

# **LGBCE Electoral Review of Rossendale Borough Council**

## **Proposal for ward boundaries from the Rossendale Labour Party and the Rossendale Borough Council Labour Group**

Following the Commission's recommendation of having 30 councillors for Rossendale, and the decision by the council to continue to have elections by thirds, our submission is based on having ten, three-member wards.

We have based our proposals on the projected electorate for 2028 which is 55,661, giving an average electorate of 5,566 per three-member ward.

Acknowledging the allowed tolerance of +/- 10%, we have calculated 6,123 as being the higher electorate and 5,009 as being the lower electorate.

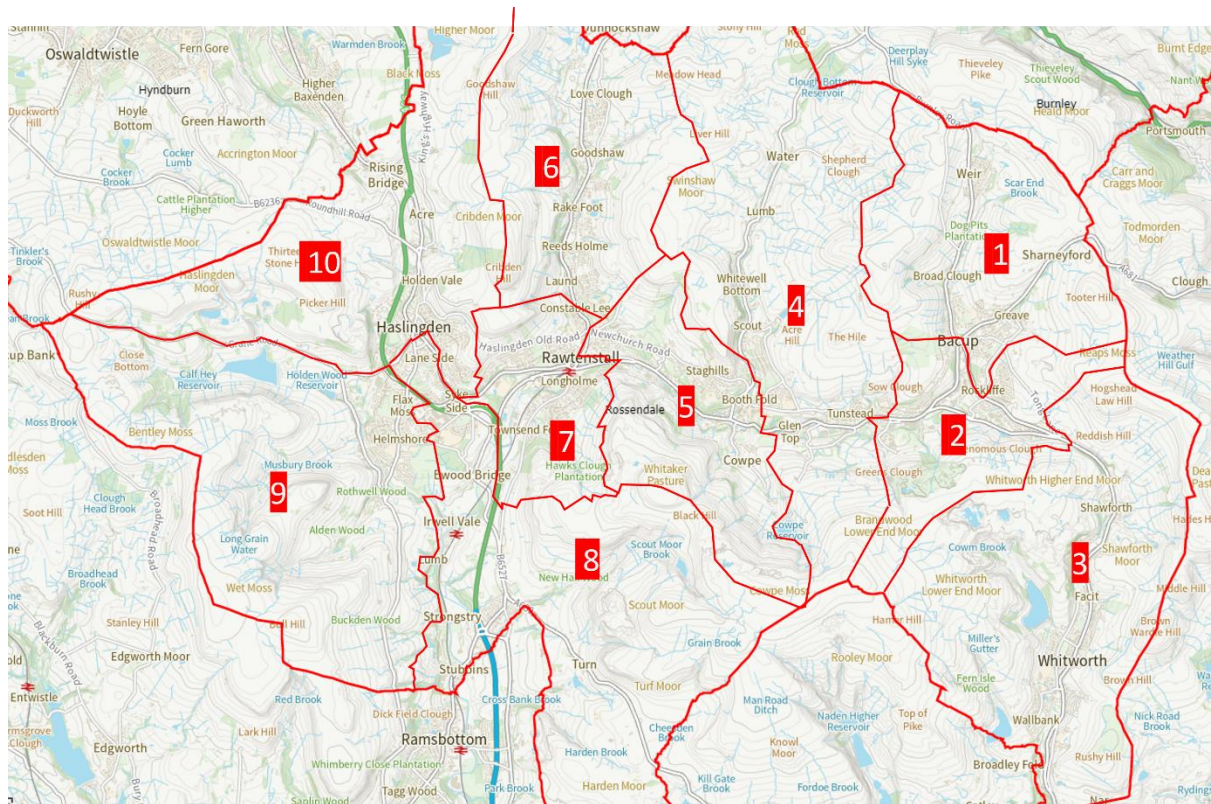
Rossendale is a collection of towns, villages and hamlets along valley floors. This means that in many parts of the borough, options for ward boundaries are limited.

Our proposals are based on the guidance from the Commission, the need for sensible and understandable ward boundaries for our residents and ensuring councillors can adequately represent all the communities that make up the borough.

