not a shared common identity between The Gorge and Lightmoor. This proposal would enhance coterminosity between borough and parish boundaries.

The revised proposed The Gorge Parish Council would have an electorate of 2,199 with 8 councillors across 2 parish wards. This is in line with guidance on councillor numbers and provides for reasonable electoral equality.

Parish ward name	Polling districts	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Coalport & Jackfield	TIR, TIO	2	512	256	-7%
Ironbridge Gorge	TIB, TIG	6	1687	281	2%
Total		8	2199	275	

BROOKSIDE, STIRCHLEY AND HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY

The Community Governance Review phase two community consultation found considerable opposition to the creation of a proposed The Nedge Parish Council which would have been created from the merger of the existing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and the existing Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. In response to this phase two consultation finding, the Committee asked for further proposals in relation to this area. This was with a view to the need for parish and town council arrangements to deliver effective and efficient governance. The recent spate of councillor resignations from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council may be considered to indicate that the arrangements need to be reviewed.

Furthermore, in past Borough reviews, there has been a variety of views around the best arrangements to adopt in relation to this area and lower electoral registration makes it difficult to identify the optimum arrangements.

Nonetheless, the Committee has agreed to consult on proposal two: create two new parish councils; one for Brookside and the second for Stirchley and Hollinswood & Randlay.

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The proposals set out below would deliver good electoral equality and would also aim to reflect shared character of the respective areas with the South Telford estate area of Brookside being given its own Parish Council to reflect that area.

<u>Brookside</u>

This proposal is based on the creation of a parish council that is formed from the Brookside community as defined by Brookside Avenue and then extends northwards

including properties to the south of Stirchley Road such that it is bounded by the Town Park.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Brookside	TBR	5	3043	609	-1%
Stirchley Road	TTT (part 75%)	2	1273	636	3%
Total		7	4316	617	

Stirchley and Hollinswood & Randlay

This proposed parish council would see an area of Stirchley combine with the existing Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council. This area would, in general, be bounded by Stirchley Road (although it would include a small number of properties to the south of Stirchley Road at the north end of the recreation area) and include Tadorma Drive, Holmer Lane, Wroxeter Way and Boscobel Close in the Holmer Lake area.

Parish ward name	Polling district	Seats	Electors August 2025	Electors per seat	Variance
Hollinswood & Randlay	TTR, TTO	7	4361	623	4%
Stirchley & Holmer Lake	TTT (part 25%), TTS, TTH	5	2820	564	-6%
Total		12	7181	598	

WROCKWARDINE AND RODINGTON

The proposed parish arrangements which formed part of the phase two consultation for the Community Governance Review included a proposal to create a Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish Council. This proposal brought the pre-existing Little Wenlock and Rodington Parish Councils together with the Wrockwardine Parish Council excluding Bratton and Admaston as it is proposed these will become part of the revised Wellington Town Council.

The phase two Community Governance Review consultation found significant opposition to the proposal to create a parish council that included Little Wenlock, Wrockwardine and Rodington. A core objection was the size of the proposed parish and a lack of a cohesive identity. It is acknowledged that The Wrekin creates a significant natural barrier between Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine. In response and reflecting the changes that would be brought about as a result of the proposed changes to Wellington Town Council, the Committee wanted to consider an alternative proposal which would see the existing arrangements for Little Wenlock retained and a new proposed Wrockwardine and Rodington Parish.



