

Bradford

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Related subject: Cottingley

Cottingley is a distinct and close-knit community. It makes no sense to divide it in half.

I realise the Electoral Commission need to standardise Ward sizes. However, such a move would cause confusion. Householders in adjoining streets would have to contact different councillors for help and advice.

In addition the councillors would have to familiarise themselves with several different areas - no mean feat.

There are greater geographical obstacles between us and Shipley than between us and Bingley.

People on Cottingley mostly look to Bingley, rather than Shipley, for things like shopping, dentists, hairdressers etc - (much nearer) and St Michael's Church Cottingley is about to join with Holy Trinity Bingley and St Wilfrid's Gilstead. Your proposals will simply bring about division and confusion, destroying our sense of community.

Also, the boundary line goes right through the Rec. So which councillor would be responsible for issues relating to the Rec?

I urge you to revert to your earlier plan which left Cottingley intact.

I am also disappointed that you did not think it appropriate to send details of your proposals to every household.

Attached Documents:

None attached