

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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As the serving Mayor for Wellington and a Town Councillor for Park Ward, I strongly welcome the proposed amalgamation of Haygate and Park into a single ward serviced by two borough councillors. I spent my childhood growing up in Haygate Ward, I crossed the boundary at least twice daily without ever knowing. My primary education was in Park Ward at what is now called Wrekin View, one of the two Primary Schools that stand opposite each other and continue to educate young people across Haygate and Park. With the schools shared by both wards there exists a natural community that brings families together and enables friendships to grow, a real positive that should be encouraged and nurtured. Shared green spaces in Park ward include well-utilised football pitches that continue to be used by residents across Haygate and Park something that is lacking in Haygate Ward which is predominately residential and commercial. The local amenities which include leisure services such as the gym, swimming pool, registry office and the Town Council are located in Haygate – all of which are extensively used by residents from both wards. Access to nature reserves in the surrounding ward of Dothill is via Park and Haygate borders with Ercall which incorporates the hugely popular Bowring Park, again used and loved by residents from both Haygate and Park. There are many local organisations and community groups that access the Belmont hall in Haygate. Whilst the Model Railway Club, which is also well patronised, is in Park. Ultimately both areas have specific facilities and amenities that are enjoyed by residents from both wards. Whilst I've focused my submission on the positives that help to bring Haygate & Park together it's naive to pretend that issues that affect residents in both wards don't exist. The Community Fridge which operates on donations in Park is being well used by residents from Haygate & Park daily, far more prevalent during the school holidays. Low-level crime and antisocial behaviour of a comparable nature exist across both Haygate & Park. I believe that there will be better opportunities to work with local police teams to strengthen neighbourhood policing and tackle issues that are common to the combined ward of Haygate & Park. A more balanced, equal, combined ward of Haygate & Park, with two elected Councillors, will also provide a stronger voice for residents to champion the needs and ambitions for residents into the future.

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