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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing about the Local Government Boundary review for Brighton and Hove City Council. I was the councillor for East Brighton and am now the member of Parliament for Brighton Kemptown (Covering the BHCC current wards of Moulsecoomb and Bevendean, Queens Park, East Brighton, Woodingdean and Rottingdean Costal).

I am writing to in regards of the wards that are fully or partly to the east of the Lewes Road/A270/Grand Pride/Old Steine. The area which was covered by the Brighton Kemptown constituency from 1950 to 1997 and excluding Hanover and Elm Grove in my constituency until the present day.

Where I have suggested proposals, I have listed them separately. Each proposal can be taken alone or together with other proposals.

The current commission proposals for these wards are:

	Ward Name	Councillors	Electorate 2021	Number of electors per councillor	variance	Electorate 2027	Number of electors per councillor	variance
2	East Brighton	2	8,311	4,156	8%	8,750	4,375	3%
6	Hanover & Elm Grove	3	12,728	4,243	10%	13,986	4,662	9%
7	Kemptown and Marina	2	7,536	3,768	-2%	7,916	3,958	-7%
8	Moulsecoomb and Bevendean	3	11,096	3,699	-4%	14,082	4,694	10%
12	Queens Park	2	8,415	4,208	9%	9,428	4,714	10%
14	Rottingdean and West Saltdean	2	8,283	4,142	8%	8,869	4,435	4%
18	Stanmer	2	6,171	3,086	-20%	8,965	4,483	5%
22	Woodingdean	2	7,457	3,729	-3%	7,735	3,868	-9%

In these wards for 2027 two will already be verging on over 10% threshold and two would be over 9%, this would likely look at triggering a new review so soon and would not be prudent in terms of numbers. Putting aside Woodingdean which the commission is correct about and should remain unchanged, I have attempted to rebalance these numbers based on communities that identify with each ward.

Casework and local requests

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### **Woodingdean**

I support this proposal for the reasons outlined by the commission. Whilst it has 9% fewer electors because of the separate nature of Woodingdean it is important that it remains a whole ward, and no-one is asking for any changes here.

### **Rottingdean and West Saltdean**

I support the principle of this change. Rottingdean, West Saltdean and Ovingdean feel like one connected place and separated from the urban area of Brighton and Hove whilst not separated from each other.

I would like to put on record that whilst the commission is not granted the powers to move authority boundaries Saltdean (West and East, the latter being in Lewes District and East Sussex County Council) has twice voted in local referendum to unify and they should be one entirety.

### **Kempton and Marina Ward**

I support the principle of a Kempton and Marina Ward as a two-member ward. I am concerned that its 7 % under quota. As a former councillor for part of this area and a resident in it I know that the seafront area generally have less casework than for example Queens Park which would remain one of the most deprived wards in the city and be at 10% variance.

The part of community that feels as if it is Kempton extends to Lower Rock Gardens. The Church on the corner of Upper Rock Gardens is Called St Mary's Kempton as pointed out by the incumbent of said Church in his response to the Parliamentary Boundary Commission (which I note of in terms of the content of the letter which is public:

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/72444/view>)

Kempton Carnival goes onto Upper St James Street, and the seafront streets see themselves as part of the Kemp Town area. Whilst Upper Bedford Street is a major road, Bedford Street (from corner of Upper St James Street and Bristol Road and the Seafront) is not. Lower Rock Gardens is seen locally as a greater dividing line in both size of road and community. None of the Streets running south from Upper St James Street run north making it a good dividing line.

**ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (1):** Draw the line from the south of Upper Bedford street, along Upper St James Street and then down Lower Rock Gardens to Marine Parade and the sea thus including east of Lower Rock Gardens, Atlingworth Street, Grafton Street, Wyndham Street, Charlotte Street, Marine Gardens, and west of Bedford street.

ATLINGWORTH STREET	119
BEDFORD STREET	10
CHARLOTTE STREET	94
GRAFTON STREET	95
LOWER ROCK GARDENS	70
MARINE GARDENS	18
UPPER ST JAMESS STREET	180
WYNDHAM STREET	40

This would add 626 in 2021 and 645 by 2027 (projected 3% growth for this polling district with no developments).