We acknowledge that our proposed ward pattern does go above the 10% tolerance in 1 ward, however given that the number of voters is so small, we would ask that the Commission give our proposals for those wards due consideration.

Our names for the proposed wards are to give an indication of the areas they cover and we would welcome the opportunity to consider final ward names at the second phase of the consultation once the Commissions draft proposals have been published.

1	Bacup	BG1, BG2, BG3, BG4, BI1, BI2 (part)	5,282	-5.10%
2	Britannia & Lee Mill	BI2 (part), BI3, BG4, BG5, BS1 (part)	5,120	-8.00%
3	Whitworth	WF1, WF2, WH1, WH2	6,188	11.00%
4	Whitewell & Stacksteads	RW2, RW3, RW4, BS1 (part), BS2, BS3	5,292	-4.10%
5	Hareholme & Waterfoot	RH1 (vast majority), RH2, RH3, RH4, RW1, RC2 (part)	5,629	1.10%
6	Goodshaw & Cribden	RG1, RG2, RC1	5,484	-1.50%
7	Longholme	RL1, RL2, RL3, RC2 (vast majority), RH1 (part)	5,636	1.20%
8	Greenfield & Eden	HE1, HE2, HE3, HG1, HG2 (part) HG3 (part)	5,970	7.30%
9	Helmshore	HH1, HH2, HH3, HG2 (part)	5,374	-3.50%
10	Haslingden	HW1, HW2, HW3, HG3 (part)	5,686	2.20%



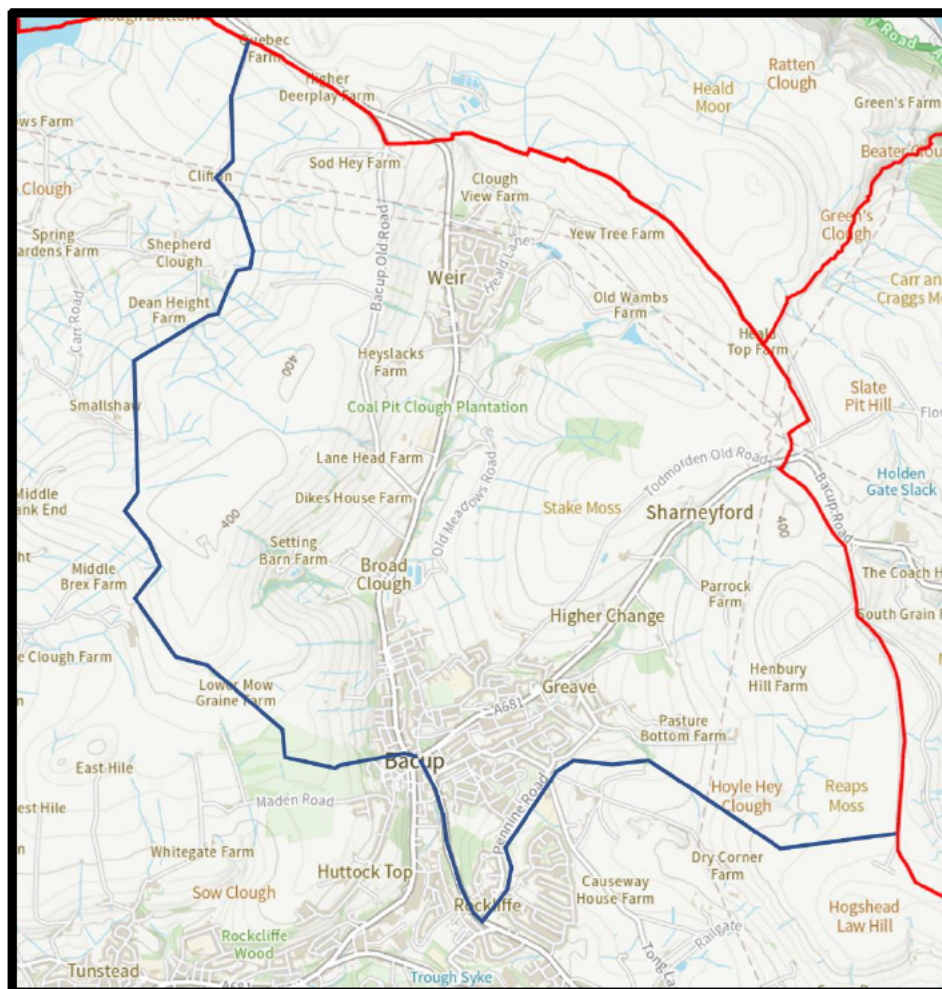
## Ward 1 – Bacup

Projected electorate – 5,282

BG1, BG2, BG3, BI1, BI2 (part)

