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Related subject: Bingley and Bingley Rural Wards

I completely support the need for equality in representation and hence the need to revise boundaries in the interest of the same number of councillors representing a roughly equal number of electors. However, I completely oppose the current proposals for Bingley. I support the previous proposal.

I am astonished that separating the bulk of Bingley from its town centre is considered a better proposal than part of Eldwick linking with Baildon. The latter is not ideal but affects far fewer people. I hope the people of Eldwick are going to show their strong links with Bingley by protesting against being divided from its town centre.

Virtually all of the shops and cafes which I use as well as the Town Square, Arts Centre and Myrtle Park wouldn't come under the remit of my elected representatives. I am very involved in the running of our local parkrun. When we've had issues with the state of the park I have spoken to our councillors and things have been dealt with speedily. I'm concerned that if the park is in a different ward the councillors won't take my concerns as seriously as they are not my representative and if I ask my councillors to intervene that is seen as interference.

I have concerns about planning and grant applications. My understanding of the system is that the views of ward councillors are given more weight than those of the surrounding area; this could mean that those representing the bulk of Bingley residents would have less say than those who happen to have all the amenities in their ward.

I feel all the above goes against numbers two and three of your statutory criteria.

Finally, I wish to point out that residents of the part of Eldwick which would become part of Baildon are quite different socio-economically and educationally from those in the part of Bingley which would move to Bingley Rural. Hence, less likely to be aware of the changes or to respond to this consultation.

Attached Documents:

None attached