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Please find attached the Council's warding pattern submission report together with shape files showing the proposed ward boundaries contained in the submission.

Please let me know if you require any further information relating to this submission

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## **BOROUGH ELECTORAL REVIEW**

### **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL - COUNCIL WARDING PATTERN SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (LGBCE)**

#### **PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT**

##### **1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) commenced an Electoral review of the Borough in May 2021. The Commission intends that the outcome of the review will be in place for local elections which are scheduled for May 2023. The present electoral arrangements for the Borough (council size, ward boundaries, ward names and allocation of councillors to wards) commenced following the last review in 2013. There are currently 54 councillors representing 30 Borough wards. Initial consultation took place on an appropriate council size, LGBCE opted for a Council size remaining at 54. They then sought submissions on warding patterns to assist them in re-drawing the Borough's ward boundaries, the number of wards, the names of wards, and numbers of councillors per ward based on a council size of 54 councillors. At the start of the review in May of this year the council submitted to LGBCE current electorate figures and forecast electorate figures with development site details. The review's considerations can only be made on electorate estimates up to 2027, five years after completion of the review process. Electorate projections produced by LGBCE at the beginning of the review forecast a Borough electorate of 147,062 by 2027. The average number of electors per councillor being 2,723 for a 54 member Council.

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The review's primary purposes are to ensure that each councillor represents approximately the same number of electors, this is balanced with the need for wards to reflect community interests and identities, to have clear and identifiable boundaries and to provide effective and convenient local government. Also that respondents should consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests. Members of the council's Boundary Review Committee have met regularly to work towards the submission of a warding pattern for the Borough. The Commission advises that all submissions are given equal weight, regardless of whom they are from. In line with the requirements of the review the council has produced forecast electorates up to 2027 for each ward. LGBCE measures electoral imbalance by calculating the % that each ward differs from the Borough average. LGBCE will give particular consideration to wards where the electoral imbalance is over +/- 10% from the Borough average.

The Council delegates authority to the Boundary Review Committee to make responses to Electoral Reviews on behalf of the Council. The Boundary Review Committee, is a politically-balanced committee comprising 7 Members from across the political groups within the Council. The overall warding pattern proposals have been supported by a majority of the Committee. With the exception of one (which was subject to some late amendments), each ward map was considered by the Boundary Review Committee. The majority of these maps were considered at a meeting of the Committee that took place on Tuesday 27 July 2021 when all but one of the expected participants was in attendance – this remained a cross-party meeting. The remainder of the maps were considered at the meeting on Thursday 29 July 2021.

The majority of the ward maps were unanimously agreed by the cross-party Committee members present on 27 and 29 July, with the exception of the following:-

Edgmond and Ercall Magna single wards – majority support from members of all groups  
Newport single member wards - majority support from members of all groups  
Lawley, Horsehay & Lightmoor, Ketley, Malinslee & Dawley Bank and Dawley & Aqueduct. – majority support from the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups.

### Warding arrangement proposals

- 1.3 The council's proposals are for 33 Borough wards, an increase from the current 30 wards, represented by 54 councillors. Of the 33 wards, 18 are single member wards, 9 are two member wards and six are three member wards. Details of each proposed ward map have been provided to the Committee, with the majority of the draft proposals being approved at the meeting on 27 July.
- 1.4 Proposals include adjustments to a number of wards to allow better representation and effective local government as well as the creation of a three member Lawley ward to represent the existing large, and still growing, community in that area, together with a single member Horsehay & Lightmoor ward.
- 1.5 The existing Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist and forms part of the new Lawley ward together with a single member Ketley ward and a single member Overdale & the Rock ward.
- 1.6 As well as a proposed name change from Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward to Great Dawley & Dawley Bank, it is proposed that this becomes a 3 member ward, taking in part of the former Ketley & Overdale ward and part of the current Dawley & Aqueduct ward, with Dawley & Aqueduct ward becoming a 2 member ward.
- 1.7 The existing Brookside ward, currently represented by 2 councillors is proposed to be reduced to a single member ward. This serves to address current slight over representation in this area based on the number of registered electors. It should be noted, however, that registration levels have been historically significantly lower in this area than other parts of the Borough due to the transient nature of the population in this Ward.
- 1.8 The existing, large Edgmond and Erccall Magna ward is proposed to be separated into two single member wards.
- 1.9 In the Wellington area of the Borough, Arleston and College single member wards are combined to create a two seat ward. Haygate and Park wards are also combined to create a two seat ward. Dothill remains unchanged. Erccall ward transfers electors to the new Haygate & Park ward. Shawburch ward gives away electors to Admaston & Bratton ward and receives electors from Apley Castle ward.

