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To: [reviews](#)
Subject: Review of ward boundary to take Shawforth out of Whitworth ward and include it in the Bacup ward
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To whom it may concern.

Being a former resident of both Bacup Ward and Whitworth Ward, I feel qualified to put forward these reasons for keeping Shawforth/Facit in the Whitworth Ward rather than have it included in the Bacup Ward.

I moved from Stacksteads, Bacup to Shawforth, Whitworth in the 1980's. I quickly became aware of the representatives serving the Whitworth Wards and was pleasantly surprised to find the help and interest shown by the local councillors there. The inclusivity was immediately apparent and knowing I had strong councillors willing to work on my behalf more than compensated for residents paying a few pounds more on our council tax bills to retain our own Whitworth Town council.

All our day to day involvement is linked to Whitworth, we have support, leisure activities, shopping facilities and health services, schools, and a library, which is another hub for all the residents of Whitworth and includes many outreach programmes. Why on earth change the ward boundaries? It's not broken, so it doesn't need fixing!

We have boundary advertisement boards and huge boulders advertising the entry into Whitworth at the boundary of Britannia and Shawforth including a lovely mini orchard and flower bed which is cared for by the Whitworth in Bloom team, again compounding the fact that the area is well and truly inclusive of Whitworth.

In the Facit area of Whitworth, there are numerous older peoples residencies, some of these people would be thrown into a different world of making new connections with councillors they do not know, after years of being supported by councillors who are well known residents as well as friends which means so much to people in their later years. If politicians want our support during their election period, then I would suggest not upsetting the apple cart over this.

Our voices should be heard, our concerns should be aired and common sense should prevail. We need our area to be left as it is please. We understand how it works for us now. It does not need changing.

Thank you for reading this.

Yours faithfully,

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