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Subject: Objection to Ward boundary changes in Astley Bridge and Sharples
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I am writing to object to the proposed Boundary changes in Astley Bridge and Sharples area. I am a resident in the area, living and the changes will affect me.

My objections stem from the following key points:

1. The proposals will act to divide an existing and longstanding community.
2. They would result in the removal of important focal points used for community events from the ward (such as Andrew Lane Park).
3. Residents are members of and get involved with local organisations (such as the Friends of Astley Bridge, local churches, mosques etc which would under these proposals fall outside the ward).
4. The fact that the shops and community facilities used by residents fall within the existing ward.
5. There is no connection with the proposed new disjointed 'South Turton' ward.

It is important to me that this ward stays together and is not carved up and disjointed as it will be if these plans go through. Astley Bridge and Sharples is one of the oldest parts of Bolton it has a huge history and indeed only agreed to join Bolton in 1897 and even then it was given special dispensations to entice it to join.

The proposals do not appear to have been thought through properly, and the key characteristics of the existing ward have clearly not been taken into account. I certainly question the motives behind the proposals

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally I fully support our ward councillor Hilary Fairclough in raising objection to the proposals

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