

Please furnish me with minutes and emails relating to communication La from the Ashton and Bryn Ward Councillor's regarding the recent signage which has been erected in the Ashton and Bryn Wards on the boundaries.

Correspondence including electronic mail from and to the Ashton and Bryn Ward Councillors and Wigan Council in connection with the new landmark signs.

E-mails between Council Officers and local ward Councillors attached.

8/11/22

**Councillor Jones requested meeting regarding Bryn boundary signs**

**From:** Jones, Stephen CLLR <[Stephen.Jones@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.Jones@wigan.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 10 November 2022 19:03

**Subject:** RE:

Hi

What about this I will send my suggestions over to you via email and copy in Sam and Sylvia in. Lets give them both a chance to reply if they agree or suggest anything else and you see what you can do. I will give you mu suggestions tomorrow.

Kind regards

Steve

**Sent:** 11 November 2022 09:14

**To:** Jones, Stephen CLLR <[Stephen.Jones@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.Jones@wigan.gov.uk)>

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**Subject:** Bryn ward councillor issues

Good morning Steve

Perfect, everyone can get their point/ideas across properly then and we have a thread to follow and that I can action where possible.

Appreciate your time, thank you

Kind regards

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**Subject:** RE: Bryn ward councillor issues

My suggestion

1. Around Ashton Library which is the start of the Bryn Ward on Wigan rd left side as you come out of Ashton towards Bryn. There would need to be signs erected as for some reason it has never had a welcome sign although this is the main route to our ward. Please note the right side of the road is Ashton ward only on one side of the street. I am happy to meet for this one the following are just replacements. This could even be put in the grounds of the Library.
2. Coming into Bryn off the motorway via the bridge roundabout at top end of Wigan rd
3. Lowbank rd near the motorway bridge
4. Downall Green rd as you enter St Helens Council at the bend before it becomes Lowbank rd

15/11/22

Good morning Councillor Jones

Could I please confirm that the four locations mentioned are the ones pictured (attached) and confirm the request:

- 1 – request for boundary sign at library as attached (Ashton Library Boundary Sign) As you can see, the library grounds are not adopted highway managed by this service, this would need permission from land owner and possibly require funding from brighter borough. This financial year budget would likely not stretch to this however works would be issued to our sign shop at Makerfield Way to carry out the works should budget be confirmed.
- 2 – Request for Boundary sign to be replaced? Maps shows that one is already in place here, is it missing? (Bryn 3 Sisters boundary sign) attached image from May 2021.
- 3 – Replacement Boundary sign as this one is showing missing on maps (Low Bank Road near motorway bridge boundary) attached image from November 2021.
- 4 - Request for Boundary sign to be replaced? Maps shows that one is already in place here, is it missing? (Downall Green Road bend before Lowbank Road boundary) attached image from May 2021.

Budgets for replacement signs that do not require poles and complete installation as they would be attached to prior installed poles should be ok to progress once we have confirmed the above. This will be discussed further in a Traffic meeting which takes place on Wednesday and I will only be able to confirm once this meeting has happened. Please try to confirm the above today if possible.

We have had similar requests for new boundary signs as you enter Ashton on Golborne Road where the Golborne and Lowton West Boundary meets the Ashton Boundary which have been refused as we have been advised by the Department for Transport that a reduction in sign clutter is where we should be heading and not introducing more signs. All internal boundaries do not necessarily need signing and with limited resources it is difficult to provide signs at one location as this will then be expected in other requested locations and the cost is very high to do this.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** RE: Bryn ward councillor issues

Hi thank you for your quick reply

All of this was already agreed under Our Towns in May months ago for Bryn. In fact I did not push for many things because of the price of replacing these. I'm not sure you are aware of this as you have stated there are already signs in place but that is why we have been working with Council officers on a new design to replace the old ones.

I understand the point about the Library one however I did address this also at the beginning and that location is the main access into our ward. The arrow is on the Old Rd side of the Library I think it would need to go on Wigan Rd side on the same side of the street as the Library please see attachment

Kind regards

Steve

22/11/22

Good afternoon Steve

I have now issued a works ticket to have the boundary signs manufactured and installed on site. I am awaiting confirmation that this has been approved so it is not for certain just yet. I have requested that the boundary sign at Ashton Library is put on to extended poles of the existing Ashton Library sign. I am awaiting confirmation as to if this is possible or not from our sign shop. Location 4 in the below thread is a external boundary sign which we cannot replace with an internal one and so will have to stay as it is.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** Bryn Boundary Signs

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Could you please let me know if you have anything you would like to add.

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**Subject:** RE: Bryn Boundary Signs

Morning all

Most locals in Ashton and Bryn are baffled that Ashton Library comes under Bryn Ward, and often causes heated debate....so I think putting a sign there would just cause more confusion and end up a laughing stock to be frank.

How about placing the sign near to the Jubilee Flower park ?

