

# Bradford

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**Related subject:** Bingley rural

I recently saw the proposals for the revised boundaries for what is currently Bingley rural and Bingley town wards. I live in Bingley rural ward and was appalled by these plans. It seems to me that the current boundaries - with modifications recommended in previous review make more sense than the artificial lumping together of areas that have little to do with each other. Bingley is what distinct from the the villages in the hinterland that currently make up Bingley rural. There is homogeneity that the new proposals completely ignore.

All boundary reviews are difficult and perfect solutions are rarely ever identified. The goal is to identify the option that causes the least disruption to boundaries and communities.

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.

I support the previous LGBCE proposal (moving Eldwick polling district into Baildon Ward), however we invite the LGBCE to consider the following amendment to that proposal:

1 Extend the proposed Eldwick & Baildon boundary to include the following streets: Southway, Moor Croft and Stone Hill. This would mean that Warren Lane would become the clear boundary between Bingley Ward and the Eldwick & Baildon Wards two wards.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*