

Rossendale Borough Council

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[REDACTED] I am writing because of my concerns at the proposal that Shawforth may be taken out of Whitworth and adjoined to Bacup Irwell Ward. We are not part of the Irwell Valley. This is a vastly different kind of area, culturally and geographically as well as in ethos and concerns. Healey, Facit and Shawforth are all part of Whitworth, which is defined by the River Spodden, the Spodden Valley and the hills rising up either side of the valley. This forms a natural boundary for Whitworth. Bacup Irwell is on the other side of the hill to the northern side of Whitworth and is quite separate, as Whitworth is from the rest of Rossendale. There is a great community feeling in Whitworth and we pull together in many community ventures throughout the year. The Jubilee celebrations, the sports festival, Whitworth in bloom, the Rushcart procession, the skyline walk and the Carol service are just some examples. I also rely on Whitworth for local amenities. I use Whitworth Medical Centre, the chemist and the podiatrist. I use the small local shops as well as the Co-op and Tesco. I use the recreation and walking facilities and my church is in Whitworth. Shawforth is quite a small part of Whitworth, but we are part of Whitworth and, as such, we are listened to and looked after. We have, at the moment, one Rossendale councillor who lives in Whitworth, knows the area and the people and understands our concerns. I very much fear that if Shawforth is annexed to Bacup Irwell ward we would become a small, insignificant strip of land, just off the main body, and with so few people that we weren't worth bothering about. Furthermore, I would have to catch a bus to go and vote, whereas now I can walk there. I just don't think I would go. These are all my reasons for wanting Shawforth to remain with Whitworth. I hope you will give consideration to them when making your decision. Thank you.

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