

APPENDIX 1

List of responses to the second consultation;

1. Lyn Fowler received 24 November 2018 against the recommendation.
2. Peter Scott 4 December 2018 against the recommendation
3. 18 December 2018 Newport – Corporate statement submitted by Chairman Peter Scott
4. Graham Foster, received 18 December 2018 against recommendation
5. Cllr Thomas Janke received 19 December 2018 against recommendation.
6. Cllr Phil Norton received 28 December 2018- Deputy Mayor against the recommendation.
7. Church Aston Parish Council received 5 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation.
8. Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council 6 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation
9. Bill Harper 6 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation.
10. Ann Kinnish received on 6 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation.
11. Amanda Mattison received on 6 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation
12. Bridget Page received on 7 January 2019 in favour of the recommendation

Responses received to the 2nd period of consultation

Additional information to support Appendix 1: Responses received

Below are the 12 responses that were received during the second period of public consultation:

Response 1:

I write to support the application for Newport's Town boundary to be reviewed.

The town is naturally bordered by the A518 and A41. The previous boundary review changed the National voting boundary to be the A518 between the corner of Station Road and the A41. For some unknown reason the town boundary was not brought inline, which leaves us with an issue as to where people will vote for Telford and Wrekin Councillors from the Newport wards when actually they live in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote, which seems to be completely nonsensical.

We have a high number of people moving into new houses which appear to be in Newport, again because of the natural boundary, but are again in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote. They will contact their local councillors for help, who undoubtedly will be Newport Town Councillors and will not turn them away, when they actually should be contacting their councillors in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote.

New residents will have children in Newport schools and will themselves use the facilities in Newport, they will identify with the town, not with Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote.

I hope you can see that this request is perfectly logical and will permit the request for a review. 700 Newport people signed a petition requesting this change it's not just NTC who are requesting it.

Response 2:

Sir,

I believe that the committee had got this very wrong and probably has not even visited the area to see for themselves.

I feel the boundary needs to be altered because,

It is the will of over 850 Newport residents and more since.

CA&W exists as a separate community on the far side of the A518.

Many in the new Wright Avenue houses already believe they live in Newport.

When we applied for the change there were only 5 CA&W residents in that ward that would be affected.

NTC can use the extra council tax for the benefit of all area residents to improve services.

Those in CA&W do not benefit from greatly reduced service costs such as burials and allotments which are supplied by NTC.

CA&W would only benefit by around £16000 which won't provide a lot of services. Will they supply a new cemetery for all the new residents? NTC can and will.

NTC provides,

Direct services

CCTV

Public toilet

Cemetery

Amenity areas

Allotments

Street clean

CAB

Guildhall Admin (Planning+SNT)

Xmas Lights and Switch on event

Footway lights

Civil weddings (Review, discounted or even free weddings for Newport residents?)

Youth Hub

Indirect services

NIB

PCSO

Library Book fund

SNCT

Events (Chinese new Year, St Georges, Old Tyme market, Carnival, Civic Sunday, Remembrance) Litter pick

3A.

CA&W provide nothing of note and will continue to provide nothing.

The residents will feel they live in Newport. They will use Newport services. They will complain to the NTC Guildhall as they don't know where to contact CA&W.

NTC meet 12 times a year, have 12 parish councillors and have committees that cover off local services. CA&W meet less frequently and are generally unknown to the residents.

It makes no sense to have a different parish and borough boundary.

The T & W officers recommended it.

I have heard Wright Avenue residents say they live in Newport.

I believe the new houses when built will be filled with people who also feel they live in Newport.

The A518 is a natural boundary point.

I would recommend that all committee members walk the area before any final decision.

Please listen to the will of the people. As more services are devolved to the parishes NTC are in a far stronger position to deliver better services to the majority.

Response 3:

18th December 2018.

Newport Town Council Corporate Statement on the Southern Boundary

Newport Town Council firmly believes that the parish and borough boundaries of Newport South should be equalised. We began over 2 years ago, before any houses were built on Wright Avenue, because at that time the parish of CA & W only had four properties therefore few would be affected. We obtained the necessary 850 plus signatures and applied as per the regulations.

This has never been about “land grabbing” as some might think or council tax although extra income for any parish is welcome. The officers at Telford and Wrekin Council recommended that the parish and borough boundary amalgamate. Why? Because it makes logical sense! The committee then went against the recommendation for a number of reasons which we challenge. We would hope that before any final decision is made that all members of the committee make a site visit as that will confirm the logic of our boundary proposal.