This ward would comprise the north, east and centre of Bacup and the villages of Weir and Sharneyford. We feel the proposed ward provides for good representation and has easily identifiable boundaries. We feel this proposal better reflects the community of Bacup, and the villages of Weir, Sharneyford and Greave than the current boundary divide in Bacup.

The only polling district split is BI2 as we think keeping the Penning Road estate in a single ward is preferable and proved a good level of representation.



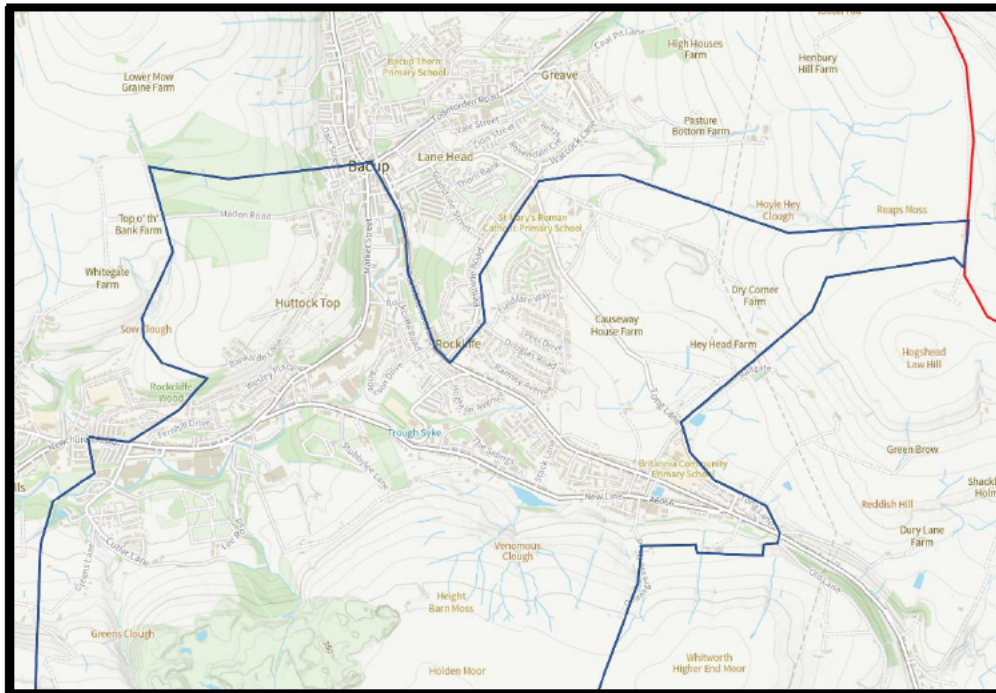


## Ward 2 – Britannia & Lee Mill

Projected electorate – 5,120

BI2 (part), BI3, BG4, BG5, BS1 (part)

This proposed ward combines the rest of the current Greensclough (BG4 and BG5) and Irwell wards (BI2 [part] and BI3) and part of Stacksteads (BS1 [part])





## Ward 3 – Whitworth

Projected electorate – 6,188

WF1, WF2, WH1, WH2

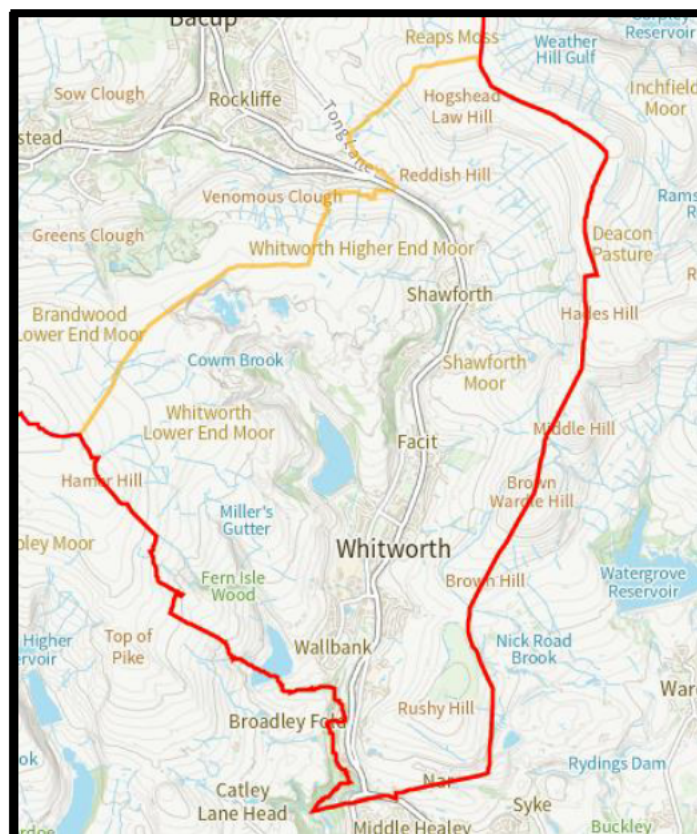
We propose the current wards of Facit & Shawforth and Healey & Whitworth be combined into one, three member ward. Whitworth is the only part of the borough which is parished.

We recognise that this proposal takes the proposed ward over the 10% tolerance by 65 votes above the projected electorate. However we feel there is justifiable evidence that this is by far the best option for good and fair representation for the Whitworth parish.

Whitworth is very much its own community and has always naturally looked south towards Rochdale rather than north towards Bacup. The vast majority of children in Whitworth attend the four primary schools and secondary schools which are located in the town. People from across the town shop locally in Whitworth and south in Rochdale and the town is served by a Town Council covering the areas of Shawforth, Facit, Whitworth and Healey.

There are many community events held in Whitworth throughout the year and the town is very much its own very proud community. Whitworth is a linear town and we feel an arbitrary line splitting a small percentage of the northern end of the town from the rest of Whitworth would not make for good representation.

We understand Whitworth Town Councillors unanimously support one three-member ward for Whitworth.



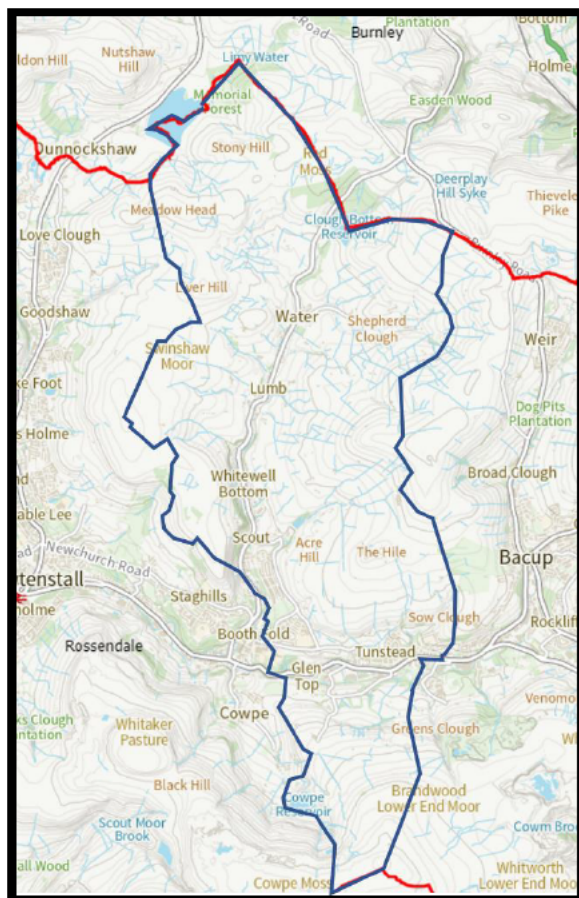
## Ward 4 – Whitewell & Stacksteads

Projected electorate – 5,292

RW2, RW3, RW4, BS1 (part), BS2, BS3

This ward splits the current Whitewell ward along the boundary of the Rossendale East and Mid county council divisions. The ward covers, RW2, RW3, RW4, BS2, BS3 and 500 voters from BS1.