This rebalances both Kemp Town and Back Rock ward and Queens Park (as seen below)

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		626			645			Add Upper St James Street and South	626	0.03	645
7 KEMP TOWN AND BLACK ROCK TOTAL	2	8,162	4,081	6%	8,561	4,280	0%				
	2	8,415	4,208	9%	9,428	4,714	10%	Queens Park Comission Proposal			
		-626			-645			Remove Upper St James Street and South	-626	0.03	(645)
12 QUEENS PARK TOTAL	2	7,789	3,895	1%	8,783	4,392	3%				

**ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (2):** Kemp Town estate is the original estate that Thomas Kemp built, it is a conversation area surrounding Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent including the service roads surrounding it. The proposal to include this in a Kempton ward is positive. The roads to the east and west that connect and serviced the estate (and indeed are part of the Kemp Town Society) are included except the roads to the North.

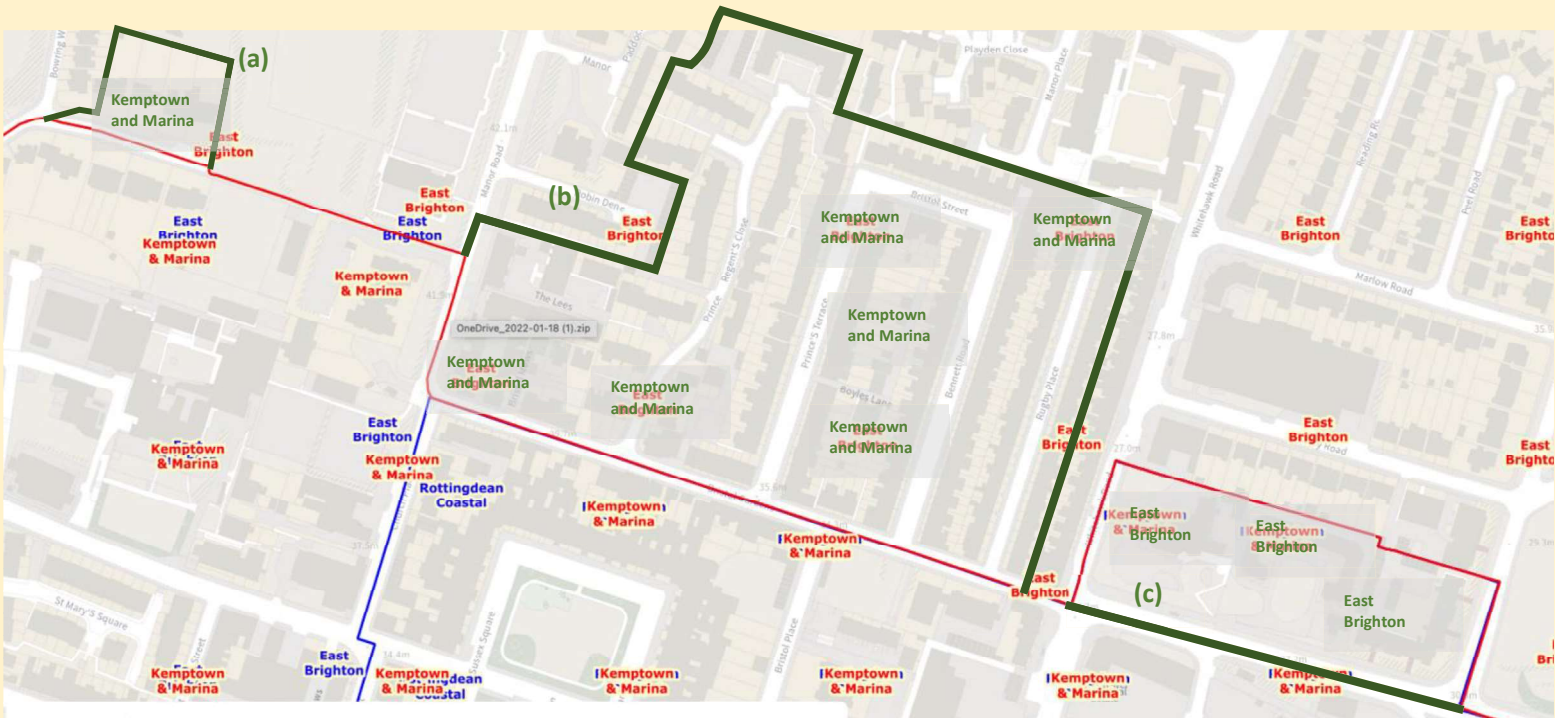
The south part of Bristol Gardens would be with Kempton whilst the north part would not. The roads that run north are not through roads and can only be accessed from Bristol Gardens. Indeed one of the public gardens that was left for the people for Bristol Gardens goes into the Kempton wards whereas the streets off it do not.

