

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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I live in Caldera Road in Hadley. Hadley is my address. My Hadley, [REDACTED] address is deemed to be in the Wrekin Constituency for Parliamentary elections and in the Telford Constituency for Local Elections - that is the Oakengates and Ketley Bank Ward. But on the map Hadley Lodge Road which is bang next door to my road and has been in situ for much longer, has a line draw around it ensuring it is in the Hadley and Leegomery Ward for both Parliamentary and Local Elections. The roads adjacent to mine apart from Hadley Lodge Road were built around 2004. My address was built in 2004. These are all in the Telford constituency ward. Hadley's Community centre is Castle Farm a stone's throw from my house as is the medical centre and small shopping centre and pubs. I have no inclination to go to Oakengates and become involved in anything over there. I don't know anyone there. I have no idea what the prevailing issues are in that area. But I do know people in Hadley and am registered at the Health Centre. I used to live in Leegomery and have taught in the schools there. I know a lot about the history of the area. My connections are with Hadley and Leegomery. In addition to this I have no contact with the councillors from Oakengates and Ketley. But, again, I do know one of the councillors in Hadley and know how this person works in the area, helping out from time to time. I know what is being done and I know how it improves the area. I know nothing about Oakengates and Ketley. Why should my local vote be shipped off to a constituency I don't live in and, as I've said, have no connection with, while my Parliamentary vote goes nowhere. I wouldn't ever vote for the present incumbent. So, when I moved here over 4 years ago and realised I lived in Hadley but wasn't in Hadley for the local elections, my vote being assigned to a ward I had no connection with I thought, for the first time in my life, that it was no longer of any use to me to vote in either of the elections. But more than that, it separated me from my locality. It put me in no man's land. I'm not sure how other people feel about this. But to me it's of vital importance. Whoever decided to enclose Hadley Lodge Road with a nice blue line knew what they were doing. Alongside Caldera Road, Ashford Close, Riven Road, Bricklin Mews and Redlands Road should also be put into Hadley and Leegomery. Then they can vote for what's on their doorstep too, and not be excluded. Alternatively Hadley and Leegomery can be put into the Telford constituency where for both elections my (and others) votes will count. There would, over time, be mutual engagement between the councillors due to the fact they all belong to the same constituency. Oakengates and Ketley Bank wouldn't be a mystery and I would have greater chances to be involved in my community without artificial barriers put up by people who are supposed to be representing me.

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