

## **BOLTON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW 2021**

### **Conservative Group proposals**

The Conservative Group offers a 20 ward option based on minimum change to the existing pattern of polling districts and wards. The existing boundaries, in particular polling districts are examined by the council on a regular basis to ensure they meet local communities and remain easily accessible. We believe that these existing boundaries provide a robust basis for the current review.

The proposals are predicated on 60 members as previously recognised by the LGBC with 20 three member wards with elections on an annual cycle in three years out of four.

In addition the Conservative Group recognises that the areas on the periphery of the borough still retain a strong local identity as evidence by the success of local independent groups such as Farnworth and Kearsley First and Horwich and Blackrod Independent Party. In other areas such as Bradshaw and Bromley Cross which were part of the former Turton UDC prior to 1974 and Astley Bridge retains a strong local identity.

The following proposals seek to recognise local historic ties whilst meeting the important need for equality of representation. Wherever possible entire polling districts have been used. Where a split polling district is required the details are contained in the attached appendix.

### **Astley Bridge**

The present boundaries of Astley Bridge, whilst since the last review are not an exact retention of the historic urban district, they provide an electorate which is within a single elector of the electoral quota. There is a strong community of interest in Astley Bridge as evidenced by groups such as Friends of Astley Bridge which provides flower troughs around the ward and events such as the annual Christmas tree lighting. Accordingly the Conservative group recommends no change.

### **Blackrod and Middlebrook**

The former Horwich and Blackrod Ward is renamed Blackrod and Middlebrook to reflect the community of interest created around the Middlebrook retail and leisure complex with associated housing. Two existing polling districts NH and NJ are transferred from the existing Horwich and Blackrod ward to the proposed Horwich with the A573, Chorley New Road forming a robust boundary Road to the adjacent Horwich ward. The rationale is set out at the commentary on Horwich ward below.

### **Bradshaw**

The electorate of the existing Bradshaw ward is considerably below the electoral quota. With a strong heritage from the former Turton UDC the proposal to add areas formerly within Bradshaw ward using the main access to the ward from the south, A676 Tonge Moor Road and Turton Road as the axis. An additional benefit to the transfer of electors from the existing Bromley Cross ward is to bring back into Bradshaw Ward an area recognised as Bradshaw including Bradshaw Cricket Club.

### **Brightmet**

Brightmet ward is marginally below electoral quota but with a strong core identity provides a strong core. The addition of additional electors from an area recognised locally as Tonge and Brightmet the proposals seek to maintain this strong community of interest. Two areas clearly recognised as having

links to the existing ward at Raikes Clough and Oakenbottom are added to the existing ward from Little Lever with Darcy Lever ward Tonge with the Haulgh ward respectively.

### **Bromley Cross**

As with Bradshaw this former Turton UDC ward has a strong community of interest which has been maintained even with more recent housing development. Currently a large ward the transfer of electors to the adjacent Bradshaw ward maintains the strong community of interest with minor disruption.

### **Farnworth**

Farnworth ward has a strong local community evidenced by the success at local elections of the recently established Farnworth and Kearsley First Party. The centre of Farnworth has recently been awarded a major Towns Fund grant and as such is identified as a community closely linked to the adjacent Kearsley and Harper Greens wards. As Kearsley ward is a small ward the natural link is with Farnworth as currently.

### **Great Lever**

Great Lever ward, although having no obvious core extends to the town centre and has over several boundary reviews drawn electors from several former wards including Harper Green and Farnworth around Moses Gate. The proposals recognise the need for flexibility around the existing ward boundary but seek to maintain smaller communities of interest by using existing polling districts as the basis building block.

### **Halliwell**

The community of Halliwell is re-united in this proposed ward taking areas from the existing Crompton and Halliwell wards which more nearly reflect communities of interest.

### **Harper Green**

As most of Harper Green ward was formerly part of the Farnworth Borough. Residents look to Farnworth for shopping, library and access to council services. As such the boundary with Farnworth ward is flexible. Over recent boundary reviews Harper Green has also merged with areas of the former Great lever and again as there are no clear boundaries the existing polling districts provide a sound basis for recognising local communities.

### **Heaton and Lostock**

Heaton and Lostock ward has evolved in various style over recent reviews. As the larger ward of Horwich lies to the west the need to transfer electors into the current ward. As such Lostock postal addresses from Horwich ward are linked requiring changes to the existing boundary with Smithills ward to the East.

### **Horwich**

In order to ensure the whole of Horwich town centre is contained in a single ward reflecting the Horwich Town Centre Fund and associated projects two existing polling districts from the current Horwich and Blackrod ward are re-united with Horwich to bring the entire Horwich town centre into a single ward. To the east address with a Lostock address are transferred to Heaton and Lostock as outlined above.

To reflect these changes the ward is proposed to be named Horwich.

### **Hulton**

In order to ensure local communities and boundaries are clear it is proposed that two areas are transferred from Hulton. The area to the east of Morris Green Lane is transferred to Harper Green ward to link with former streets and roads such as Fair Street and Lynton Road from the Hulton ward. These streets and roads are clearly part of the same community and to re-unite them is considered to be logical. Many children from this area attend the Essa Academy in Harper Green ward. A minor boundary amendment is also suggested as the existing boundary is through the newly built Essa Academy and a re-defined boundary around that site is suggested.

To the north of the ward the area bounded by Hulton Lane, Wigan Road, Deane Church Lane and the former railway line is proposed should be transferred to Rumworth ward.

To compensate it is proposed that an area of polling district OD is transferred from Heaton and Lostock ward into Hulton ward. This area cannot be accessed directly from Heaton and Lostock yet sits directly across Wigan Road from Hulton ward and the transfer is logical. Greenhill Lane is a natural boundary with Heaton and Lostock ward.

### **Kearsley**

As Kearsley is surrounded on three sides by external boundaries the only option is to continue the existing link into Farnworth. As referred above the emergence and success of the Farnworth and Kearsley First party is clear evidence of this. No change is proposed

### **Little Lever and Darcy Lever**

Again a strong local community exists and the core of the ward is proposed as the basis for the new ward. It is proposed that a small area off Raikes Road which is accessed directly from Brightmet should be transferred to that ward. To compensate it is proposed that the smaller community of Darcy Lever is united by extending the current boundary to Chadwick Street. This will not only unite Darcy Lever in a single ward but also provide a clearer boundary between this ward and the adjoining Tonge ward.

### **Queens Park**

Queens Park is a popular local attraction close to the town centre, used by many local residents. As this is the "green lung" of the town centre a ward around this area from the former Halliwell, Crompton and Rumworth wards are brought together in this new ward.

### **Rumworth**

As described above this ward receives the area from Hulton ward polling district HD thus strengthening the community of interest of the former Rumworth ward and in turn transfers polling district IB to Queens Park ward.

### **Smithills**

The need to transfer an area from the existing Heaton and Lostock ward results in necessary changes to this ward. It is proposed that areas of polling districts SB and SD are kinked to similar communities of interest in Halliwell ward.

### **Tonge Valley**

The recent development of former industrial areas gives the opportunity to create this new ward based on the core Tonge with the Haulgh ward. Strong links already exist between polling districts EE and EF of Crompton ward and EE around the historic area known as Hall I'th'Wood. These lead directly into Tonge ward. Pollinf district ED is somewhat isolated and the most obvious link is with EE and Ef vis the A58 ring road enabling the opportunity to create this new ward.

### **Westhoughton North and Chew Moor and Westhoughton South**

These tow wards both cover the centre of Westhoughton and are close to the electoral quota. To this end a simple transfer from Westhoughton North and Chew Moor to Westhoughton South which has the benefit of uniting the community of the washacre estate into a single ward is proposed.









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## **BRADSHAW**

### Bromley Cross DD to Bradshaw

Beech Close	20	
Bradshaw Brow	93	
Dane Bank	77	
Poplar Avenue	34	
Rainford Street	14	
Rigby Lane	86	
Seymour Drive	22	
The Dell	19	
Timberbottom	124	
Turton Road 70 -304	180	669

### Crompton EE to Bradshaw

Crompton Way 430 -442	12	
Danesbury Road	67	
Firwood School	2	
Howsin Street	5	
Laycock Avenue	84	
Ripley Street	23	
Tonge Moor Road 537 - 707	51	
Weybourne Grove	23	
Valpey Avenue	86	353

## **BREIGHTMET**

### Little Lever and Darcy Lever MD to Broughton

French Grove	21	
Radcliffe Road	2	
Raikes Road	67	
Raikes Way	43	
Snow Hill Road	17	150