- 1.10 In Newport, the two current wards are split into four single member wards of Newport North, South, East and West.
- 1.11 Four of the original 30 wards remain unchanged under these proposals; Dothill, Hadley & Leegomery, Madeley & Sutton Hill and Wrockwardine Wood & Trench.

#### Naming proposals

- 1.12 It is proposed that the current Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward be renamed to Great Dawley & Dawley Bank to provide a better reflection of local identity for the area which sits largely within the Great Dawley Town council area. It is also proposed that the St Georges ward be renamed to St Georges & Wrockwardine Wood South to recognise the close affinity of the different parts of the community making up this ward. The Wrockwardine Wood South area has formed part of the current St Georges ward for at least 20 years and, despite this, has not been recognised within the ward name. Ward-related correspondence that is delivered to the ward does, however, reflect this part of the community and recognizes that it forms an integral part of the ward.

#### Next steps

- 1.13 The LGBCE timetable for the rest of the review is anticipated to be as follows. Draft warding arrangements are to be published on 2 November 2021 with public consultation on those recommendations to take place up to 10 January 2022. Final recommendations are then due to be published on 29 March 2022 before an order is laid before parliament to enable those arrangements to be in place for May 2023 local elections. The Commission will also make recommendations on any associated Parish warding arrangements with their final recommendations.
- 1.14 Further information and data relating to this review are published on the LGBCE website [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#)

## 2 INFORMATION

This section of the submission is intended to provide 'at a glance' information regarding the current warding arrangements and the proposed warding arrangements.

### Average estimated electorate per councillor 2027 based on LGBCE projections

2723 electors per councillor for 1 member ward

5446 electors per councillor for 2 seat ward

8169 electors per councillor for 3 seat ward

**LGBCE Statistics for existing Borough wards based on Electoral data and projected growth to 2027, with 12 wards over +/- 10% variance (as highlighted).**

Name of Current ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
1 Admaston & Bratton	1	2,427	-11%
2 Apley Castle	1	3,042	12%
3 Arleston	1	2,859	5%
4 Brookside	2	4,396	-19%

5	Church Aston & Lilleshall	1	2,577	-5%
6	College	1	2,478	-9%
7	Dawley & Aqueduct	3	7,359	-10%
8	Donnington	2	4,870	-11%
9	Dothill	1	2,699	-1%
10	Edmond & Ercall Magna	2	5,454	0%
11	Ercall	1	2,885	6%
12	Hadley & Leegomery	3	7,963	-3%
13	Haygate	1	2,692	-1%
14	Horsehay & Lightmoor	2	6,792	25%
15	Ironbridge Gorge	1	2,883	6%
16	Ketley & Overdale	3	12,151	49%
17	Madeley & Sutton Hill	3	8,044	-2%
18	Malinslee & Dawley Bank	2	4,816	-12%
19	Muxton	2	5,845	7%
20	Newport North & West	2	5,457	0%
21	Newport South & East	2	5,249	-4%
22	Oakengates & Ketley Bank	3	7,712	-6%
23	Park	1	2,282	-16%

24	Priorslee	2	6,543	20%
25	Shawburch	1	2,430	-11%
26	St Georges	2	5,014	-8%
27	The Nedge	3	7,349	-10%
28	Woodside	2	4,732	-13%
29	Wrockwardine	1	3,018	11%
30	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	2	5,044	-7%

Based upon the LGBCE estimated 2027 electorate of 147,062 and a 54 member council, 14 wards are projected to be at or over 10% variance from the optimum number by 2027.

**Proposed Warding Pattern for 54 member Council, with 3 wards over +/- 10% variance**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1. Admaston & Bratton	WAA and part WSH	1	2574	-5 Receives
2. Apley Castle	WAC - gives development site to Shawburch	1	2764	2 Gives away
3. Arleston & College	WCO WAR	2	5366	-1 Combined
4. Brookside	TBR and part TBZ - gives Stirchley part to The Nedge	1	3084	13 Reduced by 1 seat
5. Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA WCC WCJ and part WMH (Humbers) from Muxton TDA TDM TDY TDZ gives TDP and TDX to Great Dawley	1	2750	1 Receives
6. Dawley & Aqueduct	& Dawley Bank	2	6076	12 Reduced by 1 seat
7. Donnington	WDE WDG WDO and part of TPW from Priorslee	2	5297	-3 Receives
8. Dothill	WDT	1	2705	-1 Unchanged
9. Edgmond	WED WEE WEG	1	2514	-8 Split
10. Erccall Magna	WEM WEP WER WEW WEY WEZ	1	3021	11 Split



11. Ercall	WGE gives electors to merged Haygate & Park ward	1	2501	-8	Gives away
12. Hadley & Leegomery	WHC WHL WHM	3	8014	-2	Unchanged
13. Haygate & Park	WHY WHZ WPA and part of WGE from Ercall	2	5473	0	Combined
14. Horsehay & Lightmoor	THC	1	2897	6	Reduced
15. Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG TIH TIO TIR TIS gives to Woodside	1	2652	-3	Gives away
16. Ketley	TKY gives electors from Millennium village area to Oakengates & Ketley Bank ward	1	2822	4	Reduced
17. Lawley	TLL THL THZ WWL	3	7918	-3	New
18. Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA TMB TMC TMD	3	8060	-1	Unchanged
19. Malinslee & Dawley Bank **Proposed to rename this ward to Great Dawley & Dawley Bank					
20. Muxton	TME TMG TMH TML TLE TDP TDX	3	7415	-9	Increased by 1 seat
21. Newport East	WMH WMM WMO gives to Church Aston	2	5766	6	Gives away
22. Newport North	WNE and takes 415 electors from WNS	1	2621	-4	Split into single seats
23. Newport South	WNN	1	2667	-2	Split into single seats
24. Newport West	WNS VNV WSS Gives 415 electors from VNS to Newport East	1	2628	-3	Split into single seats
25. Oakengates & Ketley Bank	WOW	1	2866	5	Split into single seats
26. Overdale & The Rock	TOE TOH TOO TOT TOW part of TKY from Ketley WOB	3	8361	2	Receives
27. Priorslee	TLN plus 120 from Old Park	1	2918	7	New ward
28. Shawburch	TPP TPR TSS	2	5698	5	Gives and receives
29. St Georges ** Proposed to rename this ward St Georges & Wrockwardine Wood South	WSH and part WAC from Apley Castle	1	2530	-7	Receives
	TSE TSG TSP TSW part TPW, TPG TPZ from Priorslee	2	5692	5	Gives and receives

30. The Nedge	TTH TTO TTR TTS and part TBZ from Brookside	3	8737	7	Receives
31. Woodside	TWO, part of TIH from Ironbridge part of THC from Horsehay	2	5226	-4	Receives
32. Wrockwardine	WWC WWDD WWN WWR Gives WWL to new Lawley	1	2533	-7	Reduced
33. Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	TWR TWWT	2	5064	-7	Unchanged
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\*\* The Council proposes that Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward be renamed Great Dawley & Dawley Bank ward and that St Georges ward be renamed St Georges & Wrockwardine Wood South

#### Rationale for proposed warding arrangements

### **1 Admaston & Bratton**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Admaston & Bratton	WAA and part WSH	1	2574	-5

Admaston & Bratton borders on to the Shawburch ward. It is proposed to move Leeses Close, Brook Meadow, Allerton's Meadow and Spafeld Close, containing approximately 150 electors from the western boundary of the Shawburch ward into Admaston & Bratton ward. This area is in the Wellington Town council parish area and would need to be subject to parish warding arrangements. This change would leave Admaston & Bratton at 2,574 electors. The revised Admaston & Bratton ward boundaries would be Crowdale Road to the south and the B5063 to the east. Those properties that it is proposed to move from Shawburch to Admaston & Bratton are geographically located so as to be more aligned with properties that currently sit within Admaston & Bratton.