Stacksteads is currently divided at Fernhill Drive and Holmes Street. This proposal would still split Stacksteads but reunites the Fernhill estate in the same ward.



Proposed divide of BS1

## Ward 5 – Hareholme & Waterfoot

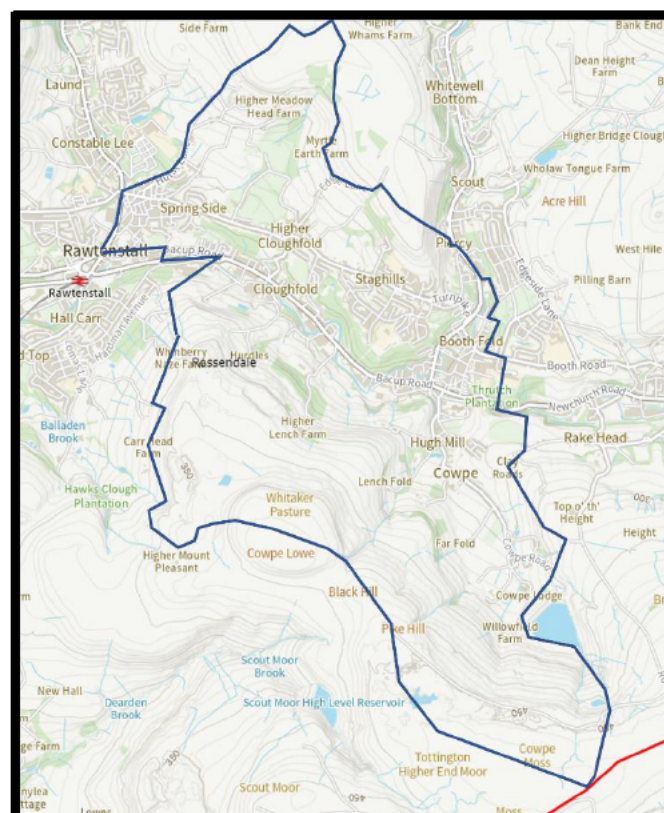
Projected electorate – 5,629

RH1 (vast majority), RH2, RH3, RH4, RW1, RC2 (part)

This ward covers the vast majority of the current Harehome, the Whitewell RW1 polling district and small part of the Cribden RC2 polling district.

We are proposing to remove a small number of houses south of Bocholt Way from RH1 on Fallbarn Road as far as Victoria Way into Longholme Ward. This makes for an easier to identify ward boundary. We are also proposing a small area in Cribden RC2 between Burnley Road upto and including Union Street and Hurst Lane to be included in our proposed Hareholme and Waterfoot Ward.

We are proposing that Whitewell RW1 is in this new ward which follows the current divide between Mid and East Rossendale county council divisions. This ward unites the village of Waterfoot into one ward.



