

Bradford

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the – Bingley, Shipley, Baildon consultation

The proposed boundary change in Bradford Metropolitan District that would split the representation of Cottingley village on BMDC between Bingley Rural and Shipley would be in direct opposition to the stated aims of ‘reflecting community identity and interests’. Cottingley is a historic village with traditional, social and geographical connections to Bingley NOT Shipley.

As chair of the trustees at Cottingley Town Hall Church and Community Centre (CTH), Main Street, Cottingley Bingley, West Yorks, BD16 1SU I am registering our opposition to this proposal:

- CTH has continuously served the whole of the village since 1864 as a place of worship and community centre.
- CTH church members and people attending community events are drawn from the whole village
- Current and past links are with Bingley and not Shipley
- CTH is a member of Bingley Churches group sharing information and supporting activities
- CTH is actively involved in Bingley Music Town

I also wish to object as a long-term resident of the village:

- Forcing the inhabitants to deal with both Bingley Rural and Shipley Councillors over village issues would weaken our ability to make views known and lead to a feeling of disenfranchisement.
- The inhabitants of Cottingley work closely with Bingley Town Councillors on projects including litter picking and gardening of community areas.
- In common with my neighbours, I visit Bingley for shopping and social activities (Arts Centre, Remembrance Parade, activities in Myrtle Park)
- There is direct access to Bingley from different points in the village by bus or walking long established off-road footpaths thus relieving

congestion and pollution on the roads. Walking to Shipley for amenities is not practical and by road on the A650.
I support the revised solution proposed by Bingley Town Council that would keep the whole village as part of Bingley Rural.

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Attached Documents:

None attached