Danny

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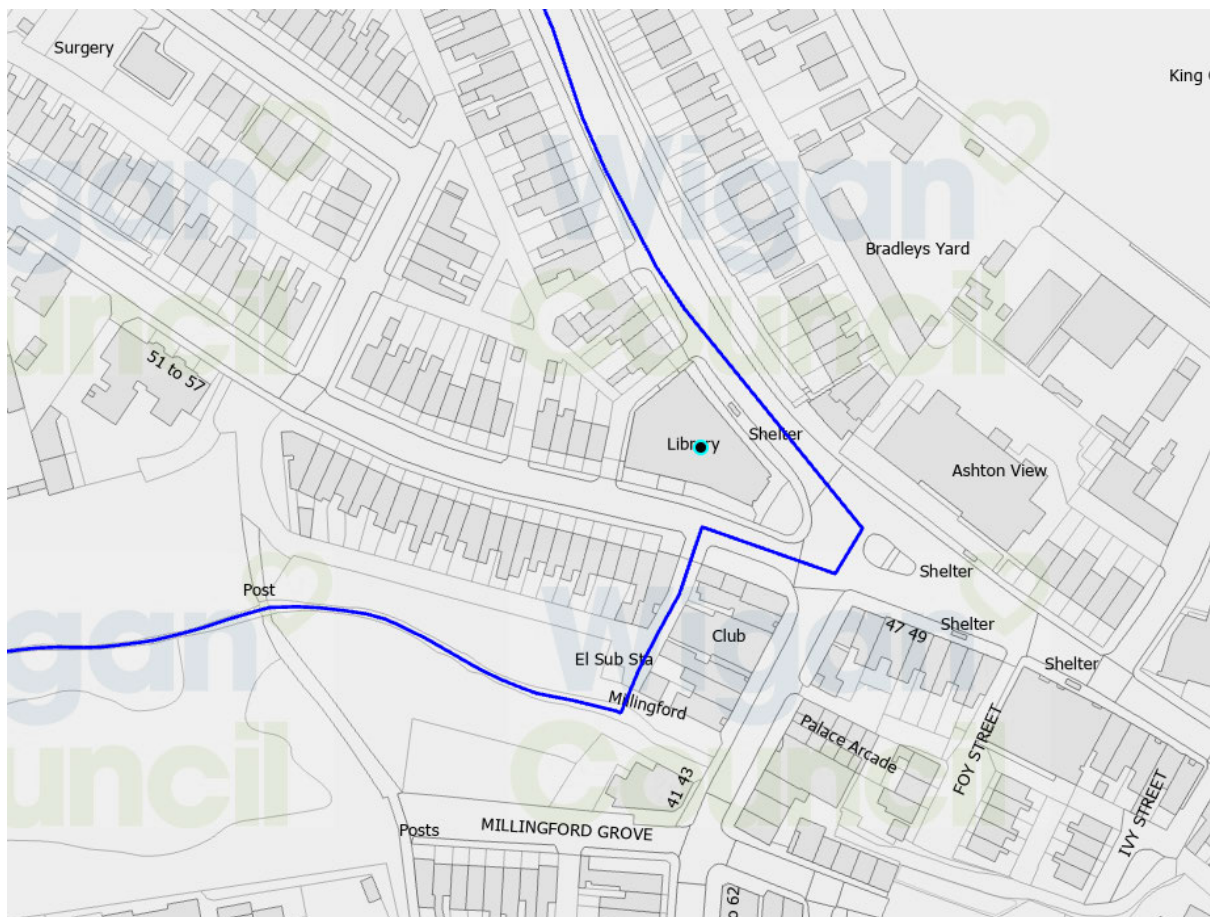
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**Subject:** RE: Bryn Boundary Signs

Good morning Councillor Bullen

Yes of course, I have purposely created this email trail so that all involved can have their say.

This requires a joint decision to agree on a suitable location for this boundary sign by all ward councillors. The actual boundary of Bryn and Ashton runs as shown in the below snip taken from GIS:



Other possible locations would be either side of the library over the footway where pedestrians can still easily and safely walk through with plenty (At least 1.2m) of room for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Would there be any objection to this from anyone?

Kind regards

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**Subject:** Re: Bryn Boundary Signs

Not at all happy with this proposal - obscuring the front of the library building, a significant landmark in Ashton's conservation area.

Please can we discuss further?

Thank you.

Kind Regards

Jenny

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Kind regards

Thanks for message.

Just to clarify, which church was under consideration?