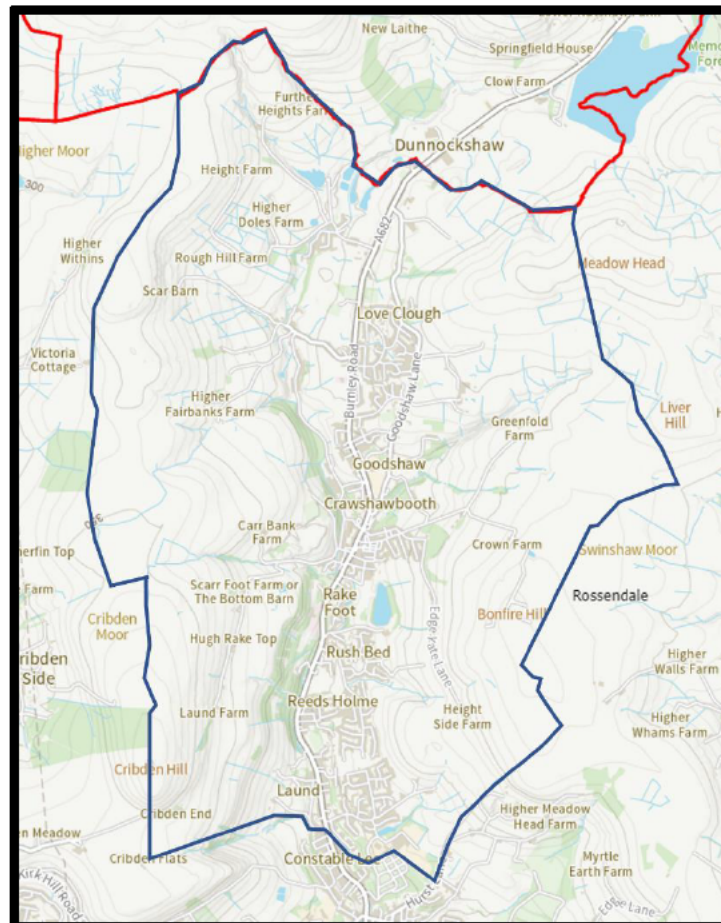


## Ward 6 – Goodshaw and Cribden

Projected electorate – 5,484

RG1, RG2, RC1

We are proposing a ward which combines the current Goodshaw Ward and the Cribden RC1 polling district.



## Ward 7 – Longholme

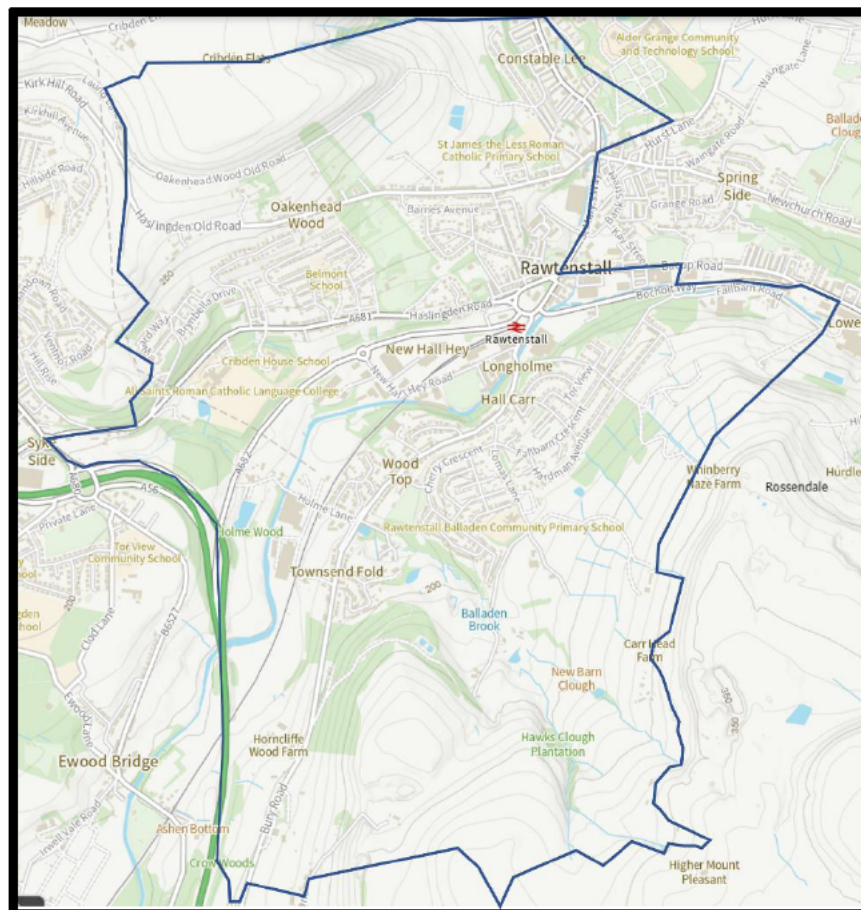
Projected electorate – 5,636

RL1, RL2, RL3, RC2 (part), RH1 (part)

Our proposed Longholme ward includes all of the current ward, the vast majority of the Cribden RC2 polling district and a small part of Hareholme RH1.

