are always given more of a priority and more of your budget spend. We have a bridge which was hit by a car in the December of 2023 and we are still waiting for something to be done. We need local representation. Being the smaller of the 3 names parishes I feel we would definitely get over looked more than we already are.
10	Little Wenlock is 9 miles from Rodington, a 20 minute journey and situated on the south side of the Wrekin. It is closer to Horsehay and Lawley so it makes sense to merge it with villages closer in proximity and more locally in touch with the immediate area. The residents of Little Wenlock are unlikely to have any interest or connection with the area around Rodington and Wrockwardine and likewise vice-versa. The merger makes no sense whatsoever.
11	Rodington Parish Council do an excellent job for the residents, despite the lack of resources and funding available to them. The councillors live locally and understand

	the issues affecting the villages. To merge it with Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine would not only result in a much larger Parish Council, but cut the number of councillors drastically. Little Wenlock is more than 8 miles away from Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern surely this will mean a merged council will be too large to be described as a Parish Council? Our local Parish Council work hard for the residents and are easily contactable when needed. If the number of councillors is cut from 22 to 11 that can only mean a doubling of the workload for the remaining councillors, leading to less support for the residents.
12	I strongly object to the changes involving Rodington parish council. [REDACTED] we worked with pure focus on this village and Longdon. There is zero crossover with little wenlock which is nowhere near here and this is nothing more than a cost saving exercise. I can also see rates going up for local residents in longdon and Rodington. This is a stupid decision made by someone who hasn't been to our lovely villages.
13	I wish to register my family's strong objection to the proposed merger of Rodington Parish with other parishes located several miles away. Rodington Parish plays a vital role in supporting our local community. It has a long-standing and distinct identity, and it delivers meaningful, effective services for residents, businesses, and the wider area—including the management of highways, rights of way, and local amenities. To merge it with distant parishes would undermine its effectiveness, erase its unique character, and dilute the representation of our community's specific needs and priorities. We firmly believe that this proposal would be to the detriment of all involved parishes, not just Rodington. It would disrupt established relationships, local governance, and the sense of place that residents rely on. We therefore urge you to reconsider this proposal in the strongest possible terms.
14	At present Rodington Parish Council does an excellent job in keeping us informed and consulting us on issues relevant to our community. Trying to combine three disparate areas over a considerable distance can only limit the input to any one parish and we would loose the local community feeling as would Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. Localized decision making makes more sense when it comes to making appropriate actions for each parish.
15	As a resident of Longdon Upon Tern, I don't think merging our parish council with those of Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock would be beneficial in any way other than financially i.e. reducing the number of councillors. Little Wenlock is over eight miles away from Longdon – surely too far for a satisfactory merger and for the reduced number of councillors to know what is going on and work efficiently. Rodington Parish Councillors do a really good job. We know who they are and how to contact them with any issues we may have. We also know that these issues will be followed up. I doubt this would be the case should the proposed merger be approved.
16	In your submission, please comment on: - the proposed arrangements for Town and Parish Councils; - the warding arrangements for Town and Parish Councils; - the number of councillors proposed in respect of Town and Parish Councils; - the number of councillors proposed in respect of each ward; - the proposed name of any Town and Parish Council I am writing to object the proposed parish council arrangement to merge Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington parish councils. I have included my reasons below: Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock are a distance away (app 9 miles) and this would result in diluting the focus on priorities for the communities, the connection with the residents and reduce control of managing local services. There is no shared identity between the three parishes and it doesn't make sense to assume this merger would benefit the residents, it would be far from it. Local decision making would be lost as in such big parish boundary local needs would not get prioritised effectively and would result in the loss of local representation.. I am also concerned about the practicalities of the merger and mis-management would result in loss of community identity. Current arrangements as in Rodington Parish Council are

	preferable, Parish Council engages with the resident effectively, vulnerable rural community needs managed well. Our current Parish Council has won several awards for its work and this shows how current arrangements work well and how the merger would negatively impact the community.as this effective service would be lost.
17	This proposal is totally unacceptable. It appears that there were 3 parishes left so pumped them together, they are not even physically together and their populations and make up are in no way similar. The proposal undermines the work of Paris Councils at local level, the care and intimate knowledge of the parishes is a great strength and should be harnessed not destroyed. It will leave the villages voiceless - government should be from the bottom up not too down. Is communism alive in Telford? Will there be proper consultation before you take this layer of government from us???
18	There is no connection at all between Little Wenlock and Rodington, they are several miles apart. I live in Longdon upon Tern and it is hard enough to get Rodington councillors to show an interest in their next village. Wrockwardine is closer and a reasonable match to Longdon but there needs to be some protection for small villages such as wards within the area.
