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Eldwick Ward Boundary Plans 2024

The proposed Eldwick Ward boundary changes are a poor and misguided attempt to address the electorate population equity problem.

The issues that need to be taken into account include local identities, their geography and infrastructure and any new plan should be designed to reinforce the cohesion and interests of the existing community. The boundary plan should also be easily identifiable. None of these issues are achieved in the current proposals.

Local roads, paths and bus routes around Eldwick, do not link into the Baildon area. All available public transport alternatives require connection changes in Shipley.

There are no direct paved routes for walking. Pathways exist, but take up to an hour, requiring a climb of over 100 metres and walking more than 4 km., in each direction.

There are no direct bus connections; busses through Shipley take an hour or more depending on connection times.

The Bingley train line does not go to Baildon; again interconnection changes are required at Shipley to achieve an Eldwick to Baildon journey.

The Eldwick area is self-sufficient for Doctor Surgeries and pharmaceutical needs, post office, local shops, hairdressers etc., are all available either within the immediate Eldwick area, or in Bingley, which is well served by the local bus services.

Similarly, young child care and education; both nursery and primary education needs, are available within Eldwick. These together with playground areas, Churches, Village Hall and local Sports facilities, are all available within the existing single ward Eldwick area.

It is therefore obvious that the welding together of half of Eldwick with Baildon does not meet the requirements of community interests, cohesion or of improving facilities to either of these existing separate centres.

It is difficult to understand how such a restructuring could lead to improvements for residents when putting forward the requirements of two unconnected entities.