

## Brighton and Hove City Council

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As a member of Hanover and Elm Grove (HEGLAT) community group I must protest loudly about the proposed cutting off the Phoenix Estate from our Hanover and Elm grove ward. A major point is that there are strong proactive members of Heglat, resident on the Phoenix Estate and this proposal is so wrong to cut people off from the active group they have helped run and maintain over the years As a resident of [REDACTED] the bottom of Albion Hill is the Phoenix estate and it is very much a part of this community by location alone- The fact that you cite car access as being a reason to cut off this area is extremely weak and not applicable at all as there is low car ownership on the phoenix estate PLUS car usage is trying to be minimised in this area (as on the planet!!!) for the sake of our local community both in lifestyle and air quality. Walking and cycling is the way forward. I am now going to paste in a much better and fuller explanation of why this boundary change should be negated- i.e. the Phoenix estate should be kept as Hanover and Elm Grove Ward - because IT IS PART OF HANOVER AND ELM GROVE WARD inn every sense of the word. "For vehicle access the Phoenix Estate is currently split into two parts – the lower part (Phoenix Place, Malthouse Lane & Tamplin Terrace) are accessed from Albion Street which is currently in Queens Park ward, however the upper part (Phoenix Rise and Newhaven Street) is accessed from Hanover & Elm grove with no direct access form Queens Park ward. This means that the commission concerns around access would not be resolved – just reversed, with a part of Queens Park only accessible from Hanover & Elm grove. These proposals would provide a ward boundary running part way along one side only of Newhaven Street which may impact negatively upon effective local governance as it would arbitrarily split the street between two wards. Since the start of the Hanover & Elm Grove Communities Forum the Phoenix Residents Association as well as the Phoenix ArtSpace have been central participants, taking a leading role in community building across the ward and these changes risk a substantial and negative impact upon "the interests and identities of local communities" is it would sever the strong community links which have been forged within the ward. One of the key activities of the Forum is around supporting sustainable transport in the area through the Liveable Neighborhood scheme. There are well defined and well used pedestrian and cycle links between the Phoenix Estate and the surrounding areas and a low level of car ownership among residents, and it seems at odds with current concerns around the climate emergency to seek to define our communities based on car access, and an approach which can be seen as highly questionable."

### Uploaded Documents:

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