

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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I am in favour of the alternative proposal as drawn up by Cllr Dave Hopkins. As Chair of the Lightmoor Village Estate Management Committee, I would prefer a boundary that best represents the community of Lightmoor; Dave's plans ensures that.

Uploaded Documents:

Download (https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1650018956_LGBCE+response+for+Lightmoor+April+2022+PDF.pdf)

Boundary Commission Proposals for Telford & Wrekin.

A consultation is presently taking place about changes to the Borough boundaries. These changes will affect Lightmoor Village.

You can see the proposals on the Boundary Commission website here:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midlands/shropshire/telford-and-wrekin>

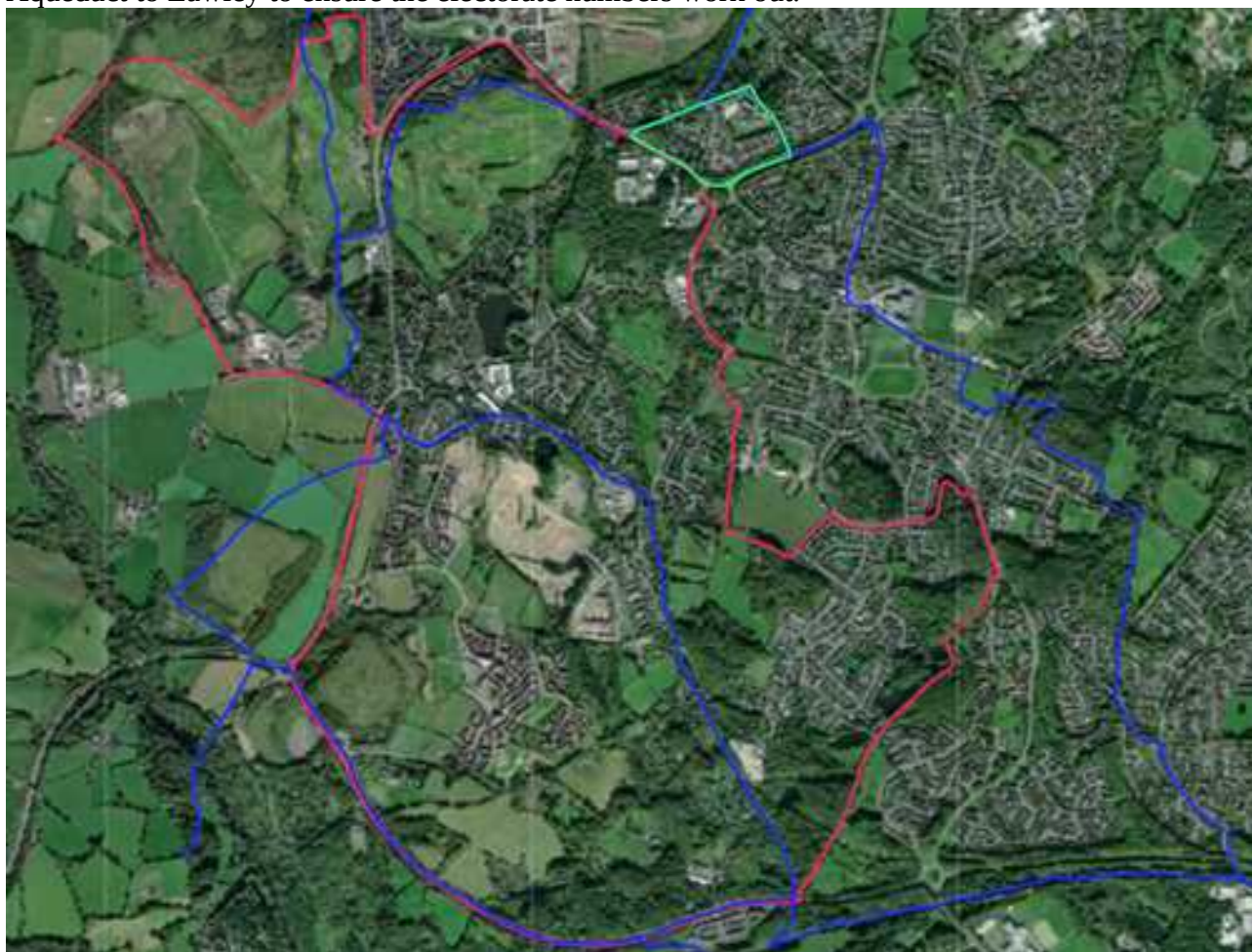
If you want to comment on the proposals, for or against, you can do it on the website. Click on the 'Have your say' box. The consultation closes on 9th May 2022.

A new proposed boundary will go down the middle of Woodhouse Lane, Frame Lane and St Luke's Road in Horsehay and Doseley. It will follow the bypass from the Lightmoor Road junction up to the Jiggers Bank roundabout.

If this proposal is agreed and you live on the Lightmoor side you will be in the new 'Horsehay & Lightmoor' ward. None of Lightmoor Village will remain in the Ironbridge ward.

I do not support the present plan and I have drawn up an alternative proposal and submitted it to the Boundary Commission.

This is a map showing my proposed boundary (in red) incorporating Lightmoor with the other smaller communities in Dawley Hamlets in a 2 Councillor ward. The blue boundaries are the present proposals. The area in green is around Ladygrove which I propose changes from Dawley & Aqueduct to Lawley to ensure the electorate numbers work out.



The advantage of the present (blue) proposal would be having a Ward Councillor whose responsibility would be mostly for the Lightmoor Village area. This does however cut through parts of Horsehay and Doseley in a way that does not support community identity for those areas. The disadvantages would be:

- Only one councillor available. Would be a problem if they were ill, on holiday or unavailable for any other reason.
- Would be a problem if you did not get on with the councillor for any reason. No alternative available.
- Two councillors would bring a greater variety of experience and interests and they would be able to support each other when necessary.
- The wider area provided by the red boundary would facilitate links with other communities nearby and reduce isolation and separation.

Although I have previously suggested 'Dawley Hamlets & Lightmoor' as a name for the proposed alternative ward, on reflection I think that the red boundary ward should be named 'Lightmoor & Dawley Hamlets' to recognise that Lightmoor would be the largest area within it.

Councillor Dave Hopkins.
Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

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