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Related subject: Bingley/ Bingley Rural

To address the electoral inequalities in the Bingley area, the most obvious solution would be to move Eldwick to Wharfedale ward which would increase the electorate in this ward. Eldwick was in the same area as Burley in Wharfedale and Menston before the last review and unlike most of Bingley is situated above the valley on the edge of Rombalds Moor. The main thoroughfare through Eldwick is called Otley Road and there is a Bingley Road in Menston so there are direct road links between the two. The villages are similar in nature too being commuter areas for Bradford and Leeds.

Whilst I accept people in Eldwick identity with Bingley and use the services in the town, I believe the loss of this area is probably the best option to reduce the size of the electorate in the Bingley area and bring it within the permitted variance.

Just a few thoughts on Bingley Rural ward, the most obvious solution here would be to transfer Denholme to the undersized Worth Valley ward as suggested in the last boundary review. Denholme is on the main road between Halifax and Keighley and is close to Bronte Country. The three villages of Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth are closely linked but Cottingley doesn't have any ties with these villages and is part of the Bingley Town Council area. Considering that the electorate in Bingley ward needs to be reduced it would not make sense to transfer Cottingley to Bingley so in that case I would recommend Denholme is moved to Worth Valley which would improve the electoral variance in that ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached