

Brighton and Hove City Council

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Comment text:

I live in patcham and hollingbury ward. I write to object to the proposed new ward boundaries as they contravene your stated aim of community cohesion, whilst it may match the other criteria for electoral equality. Community cohesion must rule to allow proper democratic representation. How will a councillor deal with conflicting priorities given constructed access e.g. community transport Patcham and Westdene are two separate communities. They have different village halls. There are no bus routes that connect them. To reach one part of the ward to the other requires crossing a major urban trunk road the a27 only to meet a further railway line induced construction to access one side of the proposed new ward to the other, two narrow ones lane railway tunnels and one steep road and bridge add to the weak east west connections. To get to Westdene by bus from patcham / Hollingbury you have to go by 5/5a bus into the centre of brighton and connect with the 27 route on north street to go north to Westdene. The proposed ward boundaries disregard the north south nature of Brighton connection (exacerbated by Brighton being bisected by the Brighton / London main railway line. Therefore I propose that the status quote be maintained in the interests of community identity and cohesion, one of the LG boundary Comission design criteria. The current ward populations don't materially detract from electoral equality voters per councillor. There community cohesion must rule.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded