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The proposed ward names do not fit with the sense of place and identity that the Huddersfield Wards have previously established based on the communities within their boundaries. The compass point names are meaningless to most people and give them no notion of the area that is covered within the boundaries of the new wards.

Proposed renaming and rationale

Huddersfield South Ward to become Newsome & Netherton Ward

The current Newsome Ward loses the communities of Springwood and Highfields which have always found it difficult to identify with Newsome as they are close to the Town Centre and connected to the rest of the ward by the Huddersfield Ring Road. This means that the 2 principal settlements in the ward will be much of the old Newsome Ward and Netherton and so the name will reflect that new reality.

Huddersfield West Ward to become Crosland Moor Ward

The current Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward is losing Netherton and gaining the smaller community of Paddock. As Crosland Moor is by far the biggest settlement it makes sense to name the ward after this settlement.

Huddersfield Central Ward to become Town Ward

Huddersfield Central communities are on either side of the Town Centre and includes the Town Centre and are all within easy walking distance for most people. Town Ward would seem an appropriate name.

Huddersfield East Ward to become Dalton Ward

Huddersfield East is largely the existing Dalton Ward with the exception of the removal of the community of Kirkheaton which moves into the reconfigured Almondbury Ward. This is a strong rationale to retain the name Dalton Ward.

Huddersfield North Ward to become Bradley and Brackenhall Ward

Huddersfield North's biggest communities are Bradley and Brackenhall which would give a better identity to the ward than the current suggested name.

Attached Documents:

None attached