

## Rossendale Borough Council

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### Comment text:

As Mayor of Whitworth, it is important to pass on some comments regarding the consultation of boundaries within Rossendale. Whitworth as a whole ward is made up of two smaller wards, one (Whitworth/Healey and Facit/Shawforth) I feel this should remain the same and not be torn apart even though we are slightly over the numbers suggested. We could still drop a Councillor if needed, leaving 3 to cover the area as a whole (One Whitworth ward) instead of 4. Whitworth in its make up is a valley running 4.5 miles along both sides the only road in and out of the valley. We have the River Spodden running through (which changes its name at the boundary with Britannia from Irwell) We have a cycle path running the entire length too. One medical centre, one dental practice, one library where most of the residents are registered. We have one bus service connecting people to Rochdale and Rawtenstall for colleges, work and hospitals. We have a Co Op and a Tesco express which residents use daily, one chemist and other local shops. We have a Town Council with 12 local Councillors, 4 local Rossendale Councillors representing the 7,500 residents, all from Whitworth, so understanding the area, people and its needs. Re drawing the boundaries would rip the community apart. We have many community groups covering the entire length of the village, with many volunteers working hard each week and many residents using them; Whitworth in Bloom, The Tourism and Leisure Committee, Shawforth Morris Dancing Group, Scouts, Beavers and Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Whitworth Football Teams(with our own ground) with 18 teams, Whitworth Historical Society, Whitworth Swimming Club, Men in sheds, Lighthouse Foodbank, Whitworth Sports Council, Walking groups, Thai Boxing,teams, Knit and natter group, U3a, Watter Ski Centre, Dance schools and even a litter picking group. Whhiworth needs to stay as one for all the people using these groups from the entire length and breasth of the village. There are elderly and disability care centres/homes across all of Whitworth with many cnetres in the north of the village(Shawforth) taking residents from across all of Whitworth. Sheltered housing in the south of Whitworth taking residents from all of Whitworth. Whitworth have a Town Council website and social media page keeping all residents up to date with local information. We have a local parish news delivered to every house in Whitworth sharing valuable information and local stories. There is a Whitworth is a Great Place to Live Facebook page where residents can share stories and provide information. Whitworth has a strong community spriit - people pull together - watch out for each other - stand together. - even taking on the local swimming pool when Rossendale Council closed it - raising thousands of pounds and forming a charity to manage it. Please leave Whitworth as one - we are one voice in Rossendale and wish to stay that way.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded