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Telford and Wrekin Ward Boundaries

Telford, a new town, is made up of different communities, towns villages and hamlets with their own history. Although many of the traditional areas have lost their identity along the way, people still look for a connection to Telford's past or what's local to them. When residents need help or representation, they want someone who is living and working in the community closest to them. Many wards in Telford and Wrekin are large with three councillors spreading across miles of different areas, neighbourhoods and estates. These all have their own social needs. Three different councillors cannot truly represent the residents when they don't really know the whole area themselves. We should not have any three councillor wards in Telford.

In previous reviews boundaries have been moved and tweaked slightly to play with the numbers. Identity was lost and many residents do not feel represented at Telford and Wrekin Council. There has been so much new development over the years that the previous approach cannot be repeated. The focus should be on smaller one or maximum of two councillor wards, not only to ensure accountability, but to ensure residents living in those wards have a feeling of community and belonging that may have been lost or forgotten.

As a resident of Lawley, I will give my proposals for this area. However, having lived in many socially deprived areas across Telford I know the same feelings can be felt there too. If we clear the map and completely discard the old wards, we can start to look at each individual community in its' own merit. There will be a Community Centre, Play Park, Playing Field, Village Green, Church, Church Hall, School, Village Shop, Post Office, or Shopping Area. Those are some of the factors that give a place identity. Where some of those don't exist, normally in newer build areas, we can be smart about which areas work well together. However, we should not join communities that are split by a major motorway as is found in the current wards, for example Ketley & Overdale.

Lawley lost its' identity in the last boundary review, now it's split across two Parliamentary Constituencies, two Parish Councils and three Telford and Wrekin Council Wards. Lawley Village as name was hijacked after the builders of over three thousand houses preferred it over the Ironstone Project. Whilst this fine to an extent, the residents of the "Original Lawley Village" feel they are being badged under a project that is not a true representation of them.

Lawley and surrounding areas should be split based historical connections, hard boundaries, facilities available and local views. Residents in Lawley Village, Newdale, Overdale, The Rock, Lawley Bank, Dawley Bank and Old Park should be able to look to the wards on the council and say, "I belong there". That's not so obvious right now. Personally, I live in Lawley Village. My ward is Horsehay and Lightmoor. I cannot easily see who represents me.

Based on the aspects outlined above that I believe make up a community, I am proposing the following wards. These maybe one or two Councillors depending on the actual electoral numbers and planned building to come.

Lawley Ward

Boundaries: North - M54, West - Dawley Road (plus Church!), East - Lawley Drive, South - Wellington Road / Lawley Gate.

Newdale Ward

Boundaries: North - M54, West – Lawley Drive, East – Waterloo Rd / Spring Terrace, South – West Centre Way.

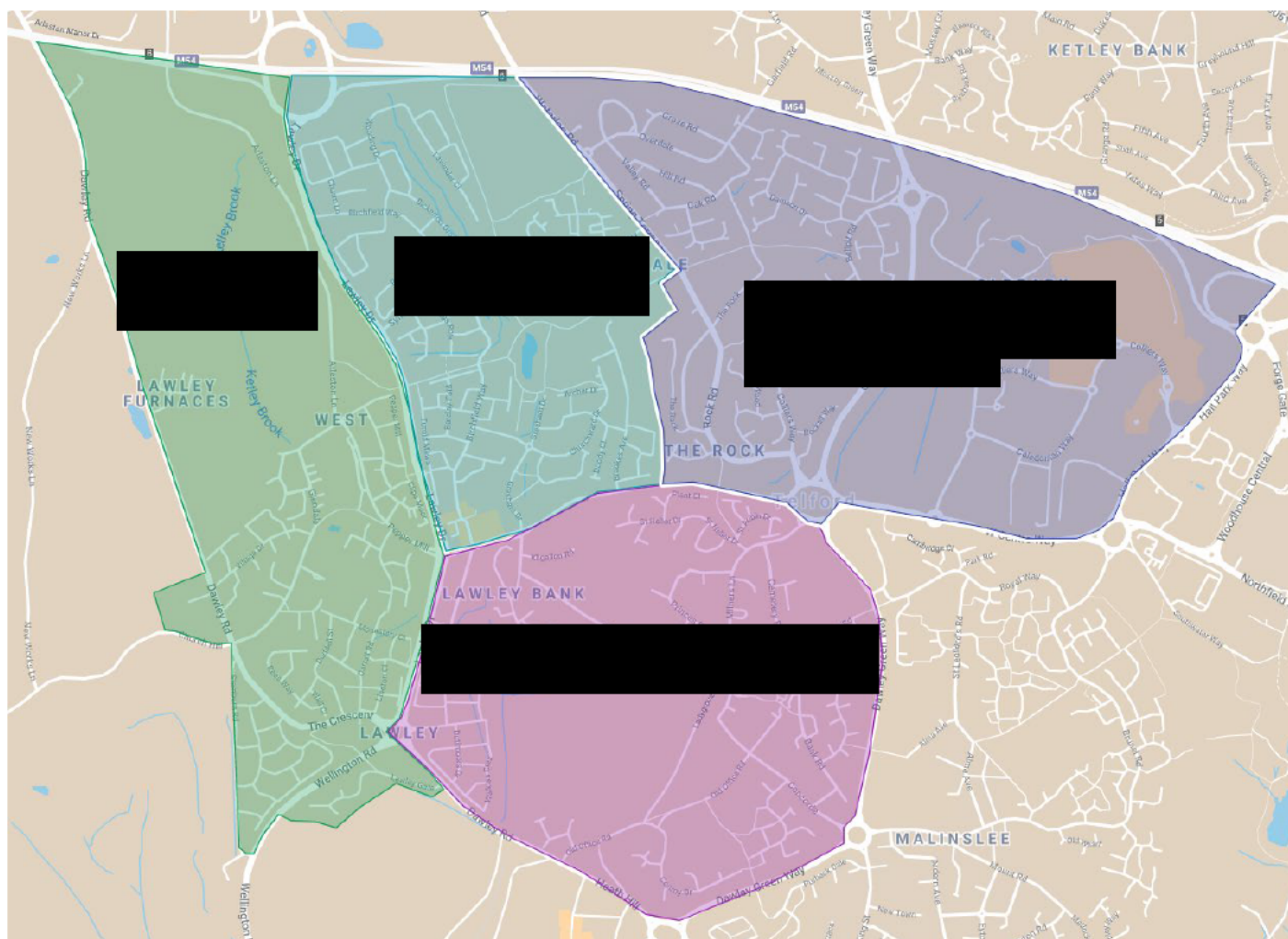
The Rock, Overdale & Old Park Ward

Boundaries: North - M54, West – Waterloo Rd / Spring Terrace, East – Hall Park Way, South – West Centre Way.

Lawley / Dawley Bank Ward

Boundaries: North – West Centre Way, West – Lawley Drive, East – Dawley Green Way, South – Dawley Road.

Ward Proposals for Lawley and Surrounding areas:



In Support of my ward proposals, the following are key facilities for each community:

<p><u>Lawley Ward</u></p> <p>St John's Church and Church Hall. Lawley Community Centre. Lawley playing field, play park and village green. Lawley Village Shop. Lawley Primary school.</p>	<p><u>Newdale Ward</u></p> <p>Newdale playing field, play park and village green. Newdale Pool. Newdale Primary school. Morissions and shopping square. Grazing Cow pub.</p>
<p><u>The Rock, Overdale & Old Park Ward</u></p> <p>The Carpenter Community / Linden Centre. Overdale Post Office and shops. Overdale Playing field, play park and village green. The Rock Methodist Church Old Park Village green Thomas Telford school</p>	<p><u>Lawley / Dawley Bank Ward</u></p> <p>Lawley Common and various green spaces. Lawley Academy school. Medical Practice, pharmacy, and dentist. Dawley Baptist Church. Co-op supermarket. Ladygrove Primary school Wrekin View and Bulls head pubs.</p>