

## Brighton and Hove City Council

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Commenting on Patcham changes. As I understand it, this is based on a review of populations to ensure each voting ward has equal amounts of people and that each councillor represents an equal number of people. However, we've seen in other areas how quickly this can lead to community boundary changes as well. Effectively these changes mean that Patcham is being swallowed up into Hollingbury (the Mackie estate part) and Patcham Village will become part of Westdene. Patcham is basically being carved in to two destroying the close community and small town feel that attracted us and many other families to the area. Would it not be more sensible to reduce our representation and have two councillors instead of three if the population is a concern? I fear the current proposals effectively means our representation would be reduced to zero. Councillors for the new wards would either principally be concerned with Westdene or Hollibgbury (because that is where most of their electors would live), both of which (like Patcham) are areas with identities, interests, and issues separate from those of the current Patcham community. Patcham's issues deserve to be heard at the level of the City Council and the proposals don't allow for that to continue to happen so we object to these changes.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded