

Bolton Liberal Democrats

Heaton & Lostock and Smithills Branch



11th October 2021

To: Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Dear Sirs,

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

We wish to comment on the proposed names for the Lostock, South Heaton and Chew Moor and the Smithills and North Heaton Wards.

We believe that simple titles for wards should be used unless more complicated ones are clearly needed.

'Lostock', 'Chew Moor' and 'Smithills' are fairly clearly defined areas of Bolton and in our experience residents identify with them. On the contrary 'Heaton' is a term more used in estate agents' definitions than anywhere else. 'Heaton' as used covers parts of the proposed Queens Park and Halliwell wards as well as the proposed Lostock, South Heaton and Chew Moor and Smithills and North Heaton Wards. We do not believe that the terms 'South Heaton' and 'North Heaton' will mean anything to most residents.

We therefore propose that these two wards should be known as 'Lostock and Chew Moor' and 'Smithills' respectively.

Yours sincerely,

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