

Community of Magor with Undy

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Magor with Undy consist of four wards, Denny, Mill, Salisbury and The Elms. The community has a total electorate of 4676 and is represented by thirteen community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Denny	143	1
Mill	1331	4
Salisbury	734	2
The Elms	2468	6

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The western and southern boundaries of the community of Magor with Undy are the local authority boundary which cannot be considered as part of this review.
 - 2.1. The group identified a number of natural boundaries within the Magor with Undy community including the M4 motorway and Vinegar Hill.

Electorate Forecast

3. A number of developments are set to be built in the Salisbury ward on the land at Magor West. An additional 90 properties are to be built increasing the electorate within the Salisbury ward to 914. An additional 10 properties are to be built at the Tythe House, Church Road area in The Elms ward increasing the electorate to 2488.
 - 3.1. The Local Development Plan also includes proposals for an additional 200 properties to be built on Rockfield Farm, Undy in The Elms ward. This could potentially increase the electorate for The Elms ward to 2868.
 - 3.2. The total electorate for the community of Magor with Undy could increase from 4676 to 5276.

Representations Received

4. No representations were received regarding the community of Magor with Undy.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The group considered the external community boundaries for Magor with Undy and considered that the M4 motorway is a natural boundary within the area that should not be ignored in setting the boundaries for the area. Whilst the group accept that there are a number of areas north of the M4 that need to be included in the community of Magor with Undy, including Magor Services & the area around Knollbury, the group considered that as a whole the M4 should be the northern boundary of the community of Magor with Undy. Areas north of the M4, other than those highlighted above, should be included in the communities of Caerwent and Rogiet.

Internal Boundaries

- 5.1. The group considered the existing warding arrangements and discussed the four areas that are currently wards within the community of Magor with Undy. The group were unable to identify any connection or affinity with the ward names and boundaries of the existing wards to the area of Magor with Undy. For example the group couldn't understand the naming of 'The Elms' ward which covers the Undy area of the community.

The group also considered the electorate levels in each ward of the community were disproportionate given the fairly urban nature of the community of Magor with Undy and how they compared to similar areas in Monmouthshire.

To that end, the group considered the community of Magor with Undy as a blank canvass and identified boundaries within the community that could more naturally divide the community into the following wards.

Magor West

- 5.2. The group identified a brook from the M4 motorway which intersects the Magor village, bypasses Mill Reen and the Church of Wales Primary School, and continues to the southern boundary of the Magor with Undy Community. The group consider this to be a natural, easily identifiable boundary within the community that naturally divides an area of the community for separate representation.

Magor East

- 5.3. The proposed boundary for Magor east will run from the eastern boundary of the Magor West ward to the rear of all properties contained on Vinegar Hill. The boundary will run north to south through the community until it reaches the railway line which it will follow eastwards to the external community boundary. This ensures that all properties south of the railway which share a common link are contained within a single ward.

Undy

- 5.4. The proposed Undy ward will incorporate the area north of the railway and east of Vinegar Hill to the external community boundary.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The group propose no change to the community name of Magor with Undy. However, due to the growth of the community since the previous review and its electorate reaching a similar level to other town councils within Monmouthshire, it is proposed that Magor with Undy becomes a town council rather than a community council.

The group considered the names for the wards within the Magor with Undy community and were unsure as to the origin of the existing ward names and how they link to the areas of the existing community. Therefore the group proposed clear ward names of Magor West, Magor East and Undy as identified above as the proposed ward names. The group welcome suitable alternative names for the community and community ward names for consideration.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Magor with Undy community to fall within the urban category for elector/councillor ratio resulting in an ideal ratio of 500 electors per councillor. The above changes to the community boundaries will result in the following electoral arrangements for the community.

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Magor West	1706	3
Magor East	1802	4
Undy	1670	3

Working Group Individual Member Comments

8. All members of the working group approved the proposals for the community of Magor with Undy.