## 2 Apley Castle

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Apley Castle	WAC - gives Maxell site development to Shawbirch	1	2764	2

Apley Castle is currently significantly above variance. However, the development of the old Maxell factory site on the north western boundary of the current ward is scheduled to provide a further 300 electors. It is proposed that these electors be moved to the adjacent Shawbirch ward which is significantly below variance and that Shawbirch then gives electors to Admaston & Bratton which is also below variance. These wards are fairly constrained in terms of their ability to achieve electoral equality given that they are on the outer edges of the Borough and adjacent wards are also below variance without having significant impact upon community identities elsewhere. The new development properties, despite being in the current Apley Castle ward will actually be physically disconnected from the rest of the ward and will not be able to access the rest of Apley Castle by road. Those living in these properties will need to go out on to the A442 road leading to the Shawbirch roundabout to gain access to the rest of the Apley Castle ward. This development, separated from the rest of the Apley Castle and with no direct road access to the rest of the ward would look to use the facilities at Shawbirch such as shops and medical practice and, therefore, would fit better in the Shawbirch ward. The Committee felt that the locally important Apley Pool should, essentially, form the boundary to the Ward in this area.

### 3 Arlestone & College

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Arlestone & College	WAR WCO	2	5366	-1 Combined

Representation of the 7 seat Wellington area was problematic due to the very low electorate in Park ward. The Committee believed that the area of Wellington is one which has a strong community identity with those residing in all wards looking to Wellington Town Centre for access to facilities, such as shops, cinema, events, public transport, hairdressers and beauty salons. Therefore, any proposals to move electors from the Wellington area would likely result in alienation of at least some of the residents who currently consider themselves to be part of the wider Wellington area. The Committee also felt that a number of the Wellington wards shared common interests and that merging some of these single seat wards into 2 seat wards could provide community cohesion, convenient and effective local government and a pattern of wards that deliver good electoral equality

The existing Arlestone and College wards share strong community links with similar demographics and residents using common schools, community centres and local policing teams – the local policing team is known as Arlestone & College Community Policing team. Residents share use of the Community Centre situated in the existing Arlestone ward. It is considered that because of the strong community cohesion/affinity that the two wards would provide effective and convenient local government, good electoral equality and clear identifiable boundaries by creating a 2 seat Arlestone & College ward.

### 4 Brookside

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Brookside	TBR and part TBZ - gives Stirchley part to The Nedge	1	3084	13 Reduced by 1 seat

The Brookside 2 member ward was significantly under variance, as was the adjacent Nedge ward. Within a 54 councillor warding pattern it is inevitable that some existing wards will be reduced in order to accommodate growth and representation elsewhere in the Borough. The Council feels strongly that the electorate numbers in South Telford, and particularly in Brookside, are not

reflective of the numbers of people actually resident in the area. There is significant under registration in this area, resulting in the current ward being significantly under the optimum electorate for a 2 member ward. The current ward contains two polling districts, TBR and TBZ. The former containing the estate of Brookside which is situated within the perimeter ring road and the latter containing part of Stirchley and Holmer Lake. It is proposed that the larger part of TBZ (Stirchley) be moved to The Nedge ward which already contains some parts of Stirchley, leaving a single member Brookside ward containing the estate within the perimeter road as well as the Holmer Lake area to the east. This would create a single member ward and 13% above the optimum electorate. This variance is higher than ideal but this appears to provide the best solution for representation. The Brookside area is characterised by its strong community identity. There is one parish council covering Stirchley and Brookside but those residing in the Brookside area of the parish have previously declined to stand as a candidate in parish council elections because they are Brookside only. This proposal enables Brookside electors to strengthen their community identity with the ward being re-defined to relate to the Brookside estate and, whilst above the optimum variance, is considered to be the best solution, bearing in mind that representation has been reduced by 1 seat. Furthermore, this ward is facing minimal development over the next 10 years and, as time passes beyond 2027, the variances will be brought closer to the optimum given that other wards will continue to grow. The Nedge 3 seat ward receives the electors from polling district TBZ and is within variance at +7%.

## 5 Church Aston & Lilleshall

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA WCC WCJ and part VMH (Humbers) from Muxton	1	2750	1

Church Aston & Lilleshall ward is forecast to be 5% below optimum variance and it is proposed that it could feasibly take approximately 100 electors from the more rural western end of the current Muxton ward (Humbers area) which is 7% above variance. These properties sit on Humber Lane, Humber Way and Donnington Way, bringing the variance in Church Aston & Lilleshall closer to the optimum. In terms of community identity there is no clear evidence that these electors identify with the Muxton ward where they are currently situated. The ward of Church Aston & Lilleshall is a more rural ward than its neighbouring Muxton ward. The properties within the Humbers lie on the outskirts of the Muxton ward and, by car, are reached via rural, country roads. They also sit adjacent to the boundary with the more rural Church Aston & Lilleshall ward. At the present time there are 15

empty properties in this area, by 2021 the number of electors is likely to be in excess of 100. Transferring these electors would mean the area would need to be warded at parish level.

