

## Rossendale Borough Council

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### Comment text:

I believe that Shawforth forms an important part of Whitworth's identity and culture and to separate the ward would lose its community integrity. Whitworth valley is a longitudinal settlement with Market Street forming the main access route through the valley linking the wards and communities of Healey, Whitworth, Facit and Shawforth as one entity. My personal view is that the four wards would be better served by classing them as one single Whitworth ward under the support of Whitworth Town Council. I have been a member volunteer of Whitworth Town Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee for many years and know how important community support is for all the events we put on but also how important these events are in bringing people together. To separate one end of the valley from the rest of the community risks isolating many poor and vulnerable folks who although could still attend events would no longer feel part of the larger protective Whitworth umbrella. I am also heavily involved in the annual Whitworth Rushcart event, the largest event in our calender, and Shawforth Chapel forms an important practise venue for the Rushcart Dancers to use in bad weather and we have helped them by doing free fundraising concerts for their church roof repairs. Shawforth Chapel is also the venue for various groups who there including mums and toddlers, Little Bookworms and Whitworth Community Choir as well as providing a space for book fairs, afternoon teas and recently a Christmas Fair, so provides an important venue for events at a reasonable cost.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded