

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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I wish to object to two aspects of your proposals with regard to Shawbirch. Firstly, I object strongly to the proposal to join Shawbirch and Dothill into a single two member ward. Shawbirch is a distinct community with its own shopping centre complete with Doctors and Dentist. Although on a map it may appear adjacent to Dothill in fact there are no roads that directly link Shawbirch to Dothill and to drive from Shawbirch to Dothill requires a journey of nearly 2 miles, including some travel through the adjoining parish of Hadley and Leegomery. Single member wards allow communities to identify more closely with councillors and should be the aim wherever possible. I note that the boundary commissions proposals for Newport involve turning the current 2 member wards back into 4 single member wards. Secondly, I object to the proposed transfer of Crowdale Road even numbers from 2 – 14, Spafield Close, Leeses Close, Allertons Meadow and Brook Meadow from Shawbirch into the proposed Admaston ward. Crossing parish and town boundaries should be avoided at all costs and in this case the proposals split the natural community of Shawbirch and remove a small part of Wellington Parish into the adjoining Wrockwardine Parish. If the current proposals are adopted, the electors in the 5 streets involved will find themselves in Admaston ward for borough elections but in Shawbirch ward for town council elections. Engaging electors in local government is hard enough as it is without causing the confusion of being in different wards. I believe that it is far more important for local democracy that recognised communities, such as Shawbirch, are maintained in a single ward than it is to maintain strict numerical equality of electors. I urge you to amend your proposals to maintain Shawbirch ward with it's existing boundaries.

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