

Appendix 1

Consultation on the change of ward name from 'Twerton' to 'Twerton & Whiteway'

The Question

"Do you agree with the proposal to change the name of Twerton ward to Twerton & Whiteway ward?"

The response to the consultation

Twerton ward has 4,364 electors.

45 people responded to the consultation. 24 responses are in favour of the change of the ward name, 21 responses are against the change (Chart 1).

Of the 45 respondents, 30 respondents declared themselves resident in Twerton, and 15 not resident. Of the 30 respondents who declared themselves resident in Twerton, 16 are in favour of the change of the ward name, 14 are against the change (Chart 2).

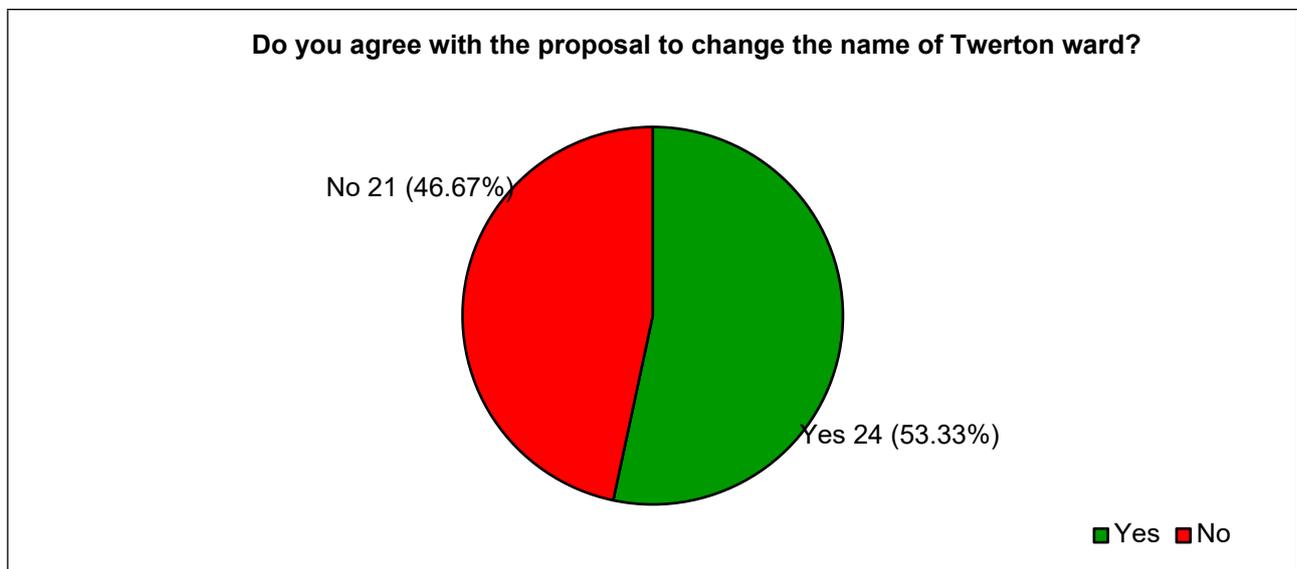


Chart 1

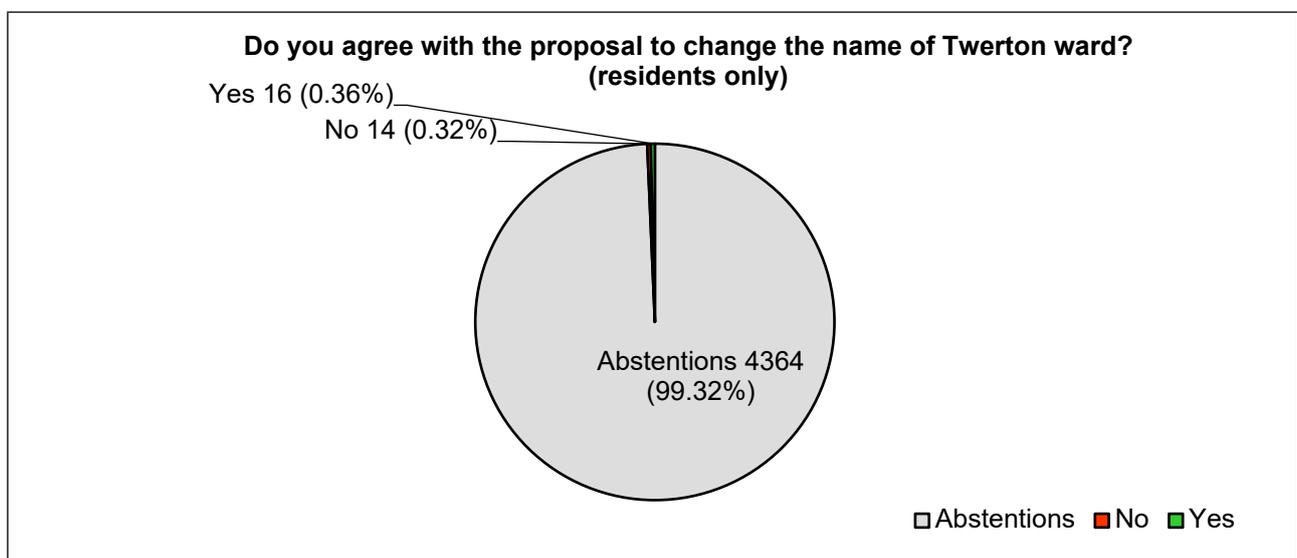


Chart 2

Comments from residents who are in favour of the change

1. "The Twerton ward covers Whiteway so it should be called Twerton and Whiteway."
2. "I live in Whiteway and it's a fair representation to have the correct name for the ward."
3. "The ward covers two very distinct communities and this should be reflected in the name."
4. "The area is a mixed area and the name change reflects the geographical area."
5. "Locally Twerton and Whiteway are known as two distinct neighbourhoods, even though technically they are both within the ward of Twerton. Residents are generally used to identifying as being from one or the other."
6. "Twerton and Whiteway are 2 communities within 1 ward therefore I think the ward name should change to represent both areas from Twerton to Twerton & Whiteway."
7. "Whiteway feels like it's never considered in any improvements or concerns raised; it just feels like we are forgotten. Fed up of the continued 'passing the buck' attitude of our two councillors blaming Curo for failings, then doing nothing to help."
8. "Half the ward is Twerton. The other half is Whiteway. Lots of people in Whiteway don't feel represented."
9. "It is a clear and obvious decision. To include both parts within the ward? It seems the 'poor' in Whiteway are left to the wayside, anything that could be done to make the inhabitants of Whiteway feel heard, and engaged in politics, should be explored."
10. "Whiteway has its own identity. Whilst we are happy to be alongside Twerton, Whiteway should be named too. The identity of a place helps the residents to feel valued and not forgotten/left out /disregarded. It raises the profile of the area. Whiteway is a great place to live and the ward name should honour it. Thank you."
11. "Recognition of the community in the south of the existing ward."
12. "More visibility for the community of Whiteway."

Comments from residents who are against the change

13. "They are two separate local areas with their own history, why change them there is no reason?"
14. "Why change it after all these years?"
15. "Too long, and doesn't include all of Whiteway."
16. "Twerton is the original name of the village and should keep its identity separate from Whiteway."
17. "Twerton or Twerton on Avon as it should be known, was originally a village in its own right. The increase of housing shouldn't change its identity. If anything it should be returned to its original name."
18. "Twerton used to be a lovely place when I was growing up, good community and everyone looked out for each other. To include Whiteway into the ward I feel would bring Twerton down. Whiteway needs their separate ward to sort out their anti-social behaviours."