19	I am totally against this proposal. I understand the reasons for this decision is "community identity" however Rodington does not identify with little Wenlock nor Wrockwardine in any way and stands some 10 miles from them. This change will dilute the emphasis that parish councils have on their communities, result in ineffective local government and it will make it extremely difficult for residents to connect with local decision makers.
20	I object to the proposed merger. Surely the whole concept of a Parish Council is to provide a window to local issues. Under this proposal Rodington would be merged with Little Wenlock (some 9 miles away and literally the other side of The Wrekin) and Wrockwardine. There is no shared identity and I fail to see how such a move would benefit any of the residents of the three parishes. Although all three parishes are rural, they are not the same and each area has its own individual identity which I think should be preserved. This proposed merger is a move to centralised power - not appropriate for unconnected rural areas
21	The proposal to merge these 3 very large rural parishes is ridiculous and undermines the very premise of parish councils which is to represent local communities and be accountable to them. The 3 parish areas are very different types of community with different needs and considerations, all of which require dedicated focus. Merging the three will dilute this focus and change the nature of business which will subsequently be rushed because there will be more business to get through in the same time causing the business of the Parish councils to be on a more macro level with only urgent considerations making their way through to detailed discussion. This means that the nature of Parish Councils are being changed in a way which will make them into political extensions of the borough council. This will not enable community views to be considered and properly accounted for. This new body will lack local accountability which is the very essence of good governance. Our Parish Council is close to its community and has created various resident working groups such as transport, climate and nature, pathways, river monitoring. All these require hyper-local focus. It appears that Telford and Wrekin Council have lost sight of what good governance is and do not understand or care for their rural communities which are a huge attraction and resource for the borough. The area proposed is too large and geographically spread out and separated. Councillors would not know about different remoter areas and thus could not be expected to make informed decisions about such a wide area which defeats the whole idea of parish councils in the first place. I strongly object to the merging of these 3 parish councils.
22	As a resident of Rodington I object to the proposed merger. To be joined with parishes well away from each other will loose the parishes identity. Local parishes are made up

	of local residents and are there to represent local needs and aspirations. Our voice to be heard. At a local level it is our area's opportunity to focus on what matters to us and how more generally this fits in to local government. Losing our separate parish and joined with one so far away does nothing for our community and joining parishes should not be seen as a cost saving measure!!
23	A reduction in the number of councillors representing the people of the three areas is not warranted. The more councillors involved makes lighter work for those involved. The post are filled on a voluntary basis, so there is no additional cost. Councillors should have an intimate knowledge of the area in their charge. Not knowing the concerns of local residents, and not being able to redress them adequately, is not serving the community.
24	I oppose the changes to the parishes most strongly. I cannot see any advantage to local residents. The local Parish Council should be as the name suggests, A Local Parish Council not incorporated into other Parishes for the convenience of someone at T&W. We have a good PC which works well, if it's not broken don't fix it. I can only assume there are ulterior motives working here which I am unaware of because who ever is proposing this is not working for Rodington residents despite being paid by them. The proposed Parish Council will be too big and will lose it's local identity and focus serving the residents of all 3 existing Parishes. This proposed change cannot go ahead and comply with your own guidance, ToW 3.4 referring to 'identities and interests of communities' I note in your Terms of Reference: I note a CGR was done in 2023 which didn't identify any change needed but mysteriously only just over a year later another one is announced. Two CGR's in 2 years in stead of one in 10 to 15? I smell a rat and what a waste of public money. '3.2 Furthermore, guidance states that it is good practice to conduct a full CGR at least every 10 to 15 years. Whilst the Council commenced a review in 2023, this did not result in any changes being made and, consequently, it is considered appropriate to undertake a further review to identify whether or not any changes are now needed.' [REDACTED] Why is it considered appropriate to undertake a further review because the previous one didn't identify a need for change? The document is obviously withholding something. No change should mean just that as published, no change identified.
25	I do not wish to merge Rodington Parish Council with any other.
26	I am writing to strenuously object to the proposal to combine Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington into one parish council. The review states that the council 'recognises that the development of strong, sustainable communities depends on residents' active participation in decision making in respect of the governance arrangements of parish councils' and 'strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features'. The three communities involved are separate and very distinct. Little Wenlock is tiny and very rural, Wrockwardine is bigger than Rodington and has a lot of new build developments. The councils are currently geographically distinct and combining them will just make arbitrary boundaries with no clear geographical boundary. None of the two councils are similar to Rodington and I cannot see how the interests of residents in Wrockwardine are the same as those in Rodington. Rodington Parish Council has a strong history of focusing on local issues. I cannot see how a council joining the three will be able to bring such focus. The power of the council to act in the interest of local residents will be diminished. If one of the aims of the review is to make the councils more efficient this will not happen. There will need to be one full time clerk, there will be no savings on councillors expenses as they are all volunteers but there will be an increase in mileage costs necessary for the clerk and others to travel much wider distances. It was clear from the Telford and Wrekin's recent Local Plan that everything is seen through the lens of urban developments around Telford. This proposed development ignores the powerful sense of place in Rodington and will weaken the voices of residents to be heard in the

	democratic process. Perhaps this is the aim of the review but it should be encouraging localism and combining three disparate councils will not achieve this.
