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I'd like to register my objections to the proposed division of Bingley into two separate electoral wards. It's true that ward boundaries must change to reflect population changes. However, councillors should also represent distinct areas, with their own cultures and needs. Dividing Bingley using the railway line is an artificial boundary, whereas the line between the current districts of Bingley and Bingley Rural is written by geography and demography. Bingley residents living on either side of this railway line have need of common electoral representation more than they do with Cullingworth or Wilsden, which deserve their own representatives as distinct villages. No other town within the Bradford district is divided into two wards as Bingley would be under this proposal.

Instead, it is my view that the previous proposal to move Eldwick into Baildon ward should be reinstated. This isn't perfect either - Eldwick residents have more connection to Bingley than to Baildon - but Eldwick is nonetheless a recognised settlement with its own boundaries, which would move as a whole between two wards, rather than being cut down the middle as with the Bingley proposal.

Attached Documents:

None attached