

## Fareham Borough Council

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### Comment text:

The proposed naming conventions for the current Portchester East and Portchester West wards which are stated as Portchester Wicor and Portsdown & Castle do not reflect the nature and character of those who reside within the proposed new ward boundaries. Wicor is a well known area to the south of the A27 and historically was made up of a number of places and buildings that reflected 'Wicor' in the names. Wicor path, Wicor Marina, Wicor Rec and the Wicor Mill Pub remain features of the southern part of the ward and residents who live there will often say I live in 'Wicor'. For those to the North of the A27 there is no attachment at all to the name Wicor and the proposed name suggests that Portchester Wicor encompasses the whole ward. For those in the proposed Portsdown & Castle Ward there is no reference at all that suggests they are a part of Portchester. Portsdown tends to be used to refer to the area at the top of Portsdown Hill around The George and Churchillian public houses. The wards would be better served by names such as Portchester West & Wicor and Portchester East & Castle. While the size of Portchester means it is no longer a village, the residents of the area still very much retain the friendly characteristics of a village and will often refer to a trip to the district centre as 'popping up to the village'. Residents are rightly proud of living in Portchester and the name is synonymous with its long-standing village heritage.

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