

Brighton and Hove City Council

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It makes more sense for Westdene and Patcham to merge (under your 'further proposals' map) as the Westdene school catchment is Patcham High so residents (albeit with children) are more connected to that ward currently than Hove Park. This connection is set to strengthen as more families with school-aged children move into Westdene, replacing older residents. As a Westdene resident, Hove Park seems quite a separate and different area, separated by a large, steep hill and Dyke Road geographically and seemingly full of mansion-sized detached houses and private schools. I feel far more connected to Withdean/North of Preston Park and Patcham. I honestly don't think residents in Westdene and Hove Park have much to do with each other or share similar values so governing the ward could be problematic. When I go to Hove Park itself or the Lidl, it is always by car - there's no easy bus or rail link there - whereas Patcham/Preston Park is walkable so more of a natural pairing. I note that Hove Park is a Tory ward and fear their numbers may tip the balance in Westdene - I would rather not live in a Tory ward in future!

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