

Appendix I Third Phase Consultation and Revised Parish & Town Council Proposals

The Boundary Review Committee, 4 September, asked that a third phase of consultation be completed on 7 areas of the borough where revised proposals had been discussed by the Committee. These areas were:

- Brookside and Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley
- Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct
- Lawley & Overdale
- Madeley
- St Georges & Donnington
- The Gorge
- Wrockwardine and Rodington

For each of the 7 areas, views were specifically sought by the Committee on:

- the proposed arrangements for some Town and Parish Councils covering the areas highlighted above;
- the warding arrangements for some Town and Parish Councils covering the areas highlighted above;
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of some Town and Parish Councils in respect of the areas mentioned above;
- the number of councillors proposed in respect of each ward;
- the proposed name of some Town and Parish Councils in those areas mentioned above.

The third phase of consultation commenced 29 September and closed at 23:59, 19 October 2025. Responses to the consultation could be made through an online survey, via email or by letter whether posted or hand delivered. To promote the consultation, a consultation pack was shared with:

- Community groups;
- Town and Parish Councils;
- Strategic partners including the West Mercia Police, Shropshire Fire & Rescue and NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin ICS;
- Borough Councillors;
- MPs;
- Telford Interfaith Council; and
- Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Through the third phase consultation, the Council received over 210 responses from residents, councillors and parish councils. These are set out in Appendices A to G aligned to the relevant parish area. A response was also received from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils covering a number of areas of the borough which is set out in Appendix H.

Informed by this consultation, relevant guidance and legislation concerning community governance reviews, recommendations for the future town and parish arrangements for each of these 7 areas have been developed and are presented in this report.

Brookside, Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley

At the request of the Boundary Review Committee, the third phase consultation specifically sought views on a proposal that would create two new parish councils for the area; one for Brookside and the second for Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley. This was in response to the Community Governance Review phase two community consultation which found considerable opposition to the creation of a proposed The Nedge Parish Council which would have been created from the merger of the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and the existing Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council.

In response to the proposal of a parish council for Brookside and a second for Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley, 5 emails and 32 survey responses were received directly to Telford & Wrekin Council. In addition, Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council undertook their own engagement activity on the proposal and as part of their submission to the Community Governance Review, submitted 90 questionnaires prior to the consultation deadline. Subsequent to their submission, the Parish Council submitted an additional 26 completed copies of their questionnaire. The third phase consultation responses for Brookside, Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Almost all of the responses to the third phase Community Governance Review consultation were opposed to the proposal to create a Hollinswood, Randlay and Stirchley Parish Council and a separate Brookside Parish council. The common theme throughout these responses was that the current arrangements of a parish council for Hollinswood and Randlay and a parish council for Stirchley and Brookside should be retained. Only a very small number of responses to the consultation expressed a contrary view.

Informed by the consultation findings, it is proposed that the current Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council are retained. Once adopted, these arrangements will be kept under review as there will be additional housing development in the area and it is necessary to ensure the arrangements continue to reflect the needs of communities.

Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council

Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council will, if agreed, have an electorate of 4,361, served by 12 parish councillors. The parish council will not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	12	4361	363

Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council

Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council will, if agreed by the Committee, have an electorate of 7,136 with 13 parish councillors across 3 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	11%
Holmer Lake	TTH	1	343	343	-38%
Stirchley	TTT, TTS	7	3750	536	-2%
Total		13	7136	549	

Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct

The proposed parish for this area that the Boundary Review Committee considered at its meeting on 4 September, included Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct. Compared with the pre-existing Dawley Hamlets, these proposals saw the proposed parish:

- include the Lightmoor parish ward that is currently in The Gorge Parish;
- exclude the Smallhill Parish Ward which it was proposed would be within the revised Lawley & Overdale Parish; and,
- exclude the Nightingale Walk Parish Ward which it was proposed would move to Madeley Town Council.

Through this third phase consultation, the Boundary Committee were keen to explore what this proposed parish council should be called.

In response to the third phase consultation, 8 emails were received and 16 online questionnaires about the proposed parish arrangements for this area (see Appendix B).

Within these responses there were two key themes: the name of the proposed parish and which parish or town council Ellis Peters Drive Aqueduct should be located in.

A significant majority of responses that commented on the name of the proposed parish were of the view that the existing name, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, should be retained. Those that supported this position, stated that it was a well-known and historic name and that adopting a new name for the parish would carry unnecessary costs because of, for example, the need to change boundary signs.

There were a small number of responses which stated that they wanted to see Ellis Peters Drive of Aqueduct become part of the proposed parish council. There was no overarching evidence to support this change.

Informed by the consultation findings, it is proposed that the parish arrangements for Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct are adopted and that the parish council should be called Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

The revised Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would have an electorate of, 6,789 represented by 9 parish councillors across 4 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Aqueduct	TDY	3	2168	723	-4%
Little Dawley	THA	1	794	794	5%
Lightmoor	THC	2	1003	502	-34%
Horsehay	THZ	3	2824	941	25%
Total		9	6789	754	

Madeley and The Gorge

Madeley

The proposed Madeley Town Council that was the focus of the third phase consultation was primarily based on the existing arrangements with the addition of the Nightingale Walk parish ward from the pre-existing Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

In response to the third phase consultation, one response was received for Madeley (see Appendix C). This response was from Madeley Town Council and simply expressed support for the proposal that Nightingale Walk Parish Ward should be included within the Madeley Town Council boundary.

The Gorge

The proposal for the Gorge Parish Council considered by the Boundary Review Committee, 4 September, was primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the key change being that the Lightmoor parish ward would become part of the proposed Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Parish Council. This proposed change was predicated on community identity as it is considered that there is not a shared common identity between The Gorge and Lightmoor. This proposal would enhance coterminosity between borough and parish boundaries.

In response to the third phase consultation, 1 email and 4 questionnaires were received about The Gorge (see Appendix D). The email was received from The Gorge Parish Council and objected to the proposal to move the Lightmoor Ward to the proposed Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct Parish Council. The response also commented on the warding of The Gorge and asked that consideration be given to creating separate parish wards for Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale as they are two distinct communities. In addition, the Parish Council's submission argued that the Academy Prish Ward should be part of the Gorge Parsh area due to strong links to the area and that it would have a positive impact on elector inequality.

From the questionnaires, opposition was expressed to the removal of Lightmoor from the Gorge arguing that The Gorge provided them with key services.

Informed by the consultation, it is proposed that the following amendments are made to the proposed parish and town council arrangements for the Gorge and Madeley to enhance electoral equality (addressing some of the inequality shown in the earlier proposals) and ensure the sustainability of both councils:

- That the Academy parish ward is moved from Madeley Town Council to The Gorge – this would improve coterminosity with the Ironbridge Gorge borough ward and it would also have a positive impact on elector inequality in Madeley Town Council.
- That the Roberts Road area and the Nightingale Walk Parish ward become part of the The Gorge Parish Council. Again, this will have a positive impact upon electoral equality.

The Gorge Parish Council

The proposed The Gorge Parish Council would have an electorate of 2,786 with 11 parish councillors across 4 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	512	256	1%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB	4	1002	251	-1%
Coalbrookdale (to include Nightingale Walk)	TIG, TWL	3	814	271	7%
Madeley Road (to include Academy and Roberts Road)	TIH, TWP	2	458	229	-10%
Total		11	2786	253	

Madeley Town Council

The proposed Madley Town Council would have an electorate of 12,351 with 16 parish councillors across 3 parish wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Cuckoo Oak	TMB, TMC	5	3977	795	3%
Madeley Village	TMA, TMD	5	3723	745	-4%
Woodside	TWO	6	4651	775	0%
Total		16	12,351	772	

St Georges & Donnington

The communities of St Georges and Donnington share a common identity of being older established communities in the borough with similar needs, demographics and identity. As such it is proposed that a parish council is established to serve these two communities which will be reflective of the identity and interests of the community.

In considering these proposals, the Boundary Review Committee asked that further work was completed to develop the parish ward arrangements and associated number of councillors and that these should form part of the third phase consultation.

In response to the third phase consultation 3 questionnaires were received (see Appendix E). Two of the responses were supportive of the proposed parish warding – that is to ensure there is effective representation for each of the different areas of the proposed parish. The other questionnaire expressed concern over the proposal to create a parish council by bringing together the communities of St Georges and Donnington.

