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To whom it may concern, I am writing to object that Shawforth Ward should be placed with Irwell ward Bacup and that any boundaries should NOT be changed. What you're trying to do is break up a very strong community village parish. We are Whitworth Valley which starts at the old Travellers Rest, Britannia and finishes at Healey Dell. From the hills of Shawforth flows the River Spodden from the hills of Britannia Bacup flows the River Irwell which separates both boundaries. The whole of the Whitworth Wards Shawforth, Facit, Whitworth and Healey are served with a very strong Whitworth Parish Council. We have Whitworth Medical Centre, Whitworth Museum which holds lots of history about Shawforth, Whitworth Horticulture Society who do the Whitworth in Bloom Competition, Whitworth Civic Hall (now known as the Ashcroft) which holds numerous events for the Whitworth Valley. Shawforth Subway from the original railway station, Peel Mill Chimney which is also historic. Whitworth Samba Dance School, Whitworth Swimming Pool & Gym, Facit Garden Centre, Whitworth Cemetery, two Whitworth Bowling Clubs, numerous Churches which are not only for worship but have groups such as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides. Toddler Groups, playgroups, Youth clubs for all of Shawforth, Facit, Whitworth & Healey residents to enjoy. We have Shawforth Choir, Whitworth Rush Cart Procession, Whitworth Skyline walk which runs round the boundaries of the Whitworth Valley and it brings the whole community together every year. There is Whitworth Valley Football Club, Whitworth Reservoir skiing centre, Country walks which has been created by a retired teacher. We have 4 primary Schools, 1 very successful high school which is currently being rebuilt and will have all the latest technology for our children, grandchildren and residents of Whitworth Valley will benefit from. We also are a town that twins with Kandel Germany through Whitworth Swimming Club we welcome exchange students and enjoy visits to theirs which has been a tradition for many years. We are served by Whitworth Parish Town Council all of whom are from Whitworth Valley whom we as residents have grown up with and class as friends. We see them around the valley on a daily basis in the local shops, doctors who are all very active supporting our local community events, they're approachable and if you need anything they get things done. We have a monthly magazine with how to contact any of them, all of them are very active within our community. Our MP Jake Berry lives in Anglesey, our Rossendale Councillor lives in Helmshore whom we only see when its voting time or something which has been solved by Whitworth Councillors they come and have photos and take it as if they have got this resolved. This Boundaries Commission is being supported and raised by them but neither of them showed up to explain their reasons. All of Whitworth Parish Councillors did. It is all very political, and I believe this is only about numbers for voting. We are in the midst of housing estates being built so the population of the Whitworth Valley will rise. If anything we should just have one single ward for Whitworth Valley not changing boundaries that have been in place for so long. I strongly disagree and do hope these boundaries are not changed we are Whitworth Valley residents who stick together in times of need and with the current recession the young and old rely on the very strong Whitworth Community supported by or Whitworth Parish Councillor's. I am and have been a proud Shawforth Resident for most of my life, me and my family all use several of the amenities Whitworth Valley has to offer and it would be corrupt if these boundaries are changed for political reasons. I and the Shawforth community strongly disagree. Regards [REDACTED]

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