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The Local Government Boundary Commission's July 2024 Revised Ward Boundary Proposals for the Baildon, Bingley & Shipley areas of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

I am writing as a local resident and an Emeritus University Geography Professor to strongly support, with one minor exception, your July 2024 revised Ward Boundary Proposals for Baildon, Bingley and Shipley. These revised wards recognise the identity of Baildon as a physically distinct community, the physical and functional location of the whole of Eldwick as part of Bingley, and the clear community links and physical links between Shipley and Cottingley.

However, there is some concern in Bingley with your proposed boundary between its two wards along the railway line, which is crossed by several road bridges and does not form a barrier to everyday movement. This proposed boundary separates Bingley Town Centre (Polling District 2A: 709 electors in 2023 and a forecast 706 electors in 2029) from Bingley's main residential areas (Polling Districts 2B Crossflatts & Micklethwaite, 2C Eldwick, 2D Lady Lane & Oakwood, 2E Crow Nest, 2F Priestthorpe, and 2G Gilstead).

I am therefore suggesting a minor amendment that moves Polling District 2A from Bingley West Ward to Bingley East Ward. Bingley East Ward would remain within the permitted variation in number of electors. Bingley West Ward might require a very small adjustment to increase its number of electors. This could be achieved either by including within it the area south of either Leonard Street or Ferncliffe Road and east of the railway line in Bingley or by a minor adjustment in the division of Cottingley between Shipley Ward and Bingley West Ward in the Manor Road

area.

The current Ward names of Bingley and Bingley Rural, instead of the proposed names of Bingley East and Bingley West, could be retained if Bingley town centre is moved as suggested above.

Attached Documents:

None attached