

Bradford

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Related subject: Laisterdyke area of Bowling and Barkerend

I have been advised that moving Laisterdyke from Bradford East to Bradford South does not affect ward boundaries, but it is just for Westminster elections.

I don't understand why you are doing it.

it will not make a significant contribution to equalising the constuencies, it may influence any subsequent change to ward boundaries, and as it is out on a limb from the rest of Bradford South it may get missed in door to door canvassing.

I looked at the populations and percentage under 16 in Bradford district and found there are approximately 90,000 electors in Bradford East and Bradford West, and there are approximately 80,000 electors in Bradford South, Keighley and Shipley.

If each constituency in the UK had the same number of electors there would be around 82,000 in each constituency. If you are trying to equalise the size of the 5 Bradford constituencies moving Laisterdyke would take less than 2000 from Bradford East and add less than 2000 to Bradford South. You should be making similar adjustments to all 5 constituencies.

Just moving Laisterdyke for Westminster constituencies will lead to confusion. It would be better to review all ward boundaries to try and equalise their size so each ward has around 14,000 electors and each constituency 84,000 electors.

I attach a spreadsheet showing ward and constituency populations.

Attached Documents:

- Bradford wards.xlsx

Constituency	Ward	Population	% Under 16	Electorate	
Bradford East	Bolton & Undercliffe	17,590	24.0	13,368	
Bradford East	Bowling & Barkerend	22,760	27.9	16,410	
Bradford East	Bradford Moor	21,790	29.2	15,427	
Bradford East	Eccleshill	20,330	25.5	15,146	
Bradford East	Idle & Thackley	17,290	17.8	14,212	
Bradford East	Little Horton	22,080	30.7	15,301	89,864
Bradford South	Great Horton	19,020	27.9	13,713	
Bradford South	Queensbury	17,560	20.4	13,978	
Bradford South	Royds	17,870	23.2	13,724	
Bradford South	Tong	21,050	25.5	15,682	
Bradford South	Wibsey	15,850	23.4	12,141	
Bradford South	Wyke	15,090	19.3	12,178	81,416
Bradford West	City	23,530	22.3	18,283	
Bradford West	Clayton & Fairweather Green	18,240	25.2	13,644	
Bradford West	Heaton	19,660	28.1	14,136	
Bradford West	Manningham	20,540	26.5	15,097	
Bradford West	Thornton & Allerton	18,520	23.3	14,205	
Bradford West	Toller	20,850	26.9	15,241	90,606
Keighley	Craven	17,710	15.8	14,912	
Keighley	Ilkley	15,040	16.1	12,619	
Keighley	Keighley Central	18,480	25.1	13,842	
Keighley	Keighley East	17,110	21.0	13,517	
Keighley	Keighley West	16,970	22.2	13,203	
Keighley	Worth Valley	14,080	15.9	11,841	79,934
Shipley	Baildon	15,920	16.6	13,277	
Shipley	Bingley Rural	18,870	17.8	15,511	
Shipley	Bingley Rural	18,040	16.8	15,009	
Shipley	Shipley	15,620	17.9	12,824	
Shipley	Wharfedale	12,050	19.0	9,761	
Shipley	Windhill & Wrose	16,930	20.7	13,425	79,807
Average ward size of ward:		18,215		14,054	

Source: <https://ubd.bradford.gov.uk/district-and-ward-profiles/ward-profiles-2023/>

Total population

Population over 18: 2021		
England & Wales		47,205,195
source: https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/uk-p		
UK population 2020		67,081,234
England	56,550,138	56,550,138
Wales	3,169,586	3,169,586
Scotland	3,466,000	3,466,000
Northern Ireland	1,895,510	1,895,510

79.04%

source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_the Uni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_the_United_Kingdom)

121,840

106,440

Constituencies		Average voters	Average pc per constit
England	533	82,383	106,
Wales	40		79,;
Scotland	59		58,
Northern Ireland	18		105,

121,340

Bradford district	5	84,325	109,
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Voters per constituency calculated
from average for England & Wales

99,390

97,430

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