

## Brighton and Hove City Council

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I write as a concerned resident of North Central Brighton, who conducts many activities and has many friends in Patcham. I also attend regularly at Patcham Methodist Church and take part in associated activities there. I would therefore like to comment on the proposed ward boundary changes. 1. I note that the proposal puts part of Patcham - notably the Mackie estate, the area to the north of Ladies Mile Rd, and the area North and West of Carden avenue, into the new Hollingbury and Carden ward. 2. Patcham is very much a community - centred on the shopping area in Old London Rd, the Patcham Community Centre, Patcham infants, junior and High schools, the three main churches (All Saints, Thomas More, and Patcham Methodist), and to some extent the pubs - the main ones being the Ladies Mile and the Long Man of Wilmington. 3. These proposals put a large part of Patcham - particularly the Mackie estate and the area north and west of Carden avenue, into Hollingbury and Carden. There is little commonality between these areas and Hollingbury and Carden. The natural focus for these areas remains the Patcham focal points identified above. For example, in existing Patcham, a high proportion of people send their children to Patcham Infant or Junior schools, while many on the other side of Carden Avenue up towards the Ditchling Rd are more likely to choose Carden School. The picture is obviously less clear cut with regard to secondary schools as their catchment areas are so much larger. 4. The natural boundary to the east is either Ditchling Road or Carden Avenue. For example the properties to the North / West of Carden Avenue have a quite different nature (more houses, owner occupied etc) to those on the east side of Carden (more flats, public housing (even if now sold off) etc). 5. Dividing the natural community in this way smacks of either an overly 'accounting' style approach, or some sort of manipulation. 6. I would propose further consideration of this proposal, and moving the ward boundary (if indeed it has to be moved) to Carden Avenue, and move away from a boundary in Warmdene rd, Barrhill Avenue, and Ladies Mile Rd, retaining those areas in Patcham ward.

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