Putting these roads into the Kempton Ward would further help rebalance the areas and ensure that the community is restored to one.

- (a) Kempton and Marina could have their central boundary moved north to include north of Bristol Gardens, Rugby Place, Bennet Road, Bristol Street, Princes Terrace, Prince Regent Close and the Lees. These road face only south and to get between

them requires you to go into the proposed Kemptown and Marina ward adding them into Kemptown and Marina ward would add 614 voters (2021)

- (b) At the same time all the addresses on Bristol Gate should be included in the same ward, drawing the line behind the properties adds only 8 voters (2021) but makes the boundary clearly based on community and not on road markings.
- (c) Finally, the cut out of the block north of Roedean Road makes no sense, they are cut off from the block (Roedean Court) and houses which they are attached to and moves a school which is identified in being in Whitehawk out of the estate. Moving that south would clear the line of the ward up and remove 65 voters (2021) from Kemptown and unite them with East Brighton.



For the change of 2(a) and Bristol Gardens it would be all address at the following:

BENNETT ROAD	107
BRISTOL GARDENS	65
BRISTOL STREET	35
PRINCE REGENTS CLOSE	102
PRINCES TERRACE	125
RUGBY PLACE	172
THE LEES	35

With the predicated 4% growth in this poling district a 667 electorate by 2027.

This would mean the following changes in electorate:

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		641			667			2a Add Bristol Gardens North	641	0.04	667
		8			8			2b Add Bristol Gate	8	0.045	8
		-65			-67			2c Remove Rodean Court	-65	0.025	(67)
7 KEMP TOWN AND BLACK ROCK TOTAL	2	8,746	4,373	14%	9,169	4,585	7%				
	2	8,311	4,156	8%	8,750	4,375	3%	East Brighton Commission Proposal			
		-641			-667			2a Remove Bristol Gardens North	-641	0.04	(667)
		-8			-8			2b Remove Bristol Gate	-8	0.045	(8)
		65			67			2c Add Rodean Court	65	0.025	67
2 EAST BRIGHTON TOTAL	2	7,727	3,864	0%	8,142	4,071	-5%				

Electorate in 2027 for the proposed Kempton and Marina ward would therefore be 9,169 for two councillors making it only 7% over the average in line with Round Hill and other affluent areas of the city.

NAME CHANGE: In the Labour Party submission, the name suggested was Marine Ward (the original name of the ward with the Marina in), the Conservative submission for a coastal ward was called Kempton.

Kemp Town is the name of the original estate of Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent. Kempton (one word) has been used to denote the wider area and was adopted as the constituency name. To avoid confusion Kemp Town (two words) with Black Rock (the location of where the marina was built but also including the other areas north of the Marina) could be used.

For clarity the name Kemp Town could be adopted, alternatively Kings Cliff (which is the conservation area to the West of Kemp Town enclosures).

**PROPOSED NAME: *Kemp Town and Black Rock (KTBR)***



## East Brighton

I support the commission's proposal for East Brighton as a two-member ward, after consultation there is a strong feeling in the community that East Brighton reflects the adjusted area and should remain the name of the ward.

With the changes that I proposed on the Kemptown and Marina boundary East Brighton would have the following electorate:

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<b>EAST BRIGHTON</b>											
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Making it 5% under the average quota for councillors and electors. This give some room for East Brighton to expand if wished, but is not required on the numbers.

I note the Conservatives proposal of including Craven Vale with Pankhurst Estate. They states "This ward follows the well-defined boundaries of the Pankhurst and Craven vale neighbourhood area outlined in pages 83-85 of the urban characterisation study. "

During the pandemic these two estates have become closer together sharing food banks and community development workers.

This estate looks towards the Racecourse, which is in the East Brighton Ward and PHEA polling district was until the last boundary review part of the Queens Park ward indicating that its long-term affiliation with Hanover and Elm Grove is weaker.