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28	<p>We are worried that our views will no longer be heard if we merge with a parish 9 miles away. We are rural but not all villages are the same! Think it is not sustainable to expect local councillors to travel to Little Wenlock for meetings and vice versa. We have achieved over 4K of hedges in our parish as well as installing bird boxes and trees and we hope to carry on this work into the future with the support of Rodington Parish Council!</p>
29	<p>I totally OPPOSE the suggestion of amalgamation of these 3 Parish Councils. It will be of no benefit as local interest will be lost and as residents we will feel more removed from local decision making for our area. Rodington has a very efficient Parish Council keeping residents informed regularly and is easily accessible. I can see no financial gain by amalgamation as at present councillors claim no expenses but are likely to if they have to travel for meetings. This proposal is a backward step making it more difficult for residents to receive help in dealing with local problems especially in rural areas. I hope common sense will prevail and local interest will be taken into consideration rather than small financial savings.</p>
30	<p>Objection to the Proposed Merger of Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine, and Rodington Parish Councils. I strongly object to the proposed merger of Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine, and Rodington Parish Councils. My concerns are as follows: Distinct Identity of Little Wenlock Little Wenlock is a clearly defined and distinct rural community, with no meaningful community links to either Wrockwardine or Rodington. A recent survey conducted by Little Wenlock Parish Council confirmed that the overwhelming majority of residents wish to retain an independent parish council. This demonstrates a strong local mandate for continued self-governance. Loss of Local Representation The proposed reduction in parish councillors for Little Wenlock—from five to two—would severely diminish local representation and dilute residents' voices in decision-making. A similar concern applies to Rodington, which would also face reduced representation. Rodington Parish Council's Performance Rodington Parish Council is a high-performing and effective council, holding relevant accreditations. Merging it would undermine its success and disrupt its established governance. I fully</p>

	<p>support Rodington Parish Council's desire to remain independent. Wrockwardine and Electoral Growth I welcome the proposal to increase the number of councillors for Wrockwardine Parish Council to reflect the growth from the Allscott Meads development. However, Wrockwardine should remain a standalone council. It serves a distinct community and is well positioned to respond to its own residents' needs. Community Identity of Admaston Admaston is not part of Wellington in any meaningful way. Its residents primarily use facilities in Shawbirch. There is therefore a strong case for creating a new "Admaston and Shawbirch Parish Council" that reflects these community ties. Financial Implications and Staffing Losses The loss of two clerks across the three parish councils would result in significant redundancy costs and a likely increase in council tax. These financial burdens are not justified by the proposed structural changes. In conclusion, I urge you to reject the proposed merger. It would compromise local identity, weaken representation, and impose unnecessary financial strain. Each of these parishes has a unique character and governance structure that deserves to be preserved.</p>
31	<p>No relevance or connection to the proposed new areas being created, Rodington parish council are approachable and have made many improvements etc. Each area in the proposed new boundary needs their own voice, and I can't see a common denominator that would improve facilities.</p>
32	<p>I object to the proposal to combine Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parishes. The rationale given by the Governance Review Committee for this proposal is community identity, but this proposal would effectively erode the identity of each parish. There is no shared community identity between the three parishes proposed for merger. The current arrangements allow the Parish Council to focus on local issues and drive forward a number of initiatives in a cohesive community. The Parish Council has achieved several awards for its work in the local area, which demonstrates how well the Council serves its local residents. Combining Rodington Parish with a community 9 miles away will obviously dilute the focus on the priorities in the parish, the connection with our residents and the effective delivery of local services. This proposal goes against the prevailing direction of thought which advocates decentralizing decision making because local decision making is more nimble and more able to respond to local needs. I urge Telford and Wrekin to reconsider this proposal for the reasons detailed above. If Rodington Parish Council must be amalgamated with another, the Parishes of Ercall Magna or Waters Upton should be considered as viable alternatives as opposed to Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock. Practical considerations must also be considered and the Parish Council has not had clarification on the following issues: The role of the clerk and associated practical issues i.e. travelling to meetings across the county The impact of increased hours for one clerk and possible job losses for other Clerks The environmental cost of increased travel through the county The lack of knowledge of Councillors regarding areas in different parts of the county which impacts on their ability to fairly represent its electorate.</p>
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34	I object quite strongly to this proposal. This further diminishes realistic local voices. All villages are not the same and do not have the same problems. Villages 8 or so miles away do not have the same problems. Our local voices were dismissed when we were lumped in with Rodington but at least it is adjacent to Longdon upon Tern. This proposal has obviously been put forward by someone who does not live in a small village and is not really concerned about their specific effective local representation.
