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Bingley, Shipley, Baildon: I have looked carefully at the two proposals for boundary changes. Bingley is a distinct town, struggling to sustain its commerce and community resources and to grow its population. Eldwick is a lovely, reasonably secure and distinctive community, somewhat separate from both Bingley and Baildon. Eldwick would benefit from growth in Bingley regardless of these boundary decisions. The most beneficial boundary revision is the one that keeps Bingley as a whole, enables significant development decisions and, of necessity, places Eldwick with Baildon. To reiterate, what I understand is the Labour proposal:

"Ultimately the latest boundary proposal:

Ignores the history, character and shared amenities that make up our communities.

Undermines the cohesive and clear representation within the communities, with Councillors only responsible for a section of the town, not the whole town.

Draws a boundary right through the heart of communities, splitting Cottingley in two and making Bingley the only core town in the district where an election boundary runs through the middle of the community.

Does not reflect the historic and contemporary arguments that ensure the interests of the outer villages (Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Cottingley) are represented by elected officials rooted and focused on village concerns.

Would split the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire across two different wards."

Attached Documents:

None attached