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Comment text:

Good morning, I am contacting you to express my opposition to the proposed DCC changes to the political boundaries affecting New Mills. Those of us who reside in NMW1 polling district, and everyone else I know living in New Mills, experience the area as being an integral part of the Town Centre. In addition to Swizzels, one of the town's main employers, several thriving retail, service and manufacturing business are situated there. These include hardware, newsagent and garden supplies, hairdressers and gym facilities, the Arts Theatre which has been recently refurbished and extended its range of provision and a vibrant restaurant.

Culturally and emotionally, as well as physically, the canal and railway line form the main boundary and even those living along Buxton Road have their hearts in New Mills. It would be so confusing for New Mills, Newtown Railway and School to be located using a Whaley Bridge tag. Politically the change would leave me feeling in a no-mans' land. No one living in the area would want to be part of Whaley Bridge Town of Borough Council teams and why would they travel into or give any appreciable time to the issues affecting those of us who live there and almost exclusively use New Mills services not Whaley Bridge.

Those of us who live on the edge of New Mills West also have strong links with Sett and Hayfield Wards as well as New Mills East. Children attend the same schools for example and we volunteer our time within what we see as the New Mills community. One of my roles is to raise funds for a local community group, if the Division is split so that NMW1 moves into Whaley Bridge my funding applications may require additional explanations and as a resident and provider/organiser of volunteer efforts my efforts would be going to a Division I do not officially reside in and with whom I feel no connection and cannot conceive of developing.

Apart from fitting numbers into a system that appears to ignore human experience I can see no benefit and expect great confusion from this proposal. I repeat my statement that I oppose it totally.

Regards



Attached Documents:

None attached