If you look at the boundary maps you will see that some of that land (in H13) is already in the Newport Parish already. As it currently stands the vast majority of houses yet to be built will, in our view, feel they live in Newport and use our facilities ,as do some of the Wright Avenue residents, with the bypass on the A518 being the natural boundary line. A hard boundary for sustainable transport.

Newport Town Council offers its residents,

- Public CCTV
- Public toilets
- A cemetery
- Amenity areas
- Allotments
- Regular street cleaning
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Guildhall administration staff with daily availability
- Christmas lights and a switch on event
- Footway lighting currently being upgraded to LED
- Civil weddings and a public hire room

- Youth Hub
- Substantial grant funding
- The Newport Library Book Fund
- An Integrated Management PCSO
- Litter picking
- Smartwater

Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote offer very little. Their recent Smartwater initiative was paid for from a grant. Newport Town Council are able to properly budget for it and could easily have included any houses in Wright Avenue. Whilst giving out Smartwater we have had Wright Avenue residents insisting that they are Newport residents!

NTC run a professional service for the residents which includes The Guildhall with a full time CILCA qualified Town Clerk and six staff with full availability including social media and a website. We meet 12 times a year and have 4 sub committees that deal with Planning and Economical Development, Leisure and Environmental Services, Community Safety and Resources and Finance. All meetings are open to and accessible to the public.

CA &W meet less frequently and do not appear to have the same high level of connectivity with their residents. They have approximately 172 households the vast majority of which are on the far side of the borough boundary. Their precept is an annual £6000. NTC has an annual precept of around £400000 and can therefore do far more for the residents within their boundaries.

The residents that will come to the Land Off Station Road and H!3 etc will almost certainly look to Newport for their children's education, indeed the Burton Borough School catchment area has been altered by Telford and Wrekin Council to exclude those outside of the town in preference for local children. These newcomers will see themselves as Newport residents for this purpose.

Our High Street will serve the wider community. It is logical that everyone both sides of the A518 will use the local services as their own town centre.

The boundary line of the A518 is the logical boundary. On the CA & W side it is relatively rural with just 2 pubs and no other services. On the Newport side it is an urban built up community with a thriving High Street and many services. They are 2 distinctly separate communities.

If this is an argument around Council Tax then NTC can offer so much more than CA & W. In fact due to their low precept either now or in the future they are extremely limited with the services they can offer. Please bear in mind that when we first brought forward our request for a boundary change that none of the new houses were built. It simply makes sense for the parish and borough boundaries to be the same. Less confusing for the residents and we have seen there is much confusion as to who lives where. We get many people who do not live in the Newport parish boundaries assuming they are our residents when they are not. Wright Avenue is

the perfect example of residents thinking they are in Newport when they are not. We have had requests for Smartwater and Speed Indicator Devices recently.

The interests of the future residents will best be met by a large Town Council that has the qualified staff and the ability to provide a wide range of services. If CA & W inherit the new houses it may triple their precept but the amount will still be too small for any discernible benefits yet the new residents can access all of the current and future benefits of Newport as listed above.

Many of those still to come from other areas will be coming to live in Newport. As with many now they not have heard of CA & W or where that starts or finishes. The feeling of belonging will be to Newport. They will expect to use our facilities, our shops, car parks etc all paid for by Newport residents. The A518 is a natural boundary assumed already as the Newport boundary. Telford and Wrekin Council have created much confusion with the previous boundary changes. We have some voting in CA & W for the borough but not for the parish. If the fields had not been given planning permission for so many houses we would still have asked for the changes as we believe they should be the same. If you are inclined to reject our application then the sensible thing would be to bring the borough boundary back to its original position but that would not be in the interests of the vast majority.

We politely request that the committee walk that boundary and see it for themselves. A decision as important as this for future generations cannot and must not be made on assumptions. We believe our application is just, correct and in the best interests of the majority.

Response 4:

It is my opinion that the A518 and the A41 to the East are the natural boundaries for the town of Newport.

The idea of Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish being on the Newport side of the A518 is in my eyes rather lacking in reason.

I feel that if you ask the residents on the new estate off Station Road their initial response is that will say that they live in Newport: so why not have the ward boundaries and town boundary as one - it seems like common sense to me.

Yes they pay less precept but what do they get for their money!

The residents concerned will use the schools, shops, health and community facilities of Newport - What has Chetwynd and Woodcote parish to offer these residents.

Please consider people's perceptions in your decision.

Response 5:

Chairman and Members of BRC,

Having already achieved this review based on 850 signatories.

I write this email to respectfully ask that more consideration is taken when making the final decision on this boundary review. The officers at Telford and Wrekin Council

recommended that the parish and borough boundary amalgamate as it makes logical sense to do so. Geographically speaking at the very least, I believe this should be aligned with the borough boundary.

