

## **The Gorge Parish Council response to the proposals from the Boundary Review Committee**

The Gorge Parish Council notes the recent proposal from the Boundary Review Committee regarding the inclusion of Horsehay, Doseley and Nightingale Walk Ward of the current Dawley Hamlets Parish Council within our parish boundary. We wish to clarify that this proposed change was not something our Council had requested or sought during the consultation process.

While we appreciate the efforts to review and improve parish boundaries for the benefit of local governance, we feel it is important to highlight that Horsehay and Doseley have not historically fallen within our administrative remit nor is its inclusion aligned with the priorities expressed by our parishioners or those of Horsehay. We have not received representations from our residents supporting the inclusion of Horsehay, and as such, we have reservations regarding the rationale for this adjustment.

We respectfully request that further consideration be given to community identity, historical ties, and the expressed wishes of both the current residents of our parish and those of Horsehay itself. We would welcome an opportunity for open dialogue with all stakeholders before any final decision is made on this matter.

The Council also objects to the proposed reduction of councillors serving Coalport and Jackfield to one councillor. Historically the two councillors have been one from Coalport and one from Jackfield as, despite the ward being one ward, it is two distinct communities with only one footbridge connecting them.

In summary, while we recognise the importance of effective boundary management, we do not support the inclusion of Horsehay in our parish boundary at this time, as it was not a change sought by this Council. The Parish Council also continues to hold the view that Wrekin View and Hilltop area would be better served as part of the Gorge Parish Council area.

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