

Bolton Borough Council

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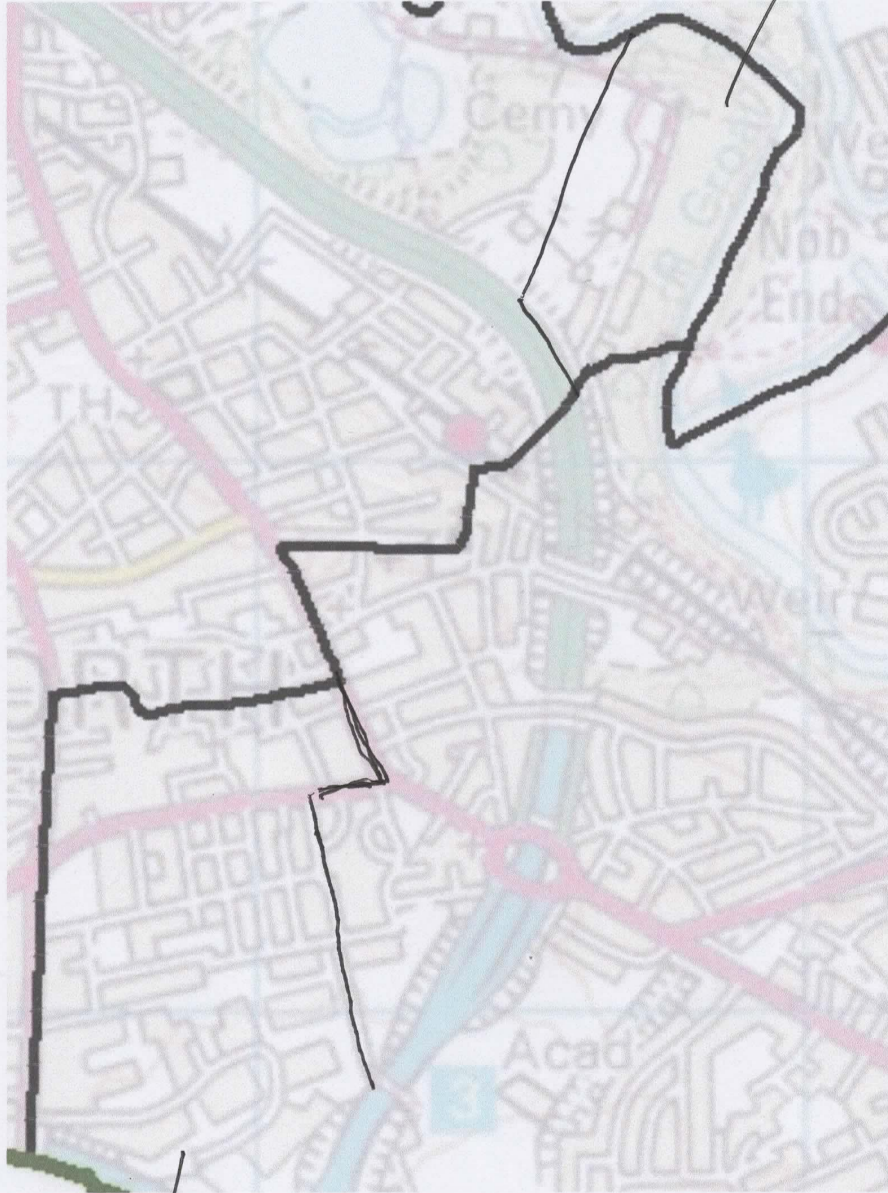
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Kearsley ward is approx. 85% Kearsley (including its villages of Stoneclough, Prestolee & Ringley) and approx. 15% in Farnworth. The variance for the ward of Farnworth is +5% and for Kearsley +4%. There is also expected to be housing developments in both the towns of Farnworth and Kearsley and this may increase the variance to closer to +8% and +8% respectively; there are potentially many housing developments in Kearsley that have been mooted including: Singing Clough, back of Mather Street, Holcombe Close as well as two developments being currently built (Alderbank and Kearsley Social Club) which may add up to 1,000 residents to Kearsley. Issues with the current ward split Kearsley Ward The residents of the part of town of Farnworth currently included in the Kearsley ward (south of Frederick Street and including all properties on either side of Longcauseway and Bradford Street) often feel that they are in limbo; the residents cannot relate to the town (of Kearsley) that is much smaller than their own town (Farnworth) and is on the other side of the Motorway (M61 & A666). The vast majority of the residents of this part of the Kearsley ward do not use services in Kearsley – for example they use either Farnworth Health Centre (Frederick Street) or Stonehill Medical Centre (Piggott Street) as doctor's surgeries and virtually none of them would use Kearsley Medical Centre. When shopping, Farnworth town centre is literally on the doorstep of many residents (those living around Frederick Street are within 100 metres of Farnworth's main shopping thoroughfare (Brackley Street). It is virtually inconceivable for these Farnworth residents to go to Kearsley Shopping Centre in Manchester Road Kearsley. Farnworthians have a long tradition of loyalty to their town's heritage and many resent the fact that they have been bundled into the town of Kearsley. Many candidate councillors for the ward of Kearsley do not leaflet the houses in the Farnworth part of the Kearsley ward because the leaflets usually talk about the town of Kearsley (and its villages) and never mention Farnworth. The candidate councillors know that if they delivered their campaign leaflet that invariably only focuses on Kearsley then they will have lost a vote – hence the reason the leaflets are not posted. In respect of the oddity that is Cemetery Road - this street is in the town of Kearsley but placed in the Farnworth Ward much to the displeasure of many residents who are pride Kearsleyites. Whenever, we have a Kearsley focussed event such as our Scarecrow Festival or even Remembrance Sunday, these residents make it absolutely clear that they are Kearsleyites rather than Farnworthians by engaging in anything Kearsley. Proposals Kearsley Ward - The Kearsley ward should be the traditional town of Kearsley and the border with Farnworth should be moved back to Crompton Street (south of Longcauseway) to the junction of Grundy Road (Kearsley) and Larkhill (Farnworth) down the footpath the border then joining the M61. The ward should retain its Market Street and Church Street boundary but the Kearsley street of Cemetery Road be moved back into the Kearsley ward with the ward boundary extending to the north of Cemetery Road and joining the river Croal. The attached map shows the streets going out of Kearsley and the street (Cemetery Road) coming back into Kearsley

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