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Comment text:

Dear Commissioner and colleagues,

•Appreciating your difficulty in reconciling various points in your terms of reference, I'd like to congratulate you on fair, balanced - and above all - workable proposals introducing Bingley East & Bingley West wards.

•For transparency - Cottingley and Central Bingley - are strong Labour voting areas. Therefore, I have no electoral gain, from your final determination.

•Your recognition that Cullingworth, Harden and Wilsden have thoroughly demonstrable, strong community ties going back generations, with their town of Bingley is most welcome.

Indeed, these semi-rural villages look to Bingley Town centre for education, shopping, culture, recreation and public transport along the Aire Valley.

For a practical example of business ties, please see the first attachment.

•Individually, both the departing Denholme Town and bulk of Cottingley village are more populous than Bingley Central & Myrtle Park. So, newly elected councillors of Bingley West will have generous 'bandwidth' to serve the Central residents and businesses.

Your proposal giving the Town Council six Bingley area District Councillors to support their work will also strengthen the historic ties between the town centre and semi-rural villages.

Incidentally, Bingley Town Council already operates across ward boundaries in Cottingley (currently Bingley Rural).

•By now you will be in a storm of protest generated by a campaign to put Eldwick 'back' into Baildon. Cutting through the 'smoke and mirrors' the simple fact is that Eldwick traditionally votes Tory and some councillors want rid of it - while desperately hanging on to Central Bingley!

Councillors of Eldwick have advised me they have been inundated with residents supporting your latest proposals. Literally, hundreds of people have contacted them demanding retention of Eldwick, whole, and in a Bingley ward.

•If you do withstand the storm and go for Bingley East & West you have an ideal opportunity to rectify a small but awkward historical anomaly in Wilsden.

The eastern part of the village runs along Lee Lane to B6164 Cottingley Moor Road. The last 39 houses are separated from Cottingley village by several fields and substantial woodland but bizarrely, for electoral purposes, are 'technically' in it.

A fraction of a redraw – please see second attachment - would recognise Lee Lane has community ties to, and has always physically been part of, Wilsden village.

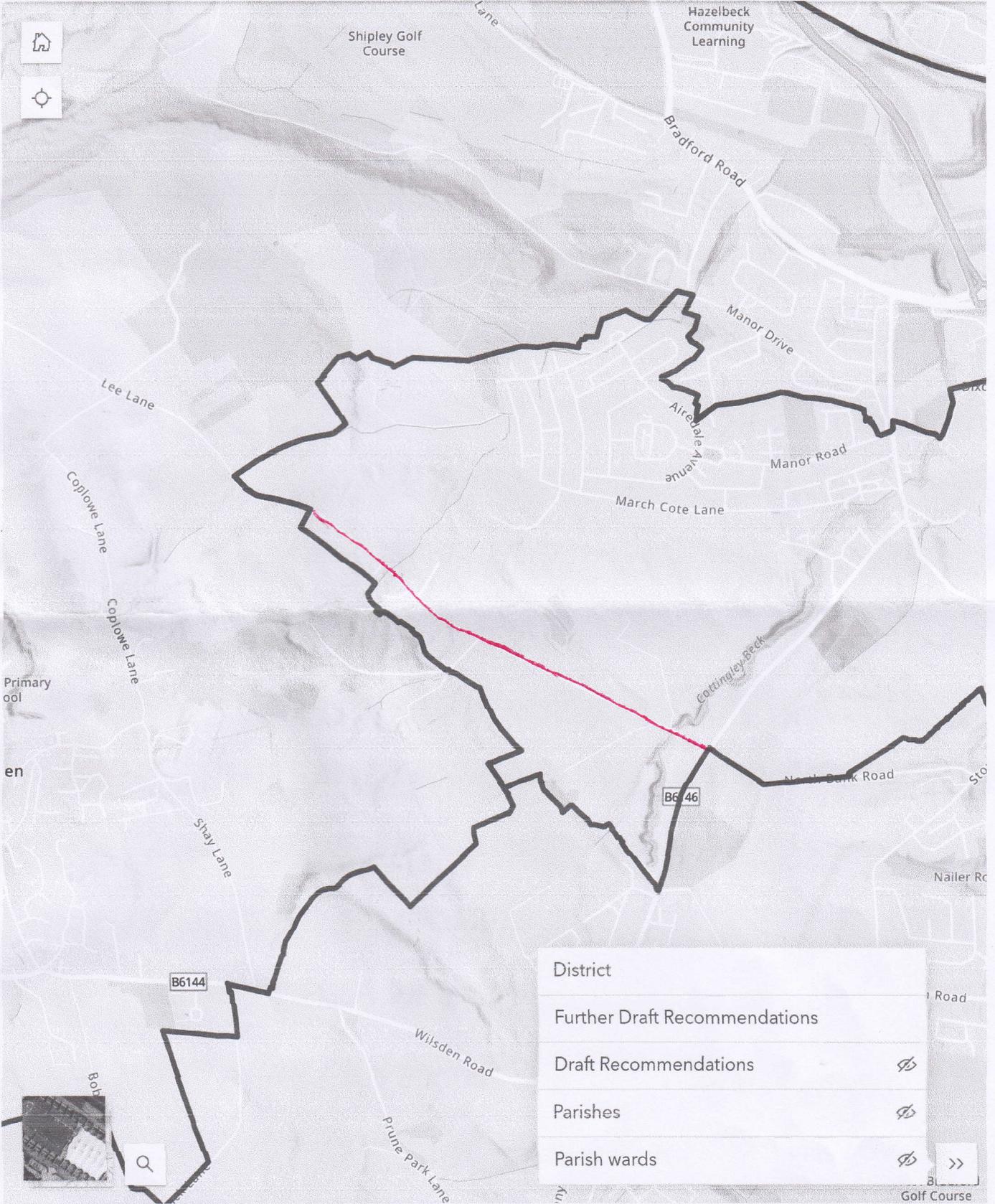
•Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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Attached Documents:

- screenshot_20240807_110749_facebook.jpg
- lee-lane-boundary-map.pdf





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