

Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct

Email Responses:

1	I live on the Ellis Peters Drive estate in Aqueduct, which is the only part of Aqueduct that doesn't come under Dawley Hamlets. We had hoped that that would change after the boundary review, as we are all Aqueduct! I know some on this estate expressed this desire in previous consultation rounds, but sadly nothing has changed on the newly drawn plans - we are still on our own under Great Dawley. We are obviously just an estate tacked on to their parish. They don't even mention Aqueduct being part of their parish council! Please can you look at this issue again? Other areas like Muxton and Priorslee are being separated and their individual areas and identity being respected. I am only requesting that you do the same for Aqueduct and putting us together in Dawley Hamlets.
2	Hi I wholeheartedly wish my area in Aqueduct to remain as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I DO NOT-want to be part of Greater Dawley and surrounding area. I wish to remain as it is a parish council and retain our name it is a fabulous community with great local councilors and would like it to stay that way.
3	Please find attached my response to the Community Governance Review, phase 3. My response relates to the Horsehay, Lightmoor, Aqueduct & Little Dawley area. I have provided it in both odt and PDF format for your convenience. Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Annex A Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Annex B
4	We wish to make the following comments with respect to the proposals covering the existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. We are very pleased that the previous proposal to split Horsehay so that it came under the jurisdiction of 2 parishes has been dropped. This is very welcome. Horsehay is a well-established community and to be divided would be totally unacceptable. We consider that keeping the existing communities of Horsehay, Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Lightmoor together is a very sensible proposal. These communities

	have worked well together under the name of Dawley Hamlets PC and will continue to do so in the future. As regards the name, whilst we have no strong view on this; it might be an opportunity to update the name to a more meaningful and recognisable community. Our suggestion would be, keep it simple: Aqueduct, Horsehay, Lightmoor and Little Dawley Parish Council.
5	I would like our parish council to keep the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a name that has been used for a long time and would cause a great deal of confusion if it were to be changed.
6	We welcome the decision not to dissolve Dawley Hamlets Parish Council or to create a new parish council in its place. However, we do not support a change to its current name and strongly recommend that the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council be retained. This position reflects the following considerations: • Community identity: The name “Dawley Hamlets” is well-established and widely recognised by parishioners. It reflects the distinct character and heritage of the area and continues to foster a strong sense of local identity. • Parishioner preference: Feedback from residents indicates a clear preference for retaining the existing name. The Parish Council believes that any change would not reflect the wishes of the community. • Practical implications: A name change would result in unnecessary expense and administrative disruption, including updates to signage, stationery, digital platforms, and legal documentation. • Clarity and continuity: The current name accurately represents the Council’s remit and geographical coverage. Changing it risks confusion among residents and stakeholders, particularly in relation to council communications and service delivery. For these reasons, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council respectfully requests that its name remain unchanged.
7	My submission is for the Horsehay area. I understand that there is an opportunity to suggest an alternative name for the parish that is presently known as Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. I am aware that the name 'South Telford Villages Parish Council' has been suggested for consideration by the committee. I wish to state that I support a change of name to 'South Telford Villages Parish Council'. It seems to me to be a more appropriate and accurate name for the area. Thank you for your consideration
8	I write with regards the ongoing Boundary Review.

Following the initial consultation held in July the recently announced proposals do not include moving the Ellis Peters Drive area from Great Dawley Town Council into Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. This point, supported by many of our neighbours and Dawley Hamlets Parish Councillors, has not been mentioned at all in both the initial consultation documentation nor the more recent announcement of the boundary reviews. I respectfully request that consideration of this move be included in the consultation.

My initial comments as provided to you earlier this year are below.

Kind regards

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I would like to provide my comments on the boundary review:

I am a resident of Ellis Peters Drive, Aqueduct, TF3 1AW. Although my postal address is Aqueduct our home falls within the Great Dawley Town Council. Previously we resided in Earls Drive, Aqueduct and were a resident in the parish of Dawley Hamlets for many years. A number of my neighbours are unaware that they fall within the boundary of Great Dawley Town Council until recently when the proposal was to abolish the Parish Council of Dawley Hamlets. This proposal has highlighted to my neighbours the vast difference in precept of roughly £30 in Dawley Hamlets to roughly £300 in Great Dawley, something which has come as a shock as residents living on the very edge of Great Dawley, we seem to see very little of the precept of Great Dawley spent in our area, the majority of this precept is used in Dawley town itself for activities and events we do not attend. Instead living so close to the Dawley Hamlets Parish we attend more events held in this parish and indeed have continued to attend Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to discuss issues with the Aqueduct area. When we have attended Great Dawley Town Council with this issues they were not interested as of course these issues did not fall within their area.

Myself and my wife spoke with Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to request support to amend the boundaries a couple of years ago. We proposed with the majority of the residents of Ellis Peters Drive and surrounding streets already believing they lived in Dawley Hamlets and indeed turn to the Parish Councillors for support with local issues, that the boundary be altered to incorporate Ellis Peters Drive into the Dawley Hamlets Parish.

