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While I am a Labour Party member I am strongly of the opinion that the latest revisions represented by the Baildon Town council proposals are a sensible compromise. I do not support the Labour Party proposals. I strongly object to the inclusion of any of Eldwick into Baildon. There is no natural affinity between the two areas and no transportation links of any kind other than the moorland road. This is obvious to me as I live on the edge of Baildon adjacent to the main moorland road that connects Baildon to other villages including Ilkley and Hawksworth and I only use public transport. Any proposal to include parts of Eldwick would in essence be a method of force fitting numbers of electors as a direct result of Bingley's anticipated growth rather than for any other reason. The inclusion of the Coach Road area solves a long standing problem of a past artificial inclusion covering part of lower Baildon is in Shipley ward. I agree that the Labour Group amendment achieved a degree of electoral equality but its design seems more concerned with political expediency and protecting its existing vote share. While that is understandable for Bingley it doesn't represent an equitably logical solution and should therefore be rejected. In the alternative, the latest Baildon Town Council representations appear to represent a fairer solution that is politically neutral.

Attached Documents:

None attached