

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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This is the submission on behalf of the Oakengates and Wrockwardine Wood Residents Group, which is held at the Wakes Community Centre. The members of the group wish to object to the LGBCE proposals to make Oakengates a one member ward and therefore split and separate sections of our community into other surrounding areas. The following reasons have been raised by my members as the reasons for objection and reasons for supporting the retention of the current ward boundaries: - Wrockwardine Wood is linked to Oakengates by a strong road network, bus route, green network and cycle routes. Wrockwardine Wood does not share such good transport or road links with any other area. If it moves into the ward of Wrockwardine Wood and Trench, then it will only be connected by footbridges over a very busy main road. We don't feel that this demonstrates a good community link. - Oakengates has always been a busy market town which supports its surrounding areas. The proposals will downgrade the status of Oakengates and potentially have a detrimental impact on the local businesses, historic market and leisure offer, including the theatre. - Oakengates library is used by people from all over the current ward - "I know my grandchildren who live in Trench Lock come into Oakengates every Saturday morning to change their library books." "My friend, who lives in Beveley, walks into town to use the library. She would never consider using a library anywhere else! She certainly couldn't use one in Ketley as there isn't one!" - We love using our community centre in Oakengates to meet our friends from across the ward. We always attend the senior socials together - this is a great opportunity for us to catch up. The community centre serves the whole area of Oakengates, Wombridge, Ketley Bank, Wrockwardine Wood, Trench Lock and Beveley. If ever there was an expression of our shared community identity, then this is it! - Oakengates deserves more representation than a single councillor, we are worried that this downgrade from three to one will mean that Oakengates will get a worse deal. It is an area of competing needs, especially with the high street and market, we need more than one councillor! - We have always been under Oakengates - even when it was the District Council 50 years ago - there is a shared history between Beveley, Wrockwardine Wood, Ketley Bank and Oakengates, something which can't be replicated in a new area. It isn't a case that this should stay the same because it always been this way, rather it should stay the same as this reflects the communities on the ground, the communities which truly make up the heart of Oakengates. - Lots of concerns relating to buses, getting access to Ketley or the new areas proposed. - Doctors, dentists, pharmacies for the surrounding areas are all located in Oakengates. They use these services day-in day-out. They feel that they should have a say in what happens in Oakengates as they are just as much a part of this town.

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