

Rossendale Borough Council

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I'm writing to object to the proposal to annex Shawforth to Irwell and Bacup. The reasons I object to this are too many to list but my main reasons are the facility's within Whitworth and its community. I grew up in whitworth before moving up The Valley to Shawforth. My son plays for Whitworth Valley football club. He also attends many clubs in Whitworth. If you see my main point is that From Shawforth down to Healey is a Valley. It is one. Nature carved it out and it should remain so. There is a natural, Physical boundary just before New Line. It is the crest of the hill. From that point you either drop down The Valley through Shawforth into Whitworth or you go the other way and drop down into Bacup. Myself I always go down to the co-op or what used to be the late shop. My local pub is the Cock and magpie. What I'm saying is Whitworth is my local town and not Bacup. My family are from Whitworth and on Remembrance Sunday for as long as I can remember I like many others from Shawforth go down to the Whitworth Cenotaph along with the rest of the Whitworth Community. I know my Whitworth Council members on a personal level. Any problems or issues I've always made them my first port of call. As small as Shawforth is being stuck onto Bacup I fear we would be overlooked. Another Natural boundary is where the river Irwell turns into the river Spodden, that's at the top of The Valley in Shawforth. On another point. Myself like many who live in Shawforth are registered with Whitworth medical centre and Whitworth Dentist. Whitworth museum is full of artefacts and memorabilia from Shawforth. It would be absolutely devastating to break a community up over numbers. The new houses that got passed last year have been taken into consideration I believe and I think it is wrong that they will now be classed as Whitworth but to make way for them you cut part of The Valley, Community and history out. One suggestion that has been made is to combine Healey, Whitworth, Facit and Shawforth into one ward. This is the best as most if not all members of Shawforth class themselves as Whitworth. For me it's not about becoming part of Bacup it's more NOT being part of Whitworth and the community along with all the events and clubs being part of Whitworth is. Please keep The Valley as one and don't divide a community.

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