

# Bradford

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**Related subject:** Council District Area; My Ward and Councillor Numbers

Firstly I would like the current City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to be split in two: taking the inner-city areas from the rural areas and forming both into smaller authorities. The historic areas of Keighley and Bingley UDC's should be one council and the rest of Bradford and Shipley should form the other in essence. I suggest this as the two halves of the district have little in common and the advantages that the rural areas have pulls the inner city areas up to such an extent that the inner city areas miss out of additional resources to try and improve them. The rural areas are essentially a cash-cow for the inner city areas and therefore it would be fairer for both parts of the district to be split.

With regards to my own ward of Bowling and Barkerend I am minded that the small enclave of Heap Lane, Nuttall Road, Hill Side Road, Hill Side Terrace, Butler Street West and Bolton Lane have more in common with the City Centre than they do with Bowling and Barkerend such that we would move from BD1 to BD3.

If, the authority must remain as it is then I would contend that having 90 councillors as being 1/3 too many; with all parts of the existing council's budget being reduced I feel that this is the right time to save some costs and reduce the number of elected members. From my personal experience most councillors with an allowance of £13k are significantly over paid for their abilities and skill set and as the allowance won't be reduced then the number of councillors should be reduced.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*