19. "Years ago (2018) the same question came up about boundaries to be set by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Oddly enough the Commission renamed historic Twerton the north part of the Southdown ward. ?? Has this somehow been changed again? Despite written protests in 2018 to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, historic Twerton was renamed Southdown, and Whiteway was renamed Twerton. Does anyone in charge even look at a map, or know the history of Twerton? Now we are again going to confuse the younger generation by combining the local ward boundary, Twerton, with a double name of Twerton & Whiteway. Historically this is nonsense. A fair map would create two new wards. One with Whiteway in its own ward, and Twerton back along the original historic location near the river and not part of Southdown. But this will never happen."
20. "What impact will this make in light of the fact that when it comes to child poverty Twerton sits within the lowest 10% in the Country. Housing issues, crime, food poverty, drug use and domestic violence are all on the increase yet provisions have been cut. Southside Youth Hub sadly saw the closure of its cafe earlier this year due to 'lack of funding'. The cafe was always well served and busy. It was a meeting point for parents and older residents. Alongside this it was as a great drop in space for professionals to meet their young people away from the school and home environments offering a less informal and safe setting. The Twerton High Street is an embarrassment, empty shops, drug dealing and alcohol use is evident throughout the day and evening, graffiti and blatant ASB adds to the ambience. Whiteway mirrors the above issues however Mount Road shopping area continues to serve its community well despite the ASB issues that staff face on a daily basis. How will merging the two areas benefit the residence? I can guarantee there will not be any additional funding to support the key services in either area. It will be a merger of dept accumulated from central government and local authority cuts, no realistic solution to the social and economical deprivation that many residents face on a day-to-day basis."
21. "There is, currently, absolutely no defined benefit in changing the name. It seems a waste of resources and effort. Perhaps we should down those resources improving the areas rather than nomenclature."
22. "Why change something that is going to make zero difference to people's lives, will no doubt cost money which could be spent on keeping both Twerton and Whiteway tidier. I expect most people will still use the original names. Pretty much like Bath still being part of Avon not BaNES."
23. "Why!? A pointless change, just a waste of effort and money. Many more important issues you should be concentrating on."
24. "Twerton was a separate community before the city expanded and adsorbed the village. The village has a proud history of employment in mills on the river, a ferry across the river and facilities provided by the Carr family, who owned one of the mills. Whiteway is a name invented for the housing development, and should be kept as a separate community in an administrative sense."
25. "Historically, there has always been Whiteway and Twerton and this should remain. As I don't see that by merging them into one ward, that any one area would receive any more funding to keep both areas clean, tidy and maintained, when the council can't even be bothered to tend to Twerton alone and upkeep basic care of the area. Will the

Royal Crescent or the Circus be merged with Julian Road? I didn't think so. I see no positive impact with this move being put forward."

26. "Twerton is Twerton and Whiteway is Whiteway. Let it stay like that. Whiteway has a worse reputation too."
27. "Two different communities. Look at the buildings going up in East Twerton, unlike Whiteway."
28. "Waste of money. It's been like it for years, doesn't need changing."
29. "No point, Twerton is Twerton. This is a waste of time and money."