

## Fareham Borough Council

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My comment is in regard to the wards for Portchester (Portchester Wicor and Portsdown & Castle). The proposal for the new ward boundaries in Portchester is not reflective of the geography, infrastructure and communities of Portchester. Portchester has one if not the strongest communities in the borough, it is what makes Portchester unique from the rest of the borough. The proposed boundaries split Portchester into west and east, what this does is split the community of Portchester in two and in some ways split it twice over. The aim of the local boundaries is to make them representative of the communities they represent in character, community facilities, sense of community and shared issues. Local boundaries should also be easily identifiable by local electors. I would argue this is not clear. It splits three key community roads in two, white hart, west street and linden lea, as well as cutting through a community green space on portsdown hill, only briefly creating discint boundaries on the railway and between the two west street roundabouts. I believe that a far more logical boundary is one that creates a north and south ward of Portchester. It should run along the A27, ending at Wallington and Downend ward. Firstly, this creates a very clear and distinct boundary for even those not local to Portchester could identify as you drive along the boundary, one side is on ward and the other side is the other ward. Simple. Another feature that makes the north and south ward design distinctive is geography and infrastructure. The north ward consists of Portsdown hill and as such the community that has developed from being on the hill. The north ward will also have the railway and the motorway, which adds to the point of shared issues that consists of noise levels from both the railway and motorway. The south ward would then consist of the coastline of Portchester, a shared issue of coastal erosion and flooding faces this area of Portchester, so further makes sense to have the coastline together under one ward rather than split it into two. The coastline faces another issue of littering and path repairs all of which would come under the south. The south ward also consists of White Hart Lane, which acts a community artery for the souther ward, with services like funeral parlours, garages, takeaways, pubs and convenience stores all along this road. White Hart Lane is where all the roads in the village and wicor branch of from acting as the main road of Portchester. This road also faces shared issues of speeding. It therefore, makes logical sense not to split it. The south ward furthermore has the conservation area from Portchester Castle, which impacts all of the southern part of Portchester due to infrastructure planning this does not effect the northern part of Portchester. South of Portchester is also serviced green space wise by Wicor Recreation ground, something that is too far for the north to get too. The north ward again like south has a shared green space on the hill. It is a large green space with paths, benches, sports equipment and a play area that services the hill community. Again, too far for those in the south to get to. The hill is also serviced predominantly by one road being Linden Lea, which acts as the main road for this area of Portchester with shops and services along it. It also has schools that enter onto which causes parking and speeding issues surrounding children safety. This issue of parks raises another issue for the west and east divide as this would place both major green spaces under one west ward not a north and south ward that is accurate of who uses these spaces. I urge you to have a rethink of the west/east split of Portchester. This is a very special community for the borough and cannot be split in this way which will prevent Portchester from getting the action it needs. I urge you to change the boundary to North/South making the A27 the obvious distinct boundary.

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