The existing Arlestone and College wards share strong community links with similar demographics and residents using common schools, community centres and local policing teams – the local policing team is known as Arlestone & College Community Policing team. Residents share use of the Community Centre situated in the existing Arlestone ward. It is considered that because of the strong community cohesion/affinity that the two wards would provide effective and convenient local government, good electoral equality and clear identifiable boundaries by creating a 2 seat Arlestone & College ward.

## 6 Dawley & Aqueduct

Name	Current Polling districts	2027	
		Seats	Variance
Dawley & Aqueduct	TDA TDM TDY TDZ TDP, gives part of TDP and TDX to Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward**	2	6076 12 Reduced by 1 seat

The existing 3 seat Dawley & Aqueduct and the neighbouring 2 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank wards are both significantly below variance. The proposal is that the neighbouring ward of Malinslee & Dawley Bank, adjacent to the former Ketley & Overdale ward, grows to a 3 member ward whilst Dawley & Aqueduct reduces to a 2 member ward. The current boundary between the wards runs along Captain Webb Drive, north of Dawley's High Street. The Dawley & Aqueduct ward is identified as being the true Dawley area broadly based upon the traditional, old Dawley village part of Telford which differs in identity from the greater Dawley hinterland. Residents within this area look to Dawley High Street for access to facilities and, it follows, therefore, that the High Street should form part of this ward. The changes proposed also intend to incorporate the local school and BMX track, and Town council buildings, primarily used by those residing in Dawley & Aqueduct to be located within that ward. The committee considered that a better balance of identity for these areas could be achieved by reducing Dawley & Aqueduct to a 2 member ward by moving part of polling district TDP and all of polling district TDX to Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward which also adds polling district TLE from the former Ketley & Overdale ward. This would then create a 3 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank and a 2 seat Dawley & Aqueduct ward. The proposed ward is 12% above optimum variance. However, it is considered that the ward provides a better definition of community identity between the Dawley & Aqueduct and Malinslee & Dawley Bank wards.

### 7 Donnington

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Donnington	WDE WDG WDO and part of TPW from Priorslee	2	5297	-3 Receives

The current Donnington ward is -11%. However, by transferring approximately 320 electors from the Kenway Drive area (currently in Priorslee), electoral equality can be significantly improved to -3%. These properties are close to Donnington and their postal addresses are actually Donnington. They share a stronger community identity with Donnington, using the same local facilities, than with their current ward of Priorslee.

### 8 Dothill

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Dothill	WDT	1	2705	-1 Unchanged

No change is recommended. The ward has good electoral equality and community identity.

### 9 Edgmond

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Edgmond	WED WEE WEG	1	2514	-8 Split

See Ercall Magna below.

### 10 Ercall Magna

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Ercall Magna	WEM WEP WER WEW WEY WEZ	1	3021	11 Split

The Committee looked at Edgmond & Ercall Magna being split into 2 single wards, but this would place Edgmond at -8% and Ercall Magna at + 11%. Initially, 2 single wards did not appear to be a good solution as the 2 member ward is currently at 0% variance. However this ward is, geographically, very large and the two areas are set apart by considerable distance and have different community identities. The committee gave consideration to the inclusion of the settlement of Kynnersley in Edgmond from Ercall Magna which would give better variances for 2 single member wards. However, it is unclear as to what community ties Kynnersley would have with the Edgmond area. On balance, despite relatively large variances from the optimum elector numbers, the Council believes that 2 single wards would provide better community identity and improved representation for these two areas. In terms of the physical size of the current ward we also believe that breaking them into two smaller single wards will provide more effective and convenient local government. The names of the wards should remain unchanged. The Committee was informed that the current Ward members had no strong views on the ward being split into two single-Member wards or remaining as a two member ward.

