

## **Telford & Wrekin Community Governance Review 2025**

Statutory guidance of a Community Governance Review states that the review should be reflective of the identities and interests of the community, be effective and convenient taking into account the impact on the community, the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and the identities and interests of the communities under review.

As a Borough Councillor [REDACTED], I have campaigned for the establishment of a separate Muxton Parish Council and therefore welcome the proposal for a separation from Donnington as the two communities are distinct and the residents have differing priorities.

I do not agree with the transfer of polling district WMM out of Muxton. This is a part of Muxton that is in the process of being developed with a significant number of new build. The proposed Parish boundary excludes large swathes of the Muxton community and follows an arbitrary route. It is logical and in keeping with the guidance for CGRs as stated above to maintain the current boundaries which use major roads such as Donnington Wood Way, Redhill Way and the A5 as Parish boundaries.

In addition one of the planning conditions for the extra care facility nearing completion on Tranter Avenue was to provide community facilities for the Muxton area. The Granville Country Park, much loved by Muxton residents has been removed from the Muxton Parish, surely the residents adjacent to the Country Park should have some influence and connection to this important recreational facility right on their doorstep.

The proposed number of seats at 5 is too low, if a Councillor cannot attend a meeting then decisions are easily influenced by a very select few. With the addition of the WMM polling district a more reasonable number of seats can be achieved especially as the new build areas still have a significant number of dwellings to be built and occupied, 7 seats would be a more realistic number, with a seat for the Donnington Wood development and a seat for the Redhill development.

The proposed joint Donnington and St Georges Parish Council will result in an excessively large Parish Council of 12,524 electors made up of two Parishes that have little in common. A more logical merger is between St.Georges and Oakengates which are two communities adjacent and have more in common. Donnington is better served by merging with Wrockwardine Wood and Trench as they are neighbouring Parishes with linked communities. This would also avoid parts of Wrockwardine Wood being separated from Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council which is bizarrely included in the proposals and is against the guidance referenced above.

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