Response to Telford and Wrekin boundary review 2025

Introduction

This response to the Telford & Wrekin Community Governance Reviews (CGR) – (updated May 2025) is a joint response from members of Donnington & Muxton Parish Council.
We, [redacted] having read the information pack, would like to make the below submission.

Parish Area	Comment
Muxton	The recognition of a separate parish council for Muxton is welcomed. It has been established via polling that a majority of Muxton residents wish to have a Muxton Parish Council, and the report confirms that Muxton should be separated from Donnington because it has 'a distinct community identity and different needs from Donnington'. The proposed parish however, is not representative of the Muxton area. The current electoral area of Muxton has 4.498 electors against the proposed 3,831. We believe that the current numbers reflect the established Muxton area, and would necessitate 7 councillors against the proposed 5. The reduction in electors has come about by the removal of polling district WMM which has been moved into St Georges parish council. These electors have been within the Muxton ward from the inception of the housing development site, and have a natural affinity with Muxton, all areas being linked by the Granville country park. There are direct walking routes across this area via the Granville country park – a well-established Muxton facility. In addition, the extra care facility recently completed in Muxton has a planning condition to provide community facilities for Muxton. It should also be noted that at present, Telford and Wrekin's local plan is currently under review. It is proposed that 2,700 homes are built as part of the SUE for Muxton. It is not specified in the boundary review whether these electors will be incorporated into the proposed Muxton Parish council – this needs clarification **Conclusion – support a separate Parish Council, but the boundary should reflect the current borough boundary, and would need to be served by 7 councillors**
St Georges and Donnington	The proposal is that Donnington is joined with St Georges Parish council. The report states they 'share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs'.

	Whilst this is certainly true, the parishes are not adjunct, and ST Georges shares a more common identity with Oakengates than it does with Donnington. The proposed parish will comprise 12,524 electors making it the 3rd largest parish in the borough. We believe this to be too large, and joining St Georges with Oakengates would make a more manageable parish of 10,00 electors **Conclusion – This is not a logical joining of parishes**
Wrockwardine Wood, Trench & Oakengates	The proposal of joining these parishes is outlined as it is for St Georges and Donnington in that they 'share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs'. Again, this is certainly true but Wrockwardine Wood and Trench shares a more common identity with Donnington, and this would be a more logical merger. **Conclusion – This is not a logical joining of parishes**

Summary

The boundary review is welcomed, and we agree that parishes need to be re-organised. This groups response to the proposals are;

- We welcome the establishment of a separate Muxton Parish council, but request that the boundary is in line with the current borough boundary, necessitating 7 councillors
- St Georges Parish would be better suited to be joined with Oakengates to form a new parish
- Donnington Parish would be better suited to be joined with Wrockwardine Wood and Trench to form a new parish.