35	If the rationale for merging Rodington, Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine is community identity, then I strenuously object to the proposal. The three parishes have nothing in common and there is no common identity in the new combined Parish. This is likely to promote division between the three parishes, not a common identity.
36	I object to the merging of Rodington with Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. This would water down the Identity of Rodington and would not enable local councillors to act in the best interests of Rodington. This proposal seems to go away from the idea of devolved accountability and responsibility for our local area, Rodington councillors know what is best for Rodington.
37	I object in the strongest terms to the proposed merger of the Parish of Rodington with those of Wrockwardine and Little Wenlock as I feel that this will reduce the ability of Parish Councillors to meet the needs of local residents quickly with problems they may encounter. I also feel strongly that as a resident I wish to be represented by people who have a good knowledge of my Parish because they live in the immediate area to where I live. If I vote for a local Councillor, I expect them to be local - not from the other side of the District.
38	I don't support this merger. It doesn't align with Localism
39	I object to the proposed merger of Rodington with Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine on the grounds that making local policy should be down to the local people of a parish/area. Making bigger areas for parishes means people will vote on policies for places they may not have even been to or know anything about the general area as a whole. Also making the parishes have less councillors means there will be less people to preside over a larger area which is more pressure on local government in the sense of hours and also makes the ease of putting the ideas of local residents forward a lot harder in the sense that it would be watered down with matters of other areas. This is a terrible idea which does not put people first, it only puts the bottom line of councils first which the countries government has to fork out for. This is not in the benefit of people living in these places, it is only an idea to preserve status quos and may make it in the eyes of the countries' government easier to push ideas like large scale housing developments potentially easier to push through as residents of Rodington have already vehemently opposed.
40	1) The reason given for merging the three parishes is "community identity". Whilst Rodington and Wrockwardine have strong community links, there are few links between the communities living in Rodington and Little Wenlock parishes. There are stronger community links between Rodington, Roden and High Ercall parishes (through shared transport links, use of community facilities and so on). 2) Having attended a recent parish council meeting and heard the Parish Councillors discuss the

	possible changes, another concern is the impact of the reduction in councillors. Our local councillors work hard to provide residents with high quality facilities. They also actively engage with residents by organising and attending regular community events. Reducing the number of councillors from 22 to 11 would make the current workload very challenging for those who are elected to the new parish council.
41	Not a logical mix of parishes at all! Little Wenlock is a traditional village settlement the parish covers other tiny settlements. Wrockwardine is almost urban. Rodington is neither of these. The distance between settlements would make it difficult to represent and extremely expensive to run. Rodington sits better either with High Recall/Waters Upton or on its own
42	Following the publishing of the draft recommendations, specifically those linked to Wellington and Wrockwardine. I'd like to record my support for the proposals. The rationale for bringing Admaston and Bratton into Wellington is logical and will improve services for existing residents, and for future residents as identified in the local plan. The proposals clearly separate the rural and urban identities and will ensure that the relevant town and parish councils can focus on delivering for residents based on their specific needs. I also support the merging of the rural parishes that form the constituent parts of Wrockwardine as a borough ward.
43	I am concerned about the proposal to move Admaston & Bratton into Wellington for several reasons including the potential impact on residents due to the following: - Council tax band is higher so will impact residents financially - Decision-making will be impacted at a new town council which already has its priorities and spending plans set which currently don't include Admaston & Bratton. This is likely to mean it will be harder to get funds allocated for improvements in Admaston & Bratton. Wrockwardine Parish council have funds set aside for various projects in the area which may not now go ahead if Admaston & Bratton is moved e.g. Admaston traffic calming scheme I also have concerns about the merging of Wrockwardine, Little Wenlock and Rodington due to the following: - This would cover a huge geographical area which could again erode decision making for particular areas within the parish meaning local People may not get to be represented. - Job risk - This is likely to impact some people's jobs e.g. clerks as there is unlikely to be a need for 3 clerks across this parish In both of these proposals, the concern is that residents are less likely to have as much representation and priorities will shift it be undermined. It is also difficult to see the motivation for the changes which are likely to have a negative impact on residents, at least initially.