### 11 Ercall

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Ercall	WGE gives to Haygate & Park	1	2501	-8 Gives away

As referred to earlier in this submission, the low numbers in the Park ward of Wellington created difficulties in achieving a balanced warding pattern for the area, particularly in light of the strong community identity aligned with the wider Wellington area. Consequently the Committee looked at existing wards that shared similar identities and affinity. The proposal to merge Haygate and Park wards into a 2 member ward requires electors from the existing Ercall ward which was +6% over variance. It is proposed that electors from the Wrekin Road, Ercall Gardens/Appledore Gardens area be transferred into the new Haygate & Park ward to provide better electoral equality for that ward. These properties are, typically, of an older build similar to those in the neighbouring



ward. Additionally, following the Wrekin Road boundary helps to provide a clear boundary which, in turn, will provide effective and efficient local government.

### 12 Hadley & Leegomery

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Hadley & Leegomery	WHC WHL WHM	3	8014	-2 Unchanged

No change is recommended, this ward has good electoral equality

### 13 Haygate & Park

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Haygate & Park *	WHY WHZ WPA and part of WGE from Ercall	2	5473	0 Combined

As referred to earlier in the report, the low numbers in the Park ward of Wellington created difficulties in achieving a balanced warding pattern for the area. Consequently the Committee looked at existing wards that shared similar identities and affinity. Haygate and Park wards, sitting alongside each other, can be combined and, by taking electors from Ercall ward, create a 2 member ward which is at the optimum variance. The 2 wards have been combined, in the past, as part of County election arrangements. The proposed 2 member ward has good electoral equality.

#### 14 Horsehay & Lightmoor

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Horsehay & Lightmoor	THC	1	2897	6 Reduced

The area covering the southern part of Horsehay and Lightmoor is currently within the existing 2 seat Horsehay & Lightmoor ward which is 25% above variance. This area together with the Lawley area has seen significant ongoing development. Part of the rationale for requesting a review of electoral arrangements was to enable the Council to provide better community identity, more efficient and effective local government and better democratic representation for these areas. The proposals provide for a new 3 member Lawley seat to the north and a new 1 member Horsehay & Lightmoor seat to the south of the Frame Lane area.

#### 15 Ironbridge Gorge

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG TIH TIO TIR TIS gives to Woodside	1	2652	-3 Gives away

Ironbridge Gorge is defined by its World Heritage status which covers a large part of the Ward. There is a thriving retail and hospitality community within Ironbridge. Geographically, being located within the Gorge provides a physical identity to the area of Ironbridge. The proposal is that this ward gives electors away to Woodside from Roberts Road/Beech Road area in order to improve electoral variance for both wards. Those properties that it is proposed to be transferred to Woodside are actually set apart from the remainder of Ironbridge and are located adjacent to the Woodside perimeter road.

### 16 Ketley

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
Ketley	TKY gives millennium village area to Oakengates & Ketley Bank	1	2822	4	Reduced

The current TKY polling district containing Ketley is too large for a single seat ward. The original Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist under these proposals. Part of the Millennium community is currently located within Ketley & Overdale and part is already in Oakengates & Ketley Bank. The proposals are that the Millennium community electors are moved from THY into Oakengates and Ketley Bank so that the whole community is cohesively included in one ward and is not separated by an arbitrary boundary line. This provides better electoral equality for both Ketley and Oakengates & Ketley Bank wards and reduces voter confusion.

### 17 Lawley

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
Lawley	TLL THL THZ WWL	3	7918	-3	New

As set out elsewhere in this submission, the request or a review of electoral arrangements was driven, in part, by a desire to cater, and provide representation, for this community. The proposals are for a 3 member seat including electors currently within both Wrockwardine and Horsehay & Lightmoor wards. The area has seen high and ongoing development and the Committee considered where an appropriate boundary should be drawn for the area covering Lawley and Horsehay. The Committee considered that those areas known locally as Lawley Village as well as the new Lawley development was identifiable as one community, using the same shops, hospitality venues and with good transport links. The boundary of the ward runs south as far as the Frame Lane area, with further development ongoing to the south in the new Horsehay ward. The Committee decided that the name of the new ward should be Lawley.

### 18 Madeley & Sutton Hill

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA TMB TMC TMD	3	8060	-1   Unchanged

There are no changes recommended for this ward which has good electoral equality

### 19 Malinslee & Dawley Bank (Rename as Great Dawley & Dawley Bank)

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Malinslee & Dawley Bank	TME TMG TMH TML TLE (part) TDP TDX	3	7415	-9   Increased by 1 seat

The existing 3 seat Dawley & Aqueduct and the neighbouring 2 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank wards are both significantly below variance. However, in terms of community identity and electoral equality, the Committee considered that a balance can be achieved by reducing Dawley & Aqueduct to a 2 member ward by moving part of polling district TDP and all of polling district TDX to Malinslee & Dawley Bank. The boundary between the wards moving from Captain Webb Drive to High Street, bringing the centre of the original Dawley town into the Dawley & Aqueduct ward and the rest of the greater Dawley area into what is currently known as Malinslee & Dawley Bank. This would then create a 3 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank including the majority of polling district TLE (other than Old Park) and a 2 seat Dawley & Aqueduct. It is proposed that the name of the Malinslee & Dawley Bank ward be changed to Great Dawley & Dawley Bank to better reflect the local identity, with the larger part of the ward sitting within the Great Dawley Town council area.

**20 Muxton**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Muxton	WMH WMM WMO gives to Church Aston	2	5766	6 Gives away

The current Muxton ward is 7% above optimum variance. This variance can be improved by moving approximately 100 electors from Muxton into Church Aston & Lilleshall from polling district WMH. There is no obvious connection/ affinity for this area with Muxton and this area would be better suited to being part of the more rural Church Aston & Lilleshall ward.

**21 Newport East**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Newport East *	WNE and takes 415 from WNS	1	2621	-4 Split into single seats

**22 Newport North**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Newport North *	WNN	1	2667	-2 Split into single seats

**23 Newport South**

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Newport South *	WNS WNV WSS Gives 415 from WNS to Newport East	1	2628	-3 Split into single seats

### 24 Newport West

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Newport West *	WNW	1	2866	Split into single seats 5

The current electoral variance for both wards is reasonable. The 2 x 2 member wards were formed in the last review of electoral arrangements. However, having operated with the multi-Member wards for some years, the Committee felt that 4 single seat wards, as has previously been the case, can provide better representation and community identity for Newport. The Committee recognised that the area of Newport East was low on electoral numbers and in order to provide broadly equal representation for 4 wards this area would need to receive electors from an adjoining ward. Newport East (WNE) could take 415 electors from Newport South (WNS) by drawing the ward boundary along Meadow Road and Meadow View road, with the properties to the north going in to a single Newport East ward. This would provide 4 single wards all within 5% variance

### 25 Oakengates & Ketley Bank

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE TOH TOO TOT TOW part TKY from Ketley WOB WOL	3	8361	2 Receives

The current 3 seat ward is 6% below variance. However, the proposals for Ketley & Overdale ward to cease to exist mean that the existing polling district containing Ketley is too large for a 1 seat ward. Part of the Millennium community is already contained with Oakengates & Ketley Bank, the proposals are that all of the Millennium community electors are moved from THY into Oakengates and Ketley Bank so that the whole community is included in one ward. This provides better electoral equality for both Ketley and Oakengates & Ketley Bank wards, less voter confusion and, most importantly, enables this contemporary and easily identifiable development to be joined together into one single community.

## 26 Overdale & The Rock

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Overdale & The Rock *	TLN plus 120 from Old Park in TLE	1	2918	7 New ward

Overdale & The Rock is currently contained within the existing Ketley & Overdale ward, which ceases to exist within the current proposals. However, the proposed ward, including the inclusion of 120 electors from the Old Park area, provides a cohesive and single member ward for these communities. The existing Old Park area has community ties with The Rock rather than Malinslee & Dawley Bank and these electors would be better served by inclusion in Overdale & The Rock. These electors are already within Lawley & Overdale parish council area, as are electors in Overdale & The Rock.

## 27 Priorslee

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Priorslee	TPP TPR TSS	2	5698	5 Gives and receives

Priorslee ward is currently significantly over variance, however by moving polling districts TPW (part) TPG and TPZ into St Georges and moving polling district TSS into Priorslee from St Georges, better electoral equality is achieved and provides firm identifiable boundaries for Priorslee ward. Priorslee St Peters church is contained within the TSS area which, providing an identifiable and long standing affinity between this area and Priorslee but, currently, the Priorslee church is located within the St Georges ward. Although a significant amount of new development has occurred within the Priorslee, the area is steeped in history. The importance of the church should not be underestimated with the font from the old chapel (built in 1150) now being located outside the front door of the current Priorslee church. The history of Priorslee is intrinsically linked to its ancient history with its name being derived from the monks (or priors) who used to live in the area and walk a well-trodden path from Priorslee to the 'mother church' at Shifnal.