We are proposing the RC2 polling district (minus a small area between Burnley Road upto and including Union Street and Hurst Lane) be included in this ward.

We are also proposing to include a small number of houses south of Bocholt Way from RH1 on Fallbarn Road as far as Victoria Way into this Ward. This makes for an easier to identify ward boundary.



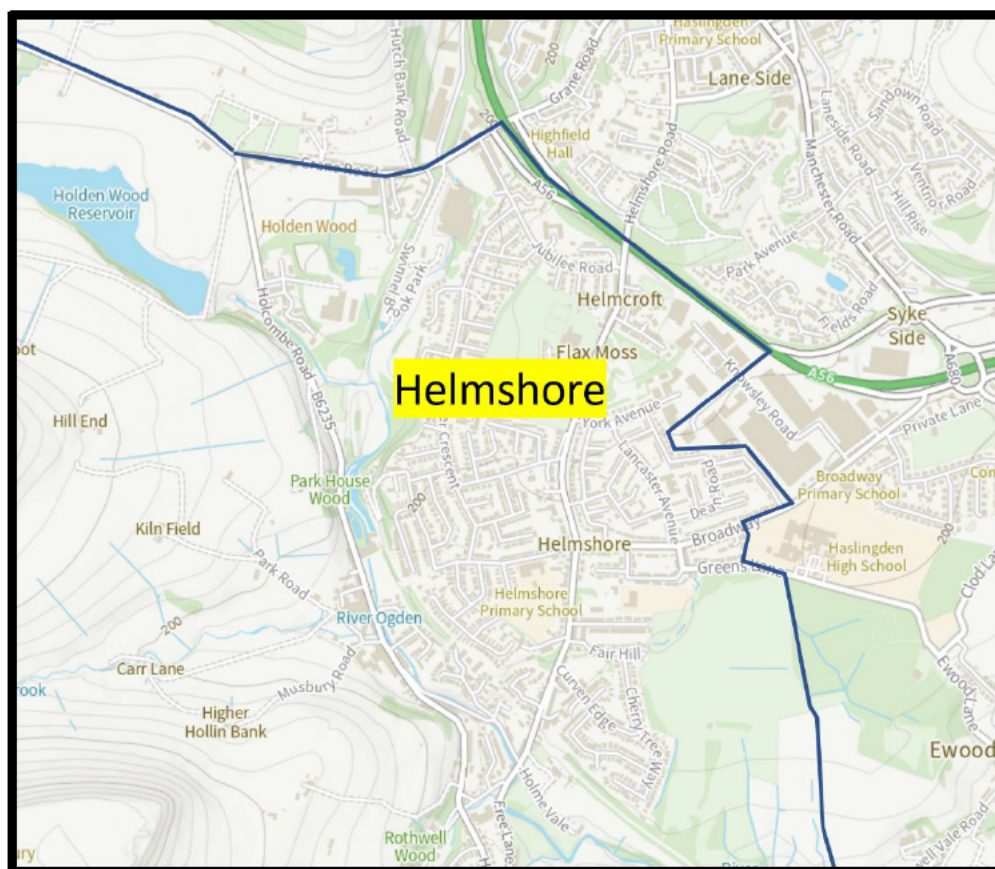
## Ward 8 – Helmshore

Projected electorate – 5,374

HH1, HH2, HH3, HG2 (part)

We are proposing a ward which is identical to the current Helmshore ward with the addition of 400 voters south of the A56 from Greenfield RG2. This proposal keeps the Helmshore community together.

The current boundary along part of Jubilee Road is arbitrary and difficult to identify. This small area is currently divided by a busy dual carriageway from the rest of the Greenfield Ward. The inclusion of electors below the A56 between Grane Road and the Knowsley Road Industrial Estate makes for a boundary which is much more easier the identify and contains all of the Helmshore community.