Newport Town Council offers a great, professional services to its Town's people. New residents moving in areas like Wright Ave already believe that they're Newport residents. They expect to be privy to all the professional services NTC offers to its residents, unbeknown to them, won't help by contributing to them.

Services already highlighted in the corporate response from NTC.

With regards to the Parish of Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote, offer little to no services for their residents.

I hope that this situation can be resolved through the lens of common sense that is required here.

Response 6:

Dear Mr Chairman

I would like the committee to reconsider your decision in not allowing the boundary change

I believe that it's in the best interest to allow the appeal please see below.

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Response 7:

Dear Sir,

Please find attached a response provided on behalf of Church Aston Parish Council to the 2nd round of Consultation on draft recommendations made by the T&WC Boundary Review Committee into a review requested by Newport TC.

Church Aston PC retain the view that there was no basis for a valid review in the first instance and as such wholly endorse the draft recommendations made by the BRC.

Question

	Yes	No
Do you agree there should be NO CHANGES made to the existing Parish / Town council boundary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Community Cohesion section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Size section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Population section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Boundaries and Effective Governance section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Identities** section?

 YES

If you have ticked “No” to any of the above questions, please explain your reasons here. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to explain your reasons for disagreeing with the recommendations made.

Do you have any other comments to add or views you wish to be taken into account?

Please add these below. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to make your additional comments.

Yes, Church Aston PC strongly supports recommendations of the T&WC BRC on the basis of arguments put forward in our original submission (dated 18th July 2018) i.e. that the request for a boundary review made by Newport Town Council was and remains politically motivated and is not consistent with the BRC’s terms of reference and related criteria for changes to a local authority boundary.

Response 8:

Please find the response from Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council

Question

Yes

No

Do you agree there should be **NO CHANGES** made to the existing Parish / Town council boundary?

 YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Community Cohesion** section?

 YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Size** section?

 YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Population** section?

 YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Boundaries and Effective Governance** section?

 YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Identities** section?

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Do you have any other comments to add or views you wish to be taken into account?

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Yes, Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council strongly supports recommendations of the T&WC BRC on the basis of arguments put forward in our original submission (dated 18th July 2018) i.e. that the request for a boundary review made by Newport Town Council was and remains politically motivated and is not consistent with the BRC’s terms of reference and related criteria for changes to a local authority boundary.

Response 9:

I submit this document for your consideration. The boundaries should not be moved.

Question

Yes

No

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Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Community Cohesion** section?

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Size** section?

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Population** section?

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Boundaries and Effective Governance** section?

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Identities** section?

If you have ticked “No” to any of the above questions, please explain your reasons here. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to explain your reasons for disagreeing with the recommendations made.

Do you have any other comments to add or views you wish to be taken into account?

Please add these below. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to make your additional comments.

Yes, Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council strongly supports recommendations of the T&WC BRC on the basis of arguments put forward in our original submission (dated 18th July 2018) i.e. that the request for a boundary review made by Newport Town Council was and remains politically motivated and is not consistent with the BRC’s terms of reference and related criteria for changes to a local authority boundary.

Response 10:

<u>Question</u>	Yes	No
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Do you agree with the recommendations under the Population section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Boundaries and Effective Governance section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with the recommendations under the Identities section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have ticked “No” to any of the above questions, please explain your reasons here. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to explain your reasons for disagreeing with the recommendations made.

Do you have any other comments to add or views you wish to be taken into account?

Please add these below. You may continue on a separate sheet / submit a separate document to make your additional comments.

Yes, as a resident of Chetwynd Aston I strongly support the recommendations of the T&WC BRC on the basis of arguments put forward in our original submission (dated 18th July 2018) i.e. that the request for a boundary review made by Newport Town Council was and remains politically motivated and is not consistent with the BRC’s terms of reference and related criteria for changes to a local authority boundary.

Response 11:

Please see my response below - thank you

Question

Do you agree there should be **NO CHANGES made** to the existing Parish / Town council boundary? YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Community Cohesion** section? YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Size** section? YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Population** section? YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Boundaries and Effective Governance** section? YES

Do you agree with the recommendations under the **Identities** section? YES

I as a member of Chetwynd Aston Parish strongly supports the recommendations of the T&WC BRC on the basis of arguments put forward in our original submission (dated 18th July 2018) i.e. that the request for a boundary review made by Newport Town Council was and remains

politically motivated and is not consistent with the BRC's terms of reference and related criteria for changes to a local authority boundary.

Response 12:

I support Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council's comments and do not wish to see any boundary changes.