St Georges & Donnington Parish Council

It is proposed that the St Georges and Donnington Parish Council would have an electorate of 12,759 represented by 17 parish councillors across 8 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seats	Variance
St Georges West	TSP, TKG	4	2414	603.5	-20%
St George's East	TSG, TSE	3	2834	945	26%
Snedshill	TPS	1	398	398	-47%
Redhill	WMM	1	590	590	-21%
Humbers	WMH	1	692	692	-8%
Donnington wood	WDE	2	1244	622	-17%
Donnington	WDG, WDO	4	4139	1035	38%
The Lamb	TSW	1	448	448	-40%
Total		17	12759	751	

Lawley & Overdale

The proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council considered by the Boundary Review Committee on 4 September was primarily formed from the existing parish arrangements with the following proposed changes:

- The inclusion of the Smallhill 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 revised proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish council would have an electorate of 9,539 presented by 18 councillors across 5 parish wards.

Responding to consultation feedback gathered during the second phase of consultation, the Boundary Review Committee were keen to consult further to explore whether a different number of councillors would be more effective and welcomed views on this specific matter.

Two responses were received to the third phase consultation, one an online questionnaire and the second an email (see Appendix F).

The questionnaire response, focused on the area of Lawley Gate and argued that for the purposes of historic community identity, it should be included within the proposed parish for Horsehay, Lightmoor, Little Dawley & Aqueduct. This proposal would require the creation of a polling district for Lawley Gate which would have too few electors for electoral efficiency.

The email response was supportive of the proposed arrangements in terms of the broad boundaries for the parish and the warding arrangements. This response, however, suggested that the number of parish councillors should be 11 rather than the proposed 18 and distributed across the proposed 5 wards:

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Lawley Common	TLB, TLS	2	3086	1543	78%
Lawley East	TLL	3	2513	838	-3%
Lawley West	WLL	2	542	271	-69%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	2	2743	1372	58%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	2	655	328	-62%
Total		11	9539	867	

This proposal would mean that there was significant electoral inequality across the 5 parish wards – particularly the Town Centre parish ward. An alternative proposal with 11 parish councillors across the 5 wards with better electoral equality would be:

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Lawley West	WLL	1	542	542	-38%
Overdale & The Rock	TOY, TOX	3	2743	914	5%
Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	1	655	655	-24%
Total		11	9539	867	

Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

The proposed Lawley & Overdale Parish Council would have an electorate of 9,539 with 11 parish councillors across 5 wards. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

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Town Centre	TMH (part 66%)	1	655	655	-24%
Total		11	9,539	867	

Wrockwardine & Rodington

The proposed parish arrangements which formed part of the phase two consultation for the Community Governance Review included a proposal to create a Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council. This proposal brought the pre-existing Little Wenlock and Rodington Parish Councils together with the Wrockwardine Parish Council excluding Bratton and Admaston as it is proposed these will become part of the revised Wellington Town Council.

The phase two Community Governance Review consultation found significant opposition to the proposal to create a parish council that included Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington. A core objection was the size of the proposed parish and a lack of a cohesive identity. It was acknowledged that The Wrekin creates a significant natural barrier between Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. In response, and reflecting the changes that would be brought about as a result of the proposed changes to Wellington Town Council, the Committee wanted to consider an alternative proposal which would see the existing arrangements for Little Wenlock retained and a new proposed Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish.

In response to the third phase consultation, 5 email responses and 18 online questionnaires were received (see Appendix G). All but one of these responses disagreed with the proposed creation of a Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish. Many of the responses were from residents of Rodington and stated that Rodington had a distinct identity to that of Wrockwardine.

It is proposed that a revised Rodington Parish Council is retained and that Wrockwardine Parish Council is amended to exclude Bratton and Admaston which will become part of a revised Wellington Town Council.

Rodington Parish Council

It is proposed that Rodington Parish Council would have an electorate of 755 represented by 7 parish councillors – the parish council would not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor numbers.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Rodington	WWR, WWN	7	755	108

Wrockwardine Parish Council

It is proposed that Wrockwardine Parish Council would have an electorate of 1163 represented by 8 parish councillors - the parish council would not be warded. This is in line with guidance for councillor.

Ward Name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat
Wrockwardine	WWC	8	1163	145