Kind Regards  
Jenny

Cllr Jenny Bullen

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**Subject:** Re: Bryn Boundary Signs

Hi

This is a Bryn matter and nothing to do with other Ward Councillors. The sign needs to go around where the Library is situated as that is the start of the Ward regardless of opinion boundaries are boundaries however i do agree with Jenny in regard to the Library sign. I propose wigan rd footpath within the first 50 yards of the boundary. Thank you, Kenny, i thank you for your hard work but please could you reply to Ward Councillors only we do not get copied into Ashton matters or were they want there Signs you will notice on Wigan Rd they have a sign were there Ward starts im sure Bryn Councillors did not have a say

kind regards

Steve

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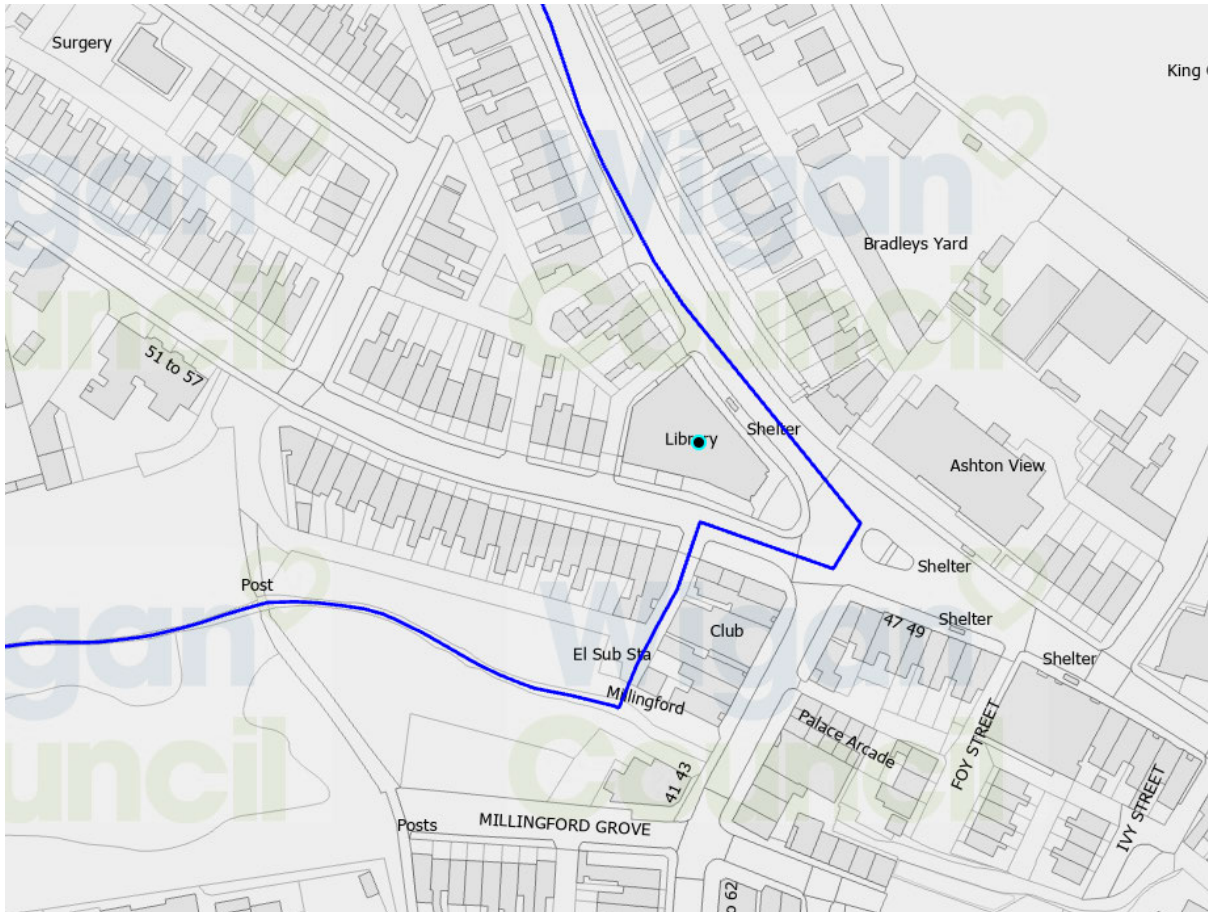
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**Subject:** Bryn Boundary signs

Good afternoon both

I have been on site with Bryn ward councillors last week to discuss the location of the Bryn boundary sign which has been decided as shown in the attached word document. I have measured the footway to ensure that enough room is available for a sign here which is on the boundary of Ashton and Bryn as the Ashton sign is which is located up next to Alexander Road. The original suggested location was for in front of the church which was understandably unfavourable and so this location has been chosen as a suitable and fair location where those travelling on the Southwest side of Wigan Road will be in the Boundary by the time they see the sign.

A works ticket is now being issued for the works to commence.

Kind regards  
Afternoon

Thank you this update. I think this is a good location. Thanks for keeping the Ashton side in the loop

Cllr Danny Fletcher

Sat 1/4/23

Afternoon all,

As predicted last December, there has been quite an uproar about the new Welcome to Bryn sign next to Ashton library.

- Feedback <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3060538034174486/permalink/3599546730273611/>
- Local Poll <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3060538034174486/permalink/3599580493603568/>

Although this is where the Bryn boundary starts, I do still feel it would be much better further up Wigan Road. And I know this is Bryn matter, however I was getting absolutely bombarded with messages as people automatically believe the library is Ashton Ward. What are thoughts on relocating this sign further up Wigan Road ? (Obviously this will be a Bryn member decision, I'm just an observer).

Thanks all.

Danny Fletcher  
Ashton Ward