

## Bolton Borough Council

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### Comment text:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed boundary changes to the Astley Bridge Ward. I have looked closely at the proposals and whilst I can see that at first glance it may seem a satisfactory solution, but if you really knew the area I think you would see just how inappropriate this decision would be. Astley Bridge was an independent area only joining Bolton in 1897 this was very much under duress and only went ahead because of the special concessions afforded to Astley Bridge, the people then, as now had a very strong community spirit, bound by the four bridges Astley Bridge it has a rich history with residents going back generations and a very close community. The proposal to split our ward and remove two main areas into a new South Turton will remove the heart of Astley Bridge. I would oppose this at every level, to remove the conservation area of Eagley Bank and surrounding area leading down to Andrew Lane park would have a detrimental affect on our area. Residents of this area use the local schools, shop in the area and attend the local churches or local mosque. They are very much a part of Astley Bridge and have been for many hundreds of years. The proposals to also remove Andrew Lane Park into the South Turton ward would have a devastating affect on all our community this small park is well used and the hub of many community events where residents from the whole of Astley Bridge gather to celebrate Christmas, Easter, and Remembrance, these events are have been organised for many years by the Astley Bridge ward councillors or the friends of Astley Bridge and to put Andrew lane park into the South Turton Ward would prevent these activities from taking place, split our community and deprive us of valuable green space. Moving onto the proposal to put the Templecombe Drive and Whitehill Lane estates into South Turton seem to make little sense, it ostracises residents from South Turton by the very fact it cannot be accessed except by passing through the Astley Bridge ward leaving this part of our community in no mans land, they will use the local schools shops churches and mosques but have no representation from that ward as they are on the outside. As the local ward councillor for the area I know first hand just how tight knit our community is and if the proposals are confirmed it would be a huge disappointment for everyone in Astley Bridge and I would urge you to consider leaving these two areas in out ward we are strong cohesive and committed community who deserve to remain together. We the undersigned wish to join Cllr Hilary Fairclough in objecting to these proposals which will split up the Astley Bridge area and divide our community;

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### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded