

Rossendale Borough Council

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Comment text:

I am writing to protest about the proposals to split Shawforth from Whitworth in a boundaries review, and annex the ward to Irwell Ward, Bacup. To do this would mean hardship for the people of Shawforth. It would mean a bus or car journey to cast a vote for someone who does not live in Shawforth, does not know the people or their concerns and has no interest in them. I have lived here for thirty years and have always voted in local elections, but I don't think that will continue if this proposal goes through. Shawforth is a close-knit community, but it is also part of the wider community of Whitworth. We have very few public amenities of our own, but as part of Whitworth we have access to everything we need. One thing we do have is beautiful countryside. I am a member of the West Pennine Commoners Association, a group of farmers and graziers dedicated to looking after this countryside and trying to protect it against people who cause damage and destruction. To do our job we need the co-operation of local councillors who know what difficulties we are up against. This trust has been nurtured over many years. Our local councillors are very helpful and accessible and welcome us to local meetings. I do not think it would be helpful at all to have to change to someone who does not know the area and the problems we are facing.

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