### Tonge with the Haulgh FA to Broughton

Cartmel Crescent	96	
Crompton Way 264 - 394	32	
Lindisfarne Place	19	
Minster Close	29	
Minster Road	34	
Thicketford Road 131- 169	27	237

## **HALLIWELL**

Smithills SB to Halliwell

Arkwright Close	12	
Atlas Mills	70	
Bentink Street	7	
Bute Street	11	
Chapman Street	20	
Dougill Street	30	
Holly Grove	28	
Ivy Road 2 - 32	29	
Kingswear Drive	12	
Mowbray Street	7	
Shipton Street	59	
Sofa Street	40	
Taunton Close	19	
The Dome	8	
Tiverton Walk	18	
Vallets Lane	33	403

Smithills SB to Halliwell

Bennetts Lane	89	
Vallets Lane	18	107

**HARPER GREEN**

Hulton HA to Harper Green

Ellesmere Road	91	
Granville Street	22	
Hurst Street	50	
Mars Avenue	31	
Morris Green Lane - 5A - 135	182	
St Dominics Mews	60	
Thurnham Street	12	
Woodbine Road	53	501

**HEATON and LOSTOCK**

Horwich North East QD to Heaton & Lostock

Ainscow Avenue	62	
Austins Lane	61	
Barford Grove	28	
Blandford Rise	26	
Bleasdale Close	20	
Cranborne Close	23	
Chorley New Road, 993 - 1039	55	

Crompton Road	51	
Crowborough Close	75	
Fall Birch Road	44	
High Bank Lane	32	
High Rid Lane	6	
Lower Austins	4	
Princess Road	76	
Purbeck Drive	110	
Silver Birch Close	90	
St Leonards Avenue	85	
Stokesby Gardens	18	
Stoneacre	5	
The Hamlet	23	
The Kilphin	14	
Wilson Fold Avenue	42	
Winton Green	15	965

## **HULTON**

Heaton OA to Hulton

Baysdale Close	67	
Balakey Close	16	
Bransdale Close	26	
Cranberry Drive	110	
Cringle Close	16	
Edystone Close	24	
Kildale Close	7	
Oldstead Grove	99	
Radbourn Grove	47	
Saltergate Close	24	
Wigan Road	2	438

## **LITTLE LEVER & DARCY LEVER**

Tonge with the Haulgh FD to Little Lever and Darcy Lever

Arlen Court	8	
Ashbourne Grove	39	
Bedworth Close	21	
Bradford Park Drive	94	
Bramcote Avenue	70	
Bromwich Street	205	
Chadwick Street	10	
Denbigh Road	17	
Hollinswood Road	45	
Hollins Stree	2	
Radcliffe Road	350	

St Aubins Road	20	
Shrnford Close	45	
Strawberryhill Road	73	
The Avenue	11	
The Grove	19	
Trillo Avenue	19	
Whiston Drive	47	
Willow Bank Avenue	33	1128

## **RUMWORTH**

### Hulton HD to Rumworth

Deane Church Lane	220	
Design Street	13	
Eldercot Road	23	
Hudson	112	
Hulton Lane	24	
Kendrew Avenue	49	
Kirkebrok Road	20	
Malton Avenue	65	
Patterson Street	62	
Presto Street	42	
Varley Road	61	
Wigan Road	21	712

## **SMITHILLS**

### Heaton OD to Smithills

Ainslie Road	45	
Albert Road West 38 - 46	12	
Brighton Avenue	60	
Chorley Old Road 545 - 597	74	
Cromdale Avenue	17	
Devonshire Road 83 - 229	94	
Eastbourne Grove	36	
Kaymar Court	8	
Lonsdale Road 128 - 130	17	
Malvern Avenue	52	
Melrose Avenue	99	
New Hall Lane 1 - 99	61	
Radley Close	18	
Rowsley Road	28	
Sutherland Road	20	
Tenby Avenue	42	
Waddington Road	5	688

Crompton EG to Smithills

Elliott Street	8	
Halliwell Road 494 - 594	72	
St Paul's Place	19	
Smithills Vale	23	
Temple Road	114	
Thornhill Close	23	
Vicarage Lane	1	
Whowell Fold	23	283

**WESTHOUGHTON SOUTH**

Westhoughton North and Chew Moor RC to Westhoughton South

Clough Avenue	143	
Green Acre	25	
Hawthorne Road	32	
Hollin Acre	79	
Leigh Road	108	
Rosebery Street	14	
Southfield Drive	43	444