



18th November 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: REVIEW OF COUNCIL WARDS

I write regarding the above, in respect of proposals to change the wards in Rossendale, in particular those of Healey, Whitworth, Facit and Shawforth.


I object to any proposals to annex the ward of Shawforth with Irwell ward in Bacup and removing Shawforth from its partners Healey, Whitworth and Facit.

My objections are mainly geographical. Whitworth is a beautiful three mile long valley with high hills running either side and at the head of the valley, from which, at the northern end of Shawforth, the River Spodden commences its drainage of the whole valley towards Rochdale.

The main road from Whitworth through Shawforth makes the long steep climb uphill towards Britannia, marking the hills at the head of Whitworth valley. Shawforth is geographically and physically part of the Whitworth valley and has no connections with Irwell ward at Bacup.

In order to appreciate the points above I would recommend a visit to the Whitworth valley.

I ask that you take these observations into account when making your decisions on this matter



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