

# Bradford

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- During the Covid pandemic, everybody along Lee Lane – from end to end – helped each other out and supported each other with health issues, age-related problems, shopping, etc. and fostered a spirit of community that has endured to this day. Since the Covid lockdowns in 2020 and 2021, locally-arranged outdoor concerts have forged a common identity and togetherness along the entire community of Lee Lane; currently, the entire community is in the Bingley Rural ward. More than half of Lee Lane, however, is within the Wilsden parish and would remain in the proposed new Bingley West ward, whilst the remainder is, for no apparent reason, in Cottingley; it makes no sense to remove a minority of the settlement into Shipley, something that would damage its integrity and absolutely not reflect its community cohesion and identity – one of the stated aims of the LGBCE.
- This would mean some of Lee Lane residents would be represented by Bingley West councillors and others by Shipley councillors. That cannot be regarded as sensible nor can it be regarded as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Bradford Council – another of the stated aims of the LGBCE.
- Logistical and cultural ties are with Bingley, not Shipley.
- Local facilities – Post Office, Co-Op, doctors, pharmacy, butchers, hairdressers, etc. – are in Wilsden.
- The buses that pass the end of Lee Lane (down Cottingley Moor Road) or along Wilsden Main Street all go to Bingley, where the Lee Lane

residents go for more extensive shopping opportunities. There is no direct transport link to Shipley.

- Local leisure facilities – restaurants, bars, theatre, etc. – are in Bingley, not Shipley.
- Politically, the community has been well served by Bingley Rural councillors, who see the hamlet as an integral part of their ward and who act accordingly. With due respect to Shipley councillors, they will perhaps view our community as being at the very edge of ‘their patch’ and not, quite understandably, in the same way as their ‘mainstream’ constituents, with the many other ‘town centre’ issues competing for their attention.
- We are represented locally by Bingley Town Council, not Shipley, which is an indication of where our affiliations are.
- The address is Bingley, not Shipley.
- The Lee Lane area post code is BD16 (Bingley), not BD18 (Shipley).
- Can’t think of anything positive in being transferred to Shipley.

The origins of the convoluted boundary that veers in several disparate directions from the Lee Lane/Cottingley Moor Road crossroads to the far end of Moorview Drive are unclear, but perhaps were drawn many decades ago when the area was different to what exists today. The solution is simple: the boundary line from the Lee Lane/Cottingley Moor Road crossroads to the far end of Moorview Drive should continue straight along Lee Lane and rejoin the existing boundary line. This would reflect the contemporary situation and ensure that the integrity of the community is maintained. The entire community of Lee Lane would be in the same parish and the same ward.

The importance of a sense of place to the residents of Lee Lane is perhaps not appreciated and has not featured highly, if at all, in this draft proposal – we are, after all, a small population, so maybe that is not surprising. However, whether the proposal to scrap Bingley Rural and replace it with Bingley West goes ahead or not, we would ask that this change be taken into account in formulating the final plan.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*