By abolishing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council entirely this will vastly increase the number of homes and residents reliant on decisions being made by a larger authority that may lack the local knowledge and understanding required to make informed choices for the community. I am of course aware that the number of councillors would be increased should the boundary review proposal be passed but there is no guarantee that the councillors elected will be residents of Aqueduct or Little Dawley and therefore representatives of the local area on the new Town

	Council. I am concerned that by abolishing Dawley Hamlets, the concerns and support of the residents of the more rural areas of the new ward will be prioritised. I do not support the abolishment of Dawley Hamlets Council. As a resident on the very edge of Great Dawley would propose that consideration is given to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and the boundary remaining however Elis Peters Drive and surrounding streets being moved into this parish.
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Survey Responses:

1	I cannot afford to lose my Ironbridge residence parking permit as it is essential for going to the pharmacist and other appointments involving my health etc.
2	Our area is already the correct size to be managed economically and efficiently. Make saving s elsewhere. You are trying to fix something that is not broken, and despite the hollow promises, merging our parish with another WILL effect the area and prove detrimental to the already fragile balance of the boroughs. Perhaps have a reshuffle in an office, or reduce MPs wages to save money? Leave the communities alone before you do any further damage.
3	As a resident of Aqueduct I am very content with the way that the current Parish Council works for me. I do not see any need for it to be reconstituted or renamed. This whole Community Governance Review exercise has been expensive to run in both time and money and to save time and money now I think the Parish Council should retain it's name and no further money be spent on new signage. Keep the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council name!
4	Having reviewed the governance review i must state that I am still of the view that it is not in our interests as residents to lose our Parish of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. The Parish has a long standing history for our area and the Parish serves us well currently so i see no need to be absorbed by other Parish Councils. I am not opposed to the slight boundary changes to include the small additional area of lightmoor. So long as the Parish is kept as its own Parish and retains the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, as this is its historic name. However, should it come down to either being abolished or having a name change i would rather the name change than our Parish being abolished.
5	I wish to continue to be called Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It is a trusted brand, no need to change it.
6	We have lived in Horsehay for the last 38 years and feel part of the community despite the changes that have taken place during this time. We sent in our views by letter on 13th June and also attended the meeting of the Gorge PC to represent Horsehay and any proposed changes to the PC on 17th June. I wish to comment on the Dawley Hamlets area. It has been very well managed over the years, staying within its budget. We have had 2 OAP parties a year (including wine) and we have been involved in the annual Horsehay Horticultural show for several years, supported by the Parish council. We have also attended the Forum 50 program in the village hall now managed by Age UK. I am happy to keep the name Dawley Hamlets which reflects the origins of the Parish and would save any extra cost in replacing letterheads, notice boards etc. I feel that including each individual ward name, Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley and Aqueduct is too cumbersome.
7	As a long time resident of Horsehay, and formerly Jackfield, I would like to retain the current name of Dawley Hamlets for the Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley and Aqueduct wards. It has had this name for a considerable time and a name

	incorporating all four wards would be excessively long. A name change would also involve some, avoidable, expense in renaming on council paperwork. The current Parish Council provides excellent service and support to local residents and whilst I assume that this would continue under any name I see no reason for any change. I am quite happy with Dawley Hamlets.
8	I consider the name Dawley hamlets parish council is appropriate and a well recognised and respected community minded parish council and it works well in its current form so why change something that works well for all its residents
9	Big is not beautiful so putting local parish groups into bigger groups will not always represent the local community and allow them to have a local input. Eventually the local councils will exist as one group and then you can call it Wrekin with the same boundaries as our MP!
10	We wish to record our firm opposition to any proposed changes to the current parish council arrangements, including any alteration to its existing name. The present parish council has served our community well for many years, providing effective local representation and continuity that residents value and trust. We see no clear justification for changing a system that continues to function efficiently and meet local needs. Altering the parish boundaries or renaming the council risks creating unnecessary disruption, confusion, and administrative expense, without delivering any tangible benefit to residents. Furthermore, we are concerned that such changes could lead to increased costs, which may in turn result in higher council tax for our community. At a time when many households are already facing financial pressures, imposing additional costs for changes that are neither requested nor required would be inappropriate.
11	I welcome the proposals in the September Community Governance Review to, in essence, retain Dawley Hamlets Parish Council (DHPC) largely unchanged. I completely opposed the earlier proposal to abolish DHPC for the reasons given in the DHPC submission to an earlier stage of the review. On the question of the parish name I would suggest that the current name is retained as it is known and identified with by the local communities. The alternative suggested name of Horsehay, Lightmoor and Aqueduct Parish Council seems unnecessarily clumsy and excludes Little Dawley which has a clear identity as one of the "Hamlets" that constitute the existing and proposed future council. A change of name would also seem to imply a series of changes to documents, signs, social media sites and publicity material etc, not to mention legal and financial administration that would add costs with no benefit. I hope that a final decision is taken to retain Dawley Hamlets Parish Council with as little change as possible so that it can continue to serve its communities in delivering value for money services.
12	I am very pleased to hear that Dawley Hamlets Parish and the Council is to remain pretty much as it with the attachment of several outlying areas. If Dawley Hamlets would have been amalgamated into The Gorge and Dawley Town, parallels could have been drawn with Shropshire Council's desire to amalgamate Telford into Shropshire County and we don't want that, do we? And PLEASE keep the name, Dawley Hamlets, it is very descriptive and to alter it would lead to all sorts of Administration difficulties.
13	I hope the name Dawley Hamlets Parish Council stays the same or near enough. We live in Little Dawley and chose to live here because of its individuality and want to keep the rural and community environment safe. The history is important here as well as being a quiet, safe, harmonious area.
14	My parish council has consistently done a good job, I have no desire to be absorbed by another, with the resulting increase in costs and probable lots of localised services. Also, leave the name alone please. Dawley Hamlets parish council does exactly what it says on the tin.

15	Dawley hamlets parish Council is a historic name , do not understand why it needs to change and as no other name has been put forward, it is change just for the sake of it, also it would cost money to rename.
16	I'm pleased that Dawley Hamlets Parish will not be abolished. I like the name as it is. The word Hamlets describes us well. The name reminds us of our heritage and identity as a collection of small neighbouring communities with individual character. If you take that away we become just another sprawling mass of housing. There doesn't seem to be any valid reason to change it. Please leave it as it is.