

# Bradford

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## Comment text:

please find attached submission from Bingley Town Council Eldwick Ward Councillors

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## Attached Documents:

- boundary-review-final-submission.doc

## Boundary Commission Proposal Support

To date we have over 50 emails expressing concern regarding the original Bradford Council proposals to split Eldwick village and supporting your proposal to create two new wards to replace Bingley and Bingley rural. The residents of Eldwick wish to remain in one electoral ward within a new Bingley ward.

We both live and are active within Eldwick and have had multiple conversations on the street, in the shops, at the memorial hall et al and all have been supportive of the Boundary Commission proposal to keep Eldwick as one in a Bingley ward. The whole process and suggestions have created many interactions between villagers, originally concerns regarding ease of representation, community identity, lack and or ease of contact to now support for the current proposal, a view that the boundary commission has listened and taken notice of our original concerns.

This position is also supported by a survey we undertook on the local village Facebook page.

Q: should Eldwick be retained in a Bingley Ward	Yes 92.8%	of 297 responses
Q should Eldwick be split between Bingley and Baildon	No 91.9%	of 281 responses

Within your proposal to use the railway line as the boundary it could also be said that the canal and bypass add to the very defined boundary as they run parallel most of the way through the valley, yet no defined community would be split Mornington Road, Poplar House York Street, Bailey Hills etc. These are community areas yes but remain intact whichever side of the boundary they would fall into making effective representation clear and easy.

Any counter suggestions to your proposals to add more or less of Eldwick to Baildon Ward clearly doesn't understand why the Commission chose to make its own proposals instead of using Bradford Council's.

Please consider a selection of the responses from residents of our Facebook survey:-

*Keep Eldwick within Bingley. We are not and should not be part of Baildon. We do all our shopping in Bingley not Baildon.*

*Keep Bingley as one ward and maybe expand baildon to include all of baildon. The moor should form the boundary*

*Obviously not a local who suggested the Baildon split. There is a moor splitting the two. Bingley is just down the road.*

*Eldwick is it's own village, not 1 to be split up between a town that is linked by a very unreliable bus route and another village that is inaccessible without a car from Eldwick as no transport connections.*

*Leave the Eldwick Community as one. We work together better - not split with a Moor between us. What a ridiculous suggestion.*

*Eldwick is part of Bingley. Just leave things as they are. No benefit at all. Just another waste of time and money by Bradford Council.*

*There already is a natural boundary. Its called Baildon Moor*

*Eldwick has always been BD16 and should remain as so ,,as a highly sought after village joining Baildon would affect house prices*

*Keep Eldwick in Bingley. We as a village have a great community which would not be the same if joined with Baildon. I and many others do not go to Baildon to shop, attend Dr's etc. I consider Eldwick as a special place to live within Bingley Boundry. Baildon is divided from Eldwick by the moor.*

*Leave well alone*

*Only part of the unsuitability of the proposal derives from the splitting of Eldwick from Bingley. Further than this, the splitting of Eldwick from Gilstead is a major issue. Together they form a coherent and unitary community on the east side of Bingley. They have essentially a common identity and common interests that require a single focus for representation on the district Council.*

*Eldwick as a whole is and has been part of Bingley. Eldwick should not become a divided village. Eldwick is nearer to Bingley centre rather than Baildon centre and so should remain as a whole in Bingley*

*Leave us in Eldwick where geographically we are allied to.*

*Leave it exactly where it is*

*Why would you split a village?*

*Keep Eldwick in Bingley ward. Do not divide a village into separate wards. We are a united village  
The whole suggestion is ridiculous !*

*Leave things be, there is nothing wrong with how it is stop trying to fix things that are not broken. We are more Bingley than Baildon anyway.*

*Stop messing about with boundaries. !!!!*

*Leave Eldwick as it is please*

*Jerrymandering?*

*Things need to stay as they are. All this meddling no good and a waste of time energy AND money  
Just leave things as they are why do we need to change*

*There is a clear boundary between Eldwick and Baildon in the form of the moor - there is no distinct boundary between Bingley and Eldwick and do divide parts of Eldwick between wards makes no sense unless it is for a political agenda .*

*Eldwick is a village of Bingley and the historical benefactors of the town have written this into trusts set up for things like Bingley grammar. It is not part of Shipley or Baildon, and it's best interests will be at odds with those of Baildon and Shipley. The existing Bingley ward should therefore be retained.*

*Eldwick is tied so closely to Bingley. Baildon is a completely different community with no strong ties to Eldwick. I want our village to be associated strongly with Bingley.  
Leave our village as it is and stop trying to manipulate boundaries for cheap political gain !! Hands off Eldwick 🙄*

*I would leave the ward borders as they are, why change and divide neighbourhoods?*

*Stop messing about with meaningless "problems" that don't need fixing, there's bigger fish to fry*

*Eldwick is and always has been part of Bingley and never had or needs anything to do with BAILDON. I have lived in both Baildon until 1974 and Bingley. No change wanted or needed.*

*Keep0 Eldwick in Bingley. It makes no sense to split it away.*

*Leave Eldwick part of the Bingley ward. We are not near nor do we shop local in Baildon.*

*Implement your current proposals*

*From the comments above and the results of our survey it is obvious that the residents of Eldwick are sure of one thing, to be united and in a Bingley ward as suggested by the Commission after taking into consideration the many responses received.*

*Our submission supports the Boundary Commission proposal to create two new wards*

with Eldwick remaining whole, within a Bingley Ward.

Regards

Bingley Town Councillor David Heseltine (Eldwick Ward)

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