

The Gorge

Email Responses:

1	The Gorge Parish Council considered the latest consultation and agreed this submission: TGPC Response to additional consultation October 2025 The Gorge Parish Council notes with disappointment that the proposals continue to include the removal of Lightmoor ward from the Gorge Parish Council. The developing relationship with residents is demonstrating that they value the links to Ironbridge and are concerned about the proposed change. Likewise, the relationship with Bournville Estate Management is strong and valued by both parties. There is also the consequence for the Gorge on its precept which, while it is acknowledged that this is not a principal consideration, will diminish the Council's ability to respond to the needs of residents and to continue to develop services in the area. The Council welcomes the retention of two councillors for Coalport and Jackfield ward as these two communities are distinct and separated by the River Severn, with only one footbridge connecting them. The Parish Council also considers there would be merit in separating Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale into two parish wards to reflect the different communities and provide clearer representation from councillors. The Parish Council also continues to hold the view that Wrekin View and Hilltop (Academy Parish Ward) area should be part of the Gorge Parish Council area. It has strong historic links as many of its residents were displaced from the Gorge, and given the Review's desire to recognise community identity, it is strongly recommended that further consideration be given to this matter. The current proposals recognise that this ward has far fewer electors per councillor than the other Madeley Town Council wards, but if this ward was within the Gorge the councillor / electors ratio would be in line with other wards.
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Survey Responses:

1	I agree with consolidation of the boroughs but within the Gorge, upper Madeley remains in Madeley. If you have a resident or business within the Gorge it's The Gorge. Logic needs to play a big part within the thinking, if not just make them as one.
2	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.
3	Many houses have been built in some boroughs so some boundaries changes need to be made and also keep communities together.
4	It seems wrong to split Lightmoor off from The Gorge: Lightmoor children come to secondary school and play in bands in Ironbridge, people come to Coalbrookdale for café and community centre activities and to both areas for the Christmas lights events. We are linked by multi-generational friendships. Let's stay together!