

Lancaster City Council

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I am writing to support the further draft recommendations as they are presented. It is hugely important that a distinct ward covering the Lancaster University campus is retained, and I know that the proposed solution - keeping separate wards for both University and Scotforth East - will be well received both among the campus community and in Scotforth East. University ward plays a vital role in ensuring that young people are represented in our city, and if it were merged with a large section of urban Lancaster, the voices of young people would be drowned out and the councillors would not be able to adequately represent the needs of both communities. Similarly, the residents of Scotforth Rural currently feel that they are included in a ward that does not reflect them or their community, and their proposed inclusion with the rural ward of Ellel will hopefully rectify this long-standing issue. These recommendations will, I hope, thereby satisfy the needs of each of our South Lancaster communities; needs which have been well represented throughout this process. I further support the creation of a ward for Bowerham, which is a local identity which residents of the area will relate to, and which represents a community centred around the facilities on Bowerham Road. Smaller wards, which represent community identity and allow citizens to feel close to their representatives, are generally preferable and this is a step in the right direction. It is unfortunate that a new ward for the housing east of Lancaster, including Quernmore Park, Moor Hospital, Moor Park, Standen Gate and Standen Park, has not been deemed possible. This is a community with different needs from the other parts of Bulk and John O'Gaunt, and separated from them by Williamson Park. It is also an area that is set to grow in the coming years. However, particularly in South Lancaster where the changes are largely concentrated, these recommendations have managed the tricky job of balancing the demands of our various communities, and they have my support.

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