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Boundary Recommendations Telford Wards - currently The Nedge and Stirchley and Brookside

This review is for the Telford Wards only – The Nedge and Brookside

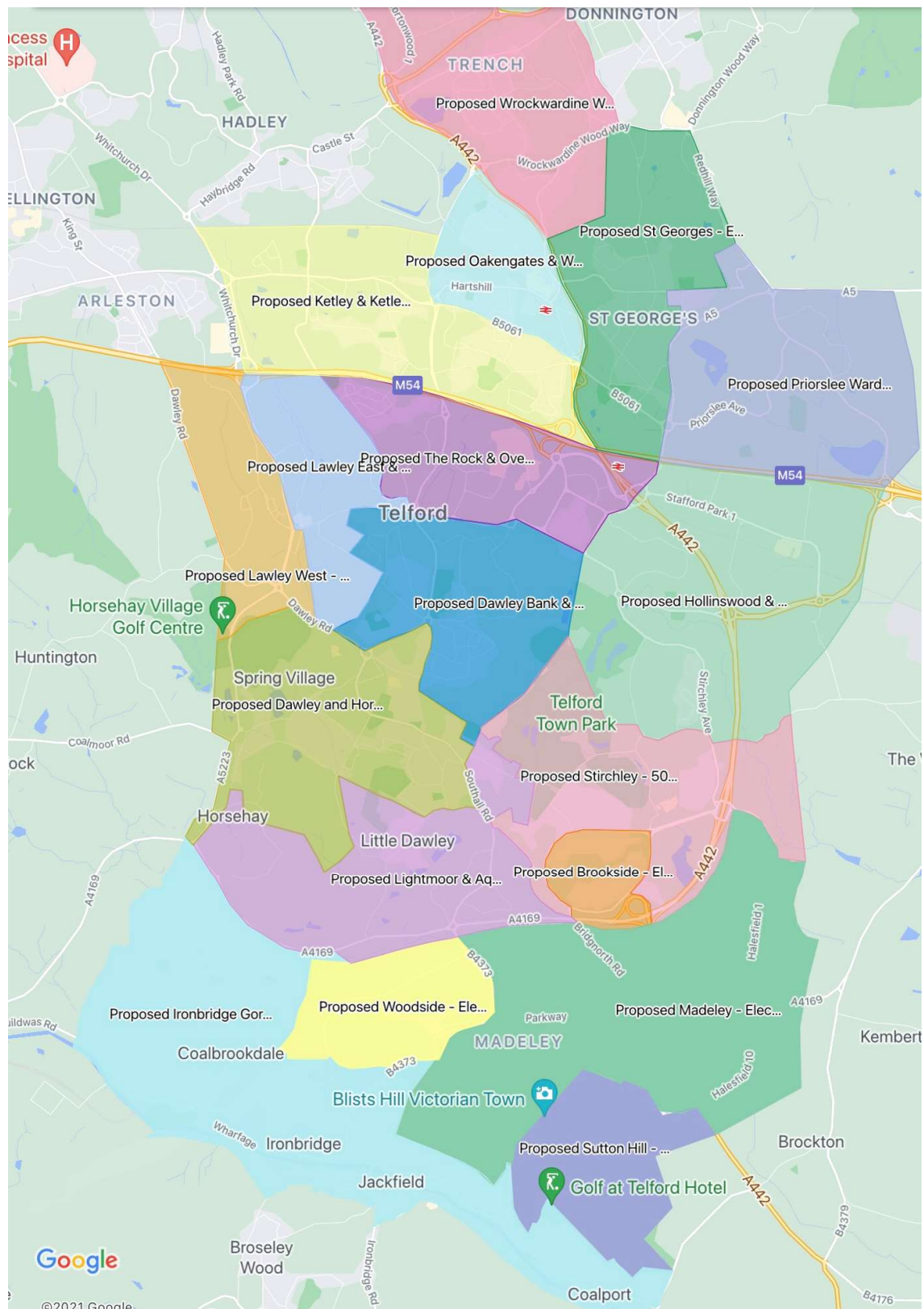
The 2027 predicted elector number of 147062 for Telford and Wrekin equates to 2723 electors per councillor for a single councillor ward.

I have focused on the community identity and where possible one councillor per community. This is not always possible due to community size and geographical area, but i have no ward with more than 2 councillors.

South Telford has some areas of multiple deprivation, putting them in the top 10% deprived areas in the UK. The workload for councillors in these areas is known to be quite a lot higher than more affluent areas. These deprived areas, may in some cases have fewer electors than would be ideal but feel this is necessary for the identity of these areas and the fact that we need the Councillors to have full responsibility and not get side-lined to more affluent areas. These areas are highlighted in yellow in table 1 below.

Table 1 - Proposed Wards for Telford (map attached for reference also)

Proposed Ward Name	No. of electors predicted for 2027	No Councillors
Hollinswood and Randlay	4613	2
Stirchley	5006	2
Brookside	2760	1



Link to map
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Hollinswood and Randlay - This is a single community, bounded by significant geographical features and mirrored by the parish council of the same name. Hollinswood contains areas of high deprivation so we are proposing an increased representation for the electorate.

Hollinswood and Randlay both have a community centre covered by shops and schools

Two roads - Arundel Close and Botfield Close - have been removed from Stirchley and added to Randlay as that's the community within which they sit and with which they identify.

Stirchley – We are proposing a ward of Stirchley, Stirchley Village and surrounding areas, and the Hinkshay Road bordering Stirchley pools. The primary and secondary schools, Grange Park Primary and Telford Park School, sit in the ward along with a shopping centre, doctors and dentists.

Brookside - The estate of Brookside sits within the Brookside ring-road. It is an original Telford new town estate and has its own issues and requirements for improvement. As a result, a Brookside “Big Local” has been established with £1m to spend over 5 years. This creates extra workload for councillors and as a result we are proposing a single councillor for accountability and increased representation. This estate has a community centre with shops and services. The community identity is strong.