

# Bradford

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Bingley

Any changes to district council boundaries should be carried out with the minimum disruption. The original proposal for the Bingley ward was straightforward and involved the least movement of residents into different wards.

The movement of some Eldwick village residents into their neighbouring village of Baildon helps to achieve the desired outcome with ease. Eldwick borders Baildon and has had close links such as Baildon Glen which was previously called Eldwick Glen, properties in Eldwick are within a dozen yards of its neighbour Baildon.

The alternative, dividing Bingley into two new wards, moving Cottingley into Shipley, A Section of Shipley into Baildon, and Denholme village into Worth valley creates far more issues than is necessary.

Bingley District councillors have always represented the town centre facilities of which are used predominantly by Bingley residents. To split Bingley into a West and East ward would result in those councillors having no input into the businesses and facilities they have historically always represented.

There is no connection between Cottingley residents and those from Shipley, Cottingley residents have been represented by Bingley rural councillors as well as Bingley town council.

I wholeheartedly agree with the first proposal of allocating a section of properties in Eldwick into Baildon. And strongly oppose the second option of creating new Bingley west and east wards.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*