

## Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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Boundary Commission Review for Telford & Wrekin. 2021 - 2022 I have attached a file with an update to go with my previous submission dated 22nd March 2022. My submissions relate to the proposed Horsehay & Lightmoor ward and also the proposed Dawley & Aqueduct ward. I have completed the box for organisation name as 'Dawley Hamlets Parish Council' for information, however I would like to point out that I am making my submission as a Parish Councillor and my views do not necessarily represent the views of the Parish Council. Many thanks, Councillor David Hopkins, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

### Uploaded Documents:

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# Boundary Commission Review of Telford & Wrekin ward boundaries. 2021/2022

**Submission by Councillor David Hopkins, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.**

**\*\*\* Update to previous submission dated March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

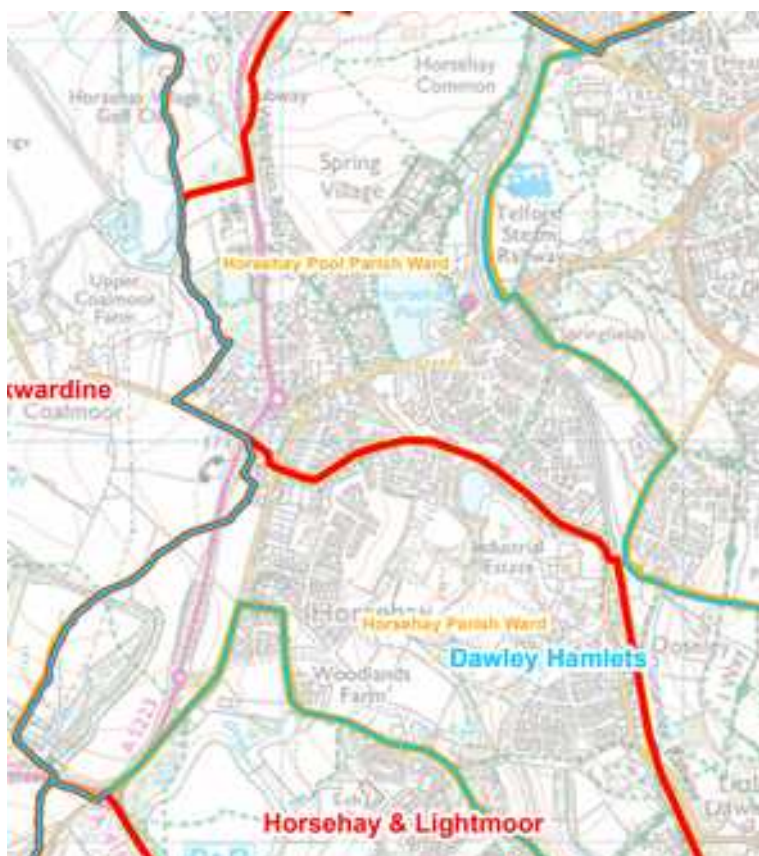
This is an update to my previous submission. I would like to provide some further points which relate to the submission I provided on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. I would like to restate my introduction from my previous submission:

*I am making this submission as a Parish Councillor for the Dawley Hamlets ward of Dawley Hamlets Parish. My comments do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of other members of the Parish Council.*

*I am also a resident in Horsehay and I have lived here for the last 42 years.*

## **Mapping Issues.**

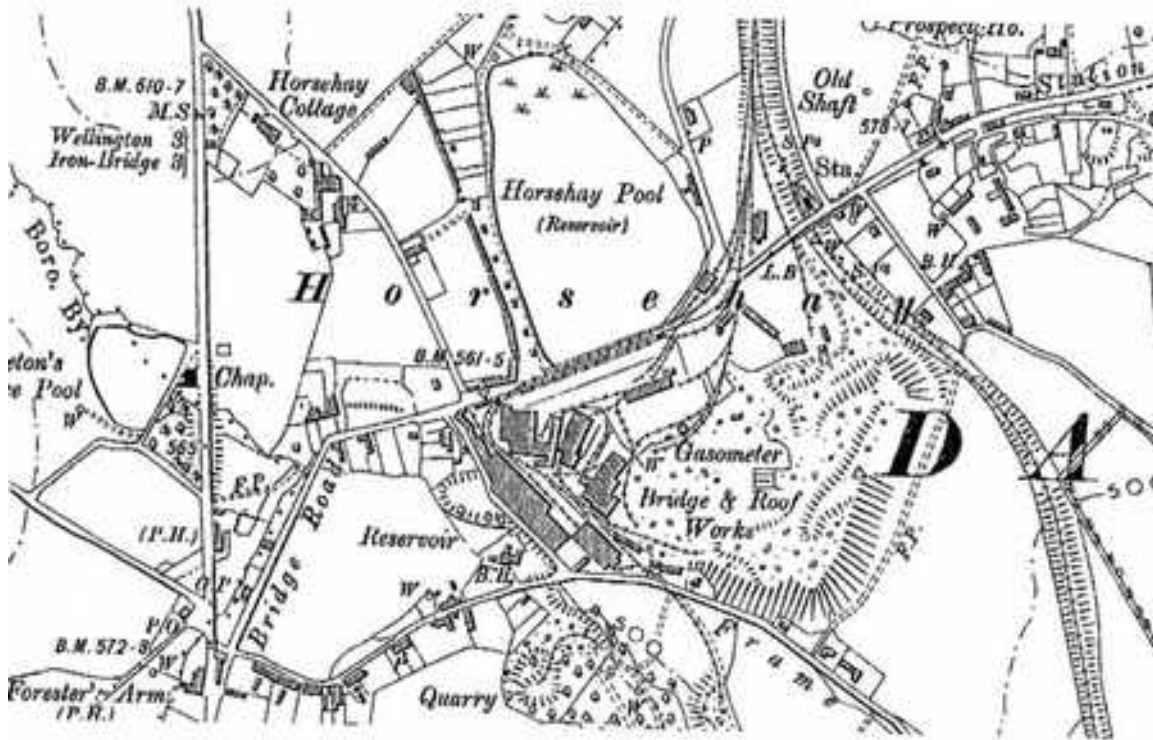
As far as I can tell the Boundary Commission has used the OS maps as the basis for their boundaries. On this occasion this may have led to a misinterpretation of the location of Horsehay. The relevant part of the map showing the proposed Horsehay & Lightmoor Ward is this:



The 'Horsehay' name label (partly obscured by the yellow Horsehay Parish Ward label) is positioned in the middle of an area that any local resident will tell you is actually Lightmoor. The 'Horsehay Parish Ward' label in yellow is positioned very close to the centre of the Bournville Village Trust's, Lightmoor Village Development. I think it is very unlikely that the residents of Lightmoor Village would appreciate being told that they live in Horsehay Parish Ward. Like the

residents of Horsehay they have a sense of identity and see themselves as living in Lightmoor Village.

This is a section from the 1902 OS map of Horsehay:



The Horsehay name label is clearly positioned over Horsehay Pool with the historic Horsehay Works below it, Horsehay Cottage to the left and Horsehay Station (now part of the Horsehay Steam Trust) to the right. Horsehay Common would be just above, off the edge of the map.

At some point the Horsehay name label has travelled South, probably as Horsehay became more developed and ended up in what was open land but which is now Lightmoor Village. I believe it would be generally agreed by residents that Horsehay Pool is still basically at or very near the centre of Horsehay Village.

All of the above is important in determining the second objective: *Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity*. They are also important in ensuring that the third objective: *Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government* are successful. The present proposals for parish arrangements do not appear to do that.

### **Single Councillor Ward or Two Councillor Ward.**

I can see that there could be some appeal for the residents of Lightmoor Village to have a single councillor ward that would be very specific to their area. As a local councillor I am very much in favour of maintaining community identity. I am also in favour of improving links between communities and I think a two councillor ward for Dawley Hamlets and Lightmoor would help to create and maintain those links and avoid isolation.

### **Residents Responses.**

I believe in open government and I have made my views as widely known as possible. I have used social media to share my submission and encouraged local residents to have their say on the Boundary Commission website, whatever their views.

In most cases I do not know what residents have said although I am reassured by the fact that the responses I have received in response to my comments and my submission have been wholly supportive.

Once again, I hope my additional contribution to the Boundary Commission review is helpful and informative.

Many thanks,

Councillor David Hopkins, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.