

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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I have been a resident of Apley since 1999 and regularly walk all around the area including through Leegomery and on into Wellington. As a result, I am very aware of the distinctive nature of the two wards (Apley Castle and Leegomery), each has its own local identity with very different associated issues. Consequently, the LGBCE proposal to merge the current two wards into one seems like a backward step for both sets of residents and does not seem to offer any benefits to either. The Telford and Wrekin Council boundary committee has proposed to retain Apley Castle as a single member ward which makes much more sense to me and has my full support. This would provide residents of Apley Castle and Leegomery with the strongest way of making their members accountable for ward decisions and help to retain the identities and communities of both. A merger of the wards will dilute the identities that both have fought hard to establish. At the same time, it is difficult to reconcile the LGBCE proposal for Apley Castle and Leegomery wards with its proposal for Newport, where it is the intention to split Newport into four individual wards: this approach is inconsistent for reasons that are not apparent to me. I am not in favour of a merged ward and prefer the Telford and Wrekin Council boundary committee proposal to retain Apley Castle as a single member ward.

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