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**Electoral review of Telford & Wrekin Council: Hadley & Leegomery
Parish Wards**

I refer to your e-mail of 18 February, sent to my colleague, David Owen. You kindly attached correspondence which you had received from the Clerk of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council. In his letter to you dated 17 February 2014, the Clerk made a formal request that the boundaries of the Leegomery and Hadley Castle parish wards, shown on Sheet 1, Map1 which accompanies the final recommendations report, be amended.

As you are aware, as part of an electoral review, the Commission is required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward.

As part of its review the Commission proposed that Hadley & Leegomery parish be divided between borough wards. The Commission therefore proposed consequential parish electoral arrangements for the parish. These were outlined in its draft and final recommendations report.

As part of its consultation on draft recommendations the Commission sought representations on its proposed borough ward boundaries and parish electoral arrangements.

In response to that consultation the Commission received a response from Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council accepting the draft recommendations. As a result, the Commission did not modify its proposed parish electoral arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery in its final recommendations.

The Commission has now published its final recommendations for Telford & Wrekin. Under the 2009 Act the Commission does not have powers to amend its recommendations. Therefore, the Commission is not able to modify the parish electoral arrangements for Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council.

Having published its final recommendations the Commission will now be taking steps to lay an Order in the House of Parliament to give effect to its recommendations. We will inform you when the draft Order has been laid.

Following implementation of the recommendations in 2015, Telford & Wrekin Borough Council could seek the consent of the Commission to modify the parish electoral arrangements. This would follow the Council undertaking a Community Governance Review. The consent of the Commission would be required to the making of a Re-organisation of Community Governance Order as all provisions of Orders made by the Commission regarding electoral arrangements are protected for five years from the date the Order was made.

I hope that this explanation will help you to make your own reply to the Parish Council

Yours sincerely



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