

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council

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Ketley Bank is part of Oakengates civil parish. In the 18th century, links developed between coal mining and ironworking industry communities of workers in Ketley Bank and Oakengates. Since then, before the creation of Telford New Town, Oakengates was one of the largest towns in the area. The formation of Oakengates Urban District Council in the late 19th century created one municipality covering most of North-East Telford until 1974. Oakengates is a local community hub; it has a theatre, a bus station, a rail station, two General Practices, and a Post Office. Ketley Bank literally faces Oakengates, and Ketley Bank residents use Oakengates as the most convenient local centre. It seems to me that a way forward would be to identify those wards that have a under-representation variance that abut wards with an over-representation variance. The idea being that the boundary between them could be shifted, rather than unnecessarily disturbing the boundary of those wards that won't be under- or over-represented. In broad terms: 1 Expand Woodside to take some of Horsehay & Lightmoor. 2 Expand Malinslee & Dawley Bank to take some of Ketley & Overdale. 3 Leave Oakengates & Ketley Bank boundary and number of councillors unchanged. In doing so, the Oakengates and Ketley Bank ward boundaries can remain unaltered, avoiding unnecessary disruption. As a consequence, the proposed new Ketley ward, with the extension to the south-east all the way past Snedshill, is illogical, unwanted, and unnecessary .

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