## 28 Shawburch

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Shawburch	WSH and part WAC from Apley Castle	1	2530	-7 Receives

Apley Castle is significantly above variance. However, the development of the old Maxell site is scheduled to provide a further 300 electors. These electors can be moved to the adjacent Shawburch ward to improve the variance in that ward and Shawburch can give electors to Admaston & Bratton which is also below variance. The new development properties will not be able to access the Apley Castle ward directly, they will need to go out on to the road leading to the Shawburch roundabout. The Committee believes that this development fits better in to the Shawburch ward. More information is provided above under the notes regarding Apley Castle and Admaston & Bratton.

## 29 St Georges & Wrockwardine Wood South

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
St Georges	TSE TSG TSP TSW part TPW, TPG TPZ from Priorslee	2	5692	5 Gives and receives

St Georges current ward is below variance, whilst the adjoining Priorslee ward is above variance. Electors from polling districts TPW (part) TPG and TPW can be transferred from Priorslee to St Georges to provide better electoral equality. Those properties in TPG polling district are located around the cricket club; this is home to St Georges Cricket team, St Georges Hockey team and St Georges Bowling club. The St Georges Cricket club has been in existence since 1922 and has been in its current location since 1924 – it is right that those properties close by, known locally as “The Cricketers” should form part of the Ward to which they owe their local name and to which they have a close affinity. In terms of identity and physical geography, these areas fit better within St Georges than Priorslee ward. Polling district TSS, the Snedshill area, can be transferred to the Priorslee ward. This ward contains a part of the southern part of Wrockwardine Wood area, it is recommended that the name of the ward be amended to St Georges & Wrockwardine Wood South ward to reflect this relationship. It should be noted, however, that the southern part of Wrockwardine



Wood area has been part of St Georges for almost 20 years and is physically separated from the remainder of Wrockwardine Wood by the significant woods known locally as the Cockshutt (despite the name depicted on Ordnance Survey maps).

### 30 The Nedge

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
The Nedge	TTH TTO TTR TTS and part TBZ from Brookside	3	8737	7 Receives

The Nedge 3 seat ward is currently below variance. However following the proposal to reduce Brookside to a 1 seat ward, electors from the Stirchley part of that ward can be added to The Nedge which already contains Stirchley electors, bringing the community of Stirchley into one Borough ward. This puts both wards over optimum variance but, in the context of reducing 1 seat from the area the Committee, believe this is the best solution to provide electoral equality and effective local government for the overall area. Parish warding arrangements will be required for the TBZ electors moving to The Nedge.

### 31 Woodside

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Woodside	TWO part TIH from Ironbridge part THC from Horsehay	2	5226	-4 Receives

The existing Woodside ward was significantly below variance at -13%. However, the area can take in electors from Nightingale walk area of the current Horsehay ward and from the Roberts Road area of the current Ironbridge Gorge ward. The former area sits just north of the Woodside boundary. The latter area has previously been in the Woodside ward. This provides for better electoral equality for Woodside. Parish warding arrangements will need to be put in place for the electorate coming in from the Horsehay area.

### 32 Wrockwardine

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Wrockwardine	WWC WWD WVN WWR Gives WWL to new Lawley	1	2533	-7 Reduced

Wrockwardine gives away 578 electors from WWL to the new Lawley ward (more information has been provided above in relation to Lawley), reducing the elector count to 2533, 7% below the optimum elector numbers. However there is a difference between our projected elector numbers and the commission's for this area which appear to be around the Khan Close, Lewis Crescent area off Haygate road. The council's current register shows around 100 properties already occupied in this area with the rest of the development being built at the present time. We are not certain that the commission's projection has allowed for all of these properties, our estimates are that Wrockwardine would be at total of 2533 by 2027, -7% from the optimum variance. There is limited potential to extend the ward north into the existing Ercall Magna ward possibly towards Crudgington or High Ercall but in each case the population is sparse and taking in larger settlements there would be an imbalance created within the Ercall Magna ward. In view of these factors it is proposed that the single seat Wrockwardine is retained

### 33 Wrockwardine Wood & Trench

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	TWR TWT	2	5064	-7 Unchanged

No change is recommended to this ward

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