

Priorslee

Email Responses:

1	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>Please find below the response from St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council regarding the proposed changes:</p> <p>The Council recommends increasing the number of councillors for the proposed Priorslee Parish from 5 to 7, to be spread across two wards, reflecting the growing population and ensuring fair representation.</p> <p>Additionally, it is recommended that the number of councillors for the proposed new St Georges & Donnington Parish be reduced from 17 to 15. The Parish should also be warded appropriately to reflect and represent the distinct communities within its boundaries.</p>
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Survey Responses:

1	<p>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</p>
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	<p>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 & Shawburch 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.</p>
2	<p>Culturally the new estates off donnington wood way feel more aligned with muxton (think Granville links through to muxton are way stronger) New builds near Redhill/priorslee should be priorslee not Donnington/st George's</p>
3	<p>Fully support the proposals for the parishes, but need to see a change in council numbers and warding. St Georges & Donnington should be 13 and Priorslee 7 and Muxton 7, and I fully support Wrockwardine Wood merging with Oakengates. identity is key warding for key areas, Redhill, St Georges, Snedshill, Donnington Wood, Donnington, The Humbers, Oakengates, Ketley Bank, Wrockwardine Wood, Wombridge and Trench etc i dont like big numbers of cllrs but like to have enough to make governance happens</p>
4	<p>I agree with the creation of a separate parish council for Priorslee I consider the number of councillors be increased to 7, with an addition of 1 councillor for each ward. From my experience [REDACTED] I feel the proposed n umber of councillors to be inadequate for the amount of work the council is required to do. In addition any absences of councillors in meetings could render them inquorate and so restrict the work the council can achieve.</p>
5	<p>As a resident of Priorslee for [REDACTED] years I have seen the population grow in recent years and believe that Priorslee ought now to have its own Parish Council. The PC will be able to have closer ties with the local community rather than the broad area as now. Whilst contact will still need to be made with neighbouring PCs over highways matters etc., the concentration will be for Priorslee.</p>