Lawley & Overdale

Email Responses:

Good afternoon

I refer to the email received on Tuesday 30 September 2025 regarding the above.

Please see below submitted on behalf of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council:

- the proposed arrangements for the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s);
 - Council approves of both:
 - the inclusion of Small Gate area and Lawley Gate (TLS polling district).
 - that the following, part or all of, are moved to Great Dawley Town Council (this is not an exhaustive list): Cambridge Close, Croft Fold, Dawley Bank, Milners Court, Grange Farm Rise, Wakeley Drive, Hill Fold, Cemetery Road, Concorde, Milners Lane
- the warding arrangements for the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s);
 - approves of 5 wards them being listed below
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s);
 - Council believes that an increase from the current 8 to 11 Councillors is sufficient to ensure representation and to be comparable to other areas with the equal number of parishioners. Furthermore, 18 is considered too many
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of each ward in the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s);
 - the number of Councillors should be:
 - Lawley Common = 2
 - Lawley East = 3
 - Lawley West = 2
 - Overdale & The Rock = 2
 - Town Centre = 2
- the proposed name of any of the relevant Town and Parish Council area(s).
 - to retain the current name of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council as it is synonymous with not only the local history of the area and residents links to that, but also in consideration of the work undertaken over many years to form and sustain its identity

Survey Responses:

It is proposed that Lawley Gate which has always previously sat in the Dawley Hamlets Parish will move to Lawley and Overdale. Lawley Gate is a single residential street with a small population. The road sits upon Horsehay Common itself and many of the the properties border the common (used as golf course) without any road separation. Whilst called Lawley Gate, the houses have always been in Horsehay and many of the historic properties in the road were built by the Coalbrookdale Company as part of their Horsehay Estate - these can be seen in the addresses in the censuses going back a few hundred years. The street sits on the Horsehay side of the major roads (Dawley Road and Wellington Road/A5223) that separate modern Lawley from Horsehay. It seems non-sensical that that Lawley Gate which sits on Horsehay Common would itself sit in a different civil parish to the common itself. For such a negligible population, I hope that the proposal to separate this part of Horsehay Common from the remainder of Horsehay will be abandoned.