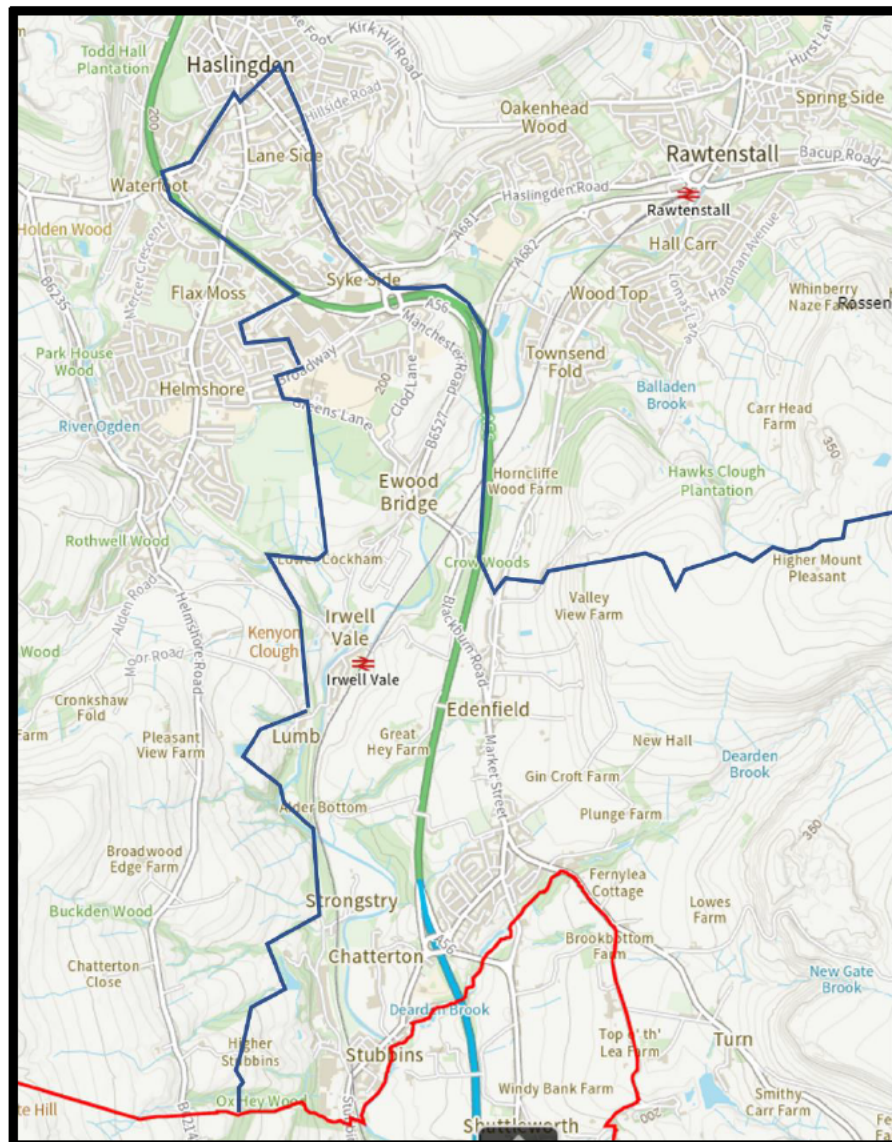
## Ward 9 – Greenfield & Eden

Projected electorate – 5,374

HE1, HE2, HE3, HG1, HG2 (part) HG3 (part)

We are proposing all of the current Eden ward, the Ewood Bridge part of Greenfield (HG1) and the rest of the Greenfield ward between the A56, Manchester Road and Bury Road.

This proposed ward uses main roads and existing ward boundaries which are easily identifiable.



## Ward 10 – Haslingden

Projected electorate – 5,686

HW1, HW2, HW3, HG3 (part)

This proposed ward includes all of the current Worsley Ward (HW1, HW2, HW3) and Greenfield HG3 east of Manchester Road and Bury Road.

This proposed ward uses main roads and existing ward boundaries which are easily identifiable. It also removes the current arbitrary boundary along Hillside Road.

