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Cc: [County Councillor Scott Smith](#); [BERRY, Jake](#)
Subject: Boundaries Commission Consultation
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I am writing to object to the proposal put forward by the Conservative Group on Rossendale Borough Council that part of Whitworth be split off (ie Shawforth) and put with Bacup Irwell ward.

Whitworth is made up of different townships including Shawforth, Facit, Whitworth itself, Broadley and Healey.

Currently we have four councillors on Rossendale B.C., two of whom represent Healey and Whitworth, and two Facit and Shawforth for voting purposes. However, we have one Town Council whose representatives serve all valley residents.

There are no natural boundaries which separate these different areas. We have one road running the length of the valley, and one bus service for all residents and which takes them south or north.

We have one High school, one Civic Hall, one GP surgery, one chemist, one library, one cemetery and memorial gardens, one museum. These are used by all residents.

There are many different organisations within the valley and most people belong to one or more of these. They are open to all residents. I volunteer for the Whitworth in Bloom Group, the Men's Shed, and the Rushcart. I am also a member of the Whitworth Historical Society and support the Cancer Research Group and Whitworth and Healey Band. All the different groups use community buildings such as churches, civic hall and library for their meetings.

Our village operates as a community and it would be wrong to take away part of that community and put it in a different area, with which it has little in common.

I ask that the whole of Whitworth be kept together so that our Rossendale Councillors, even if we only have three of them, represent all of the residents and act in the best interests of those residents.

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