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Related subject: Response to the draft proposals on behalf of the cross party Consultation Working Group

Overall the cross party Consultation Working Group welcomes the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals. In particular, the group were very supportive of the recommendation to keep Whitworth Parish together as one area, as were the people of Whitworth.

On the whole there was agreement with the other draft recommendations with just a few exceptions, which the Consultation Working Group would like to ask the Local Government Boundary Commission to reconsider, and these are as follows:

- In relation to the Eden and Greenfield wards, the group would like to stress the importance of the Greenfield Memorial Gardens in Haslingden, the name of which has been included in a ward name for over half a century. Therefore, the group would like the Local Government Boundary Commission to consider renaming Haslingden South and Edenfield Ward to Greenfield and Eden owing to the importance of the longstanding association with Greenfield Memorial Gardens in this area.
- The group would also like to suggest renaming Haslingden North to just Haslingden as it includes all the town centre area, but this is open to suggestion.
- In relation to Longholme and Hareholme Wards the group supports Local Government Boundary Commission's proposal of using Victoria Way and Bocholt Way as a boundary, however the group thinks that keeping Ilex Mill within the current boundary (and using the existing county boundary line between the areas) would provide greater electoral parity and we would ask for the Local Government Boundary Commission to reconsider this for these reasons. (Should the boundary be introduced as detailed in the Local Government Boundary Commission's draft recommendations, there would be a need to propose a new name for Longholme Ward, otherwise the naming could stay the same if the new

proposal was agreed).

Overall the Council welcomes the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals with the consideration of the above points.

Attached Documents:

None attached