The submission to the Parliamentary Boundary review Boundary Review in relation to Pankhurst Estate links to Craven Vale, Kemptown and East Brighton the following comments were made (I list these comments because they are in the public domain):

*"The Pankhurst Estate has a distinctive character, different from surrounding areas of Elm Grove and Hanover to the east, and Queen's Park to the south. The residents of this area live somewhat further from the city centre, but are likely to have community links to neighbouring areas in both of the existing constituencies (eg primary schools in Elm Grove and Queen's Park. It is in the same catchment area for Dorothy Stringer and Varndean secondary schools in common with the rest of Hanover and Elm Grove and Queen's Park: the park which gives Queen's Park ward its name is nearby to the south)." Current Green Party Councillor for Hanover and Elm Grove.*  
(<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/84253/view>)

*"In addition, the Pankhurst estate currently shares some resident, parish and medical services with the Craven Vale Estate, which is in Kemptown, and this creates some difficulties that would be resolved should it return to Kemptown itself." Current Labour Party Councillor for Queens Park* (<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/81212/view>)

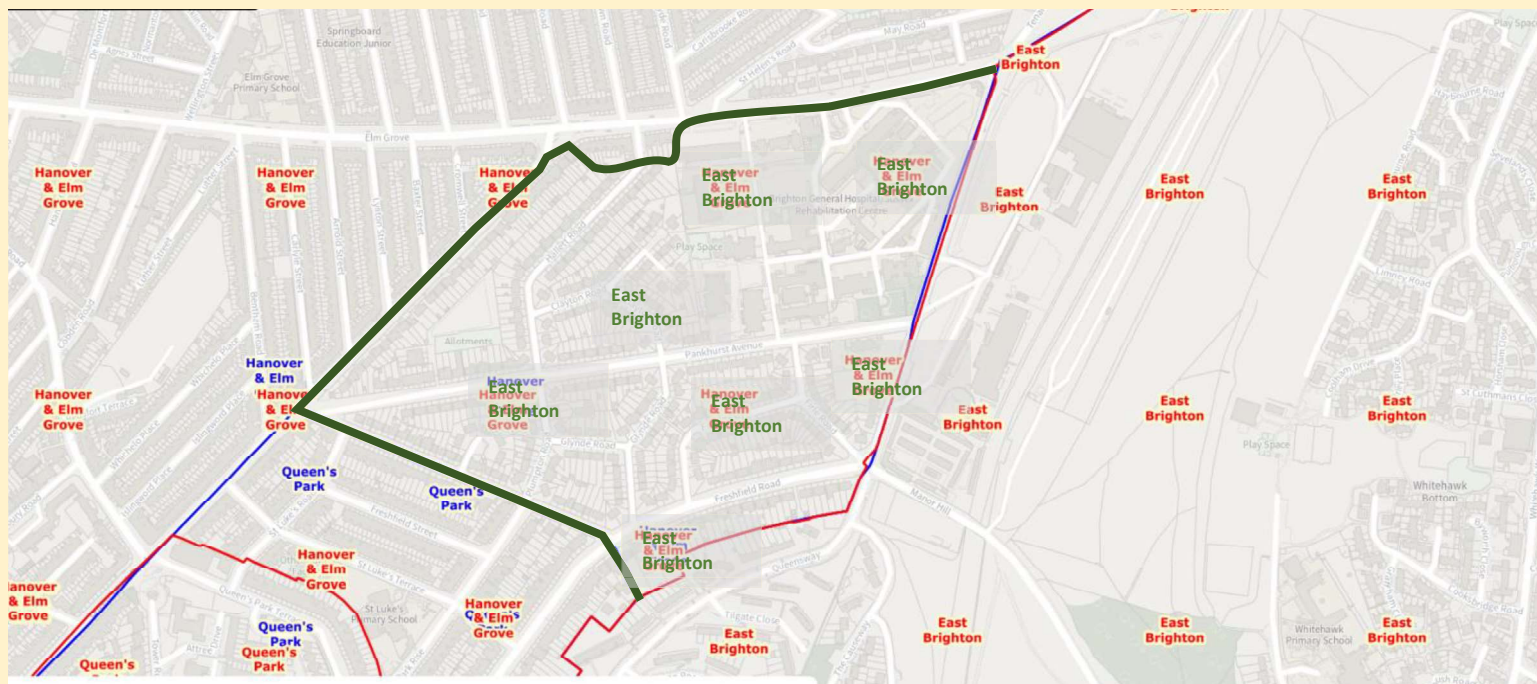
*"I have been Secretary and Treasurer of the Craven Vale Community Association for the past 15 years, and our area of interest includes some 450 households in East Brighton Ward and some 330 in Baker's Bottom, which is part of Queens Park Ward. In addition I am*

responsible for the Craven Vale Food Bank which has for many years provided food for both Baker's Bottom and also the Pankhurst Estate, with which we have had very close links for at least twenty years. This part of Brighton is excessively hilly, and Craven Vale and Baker's Bottom share a very narrow and steep valley, with access to areas east and west extremely difficult and challenging by foot or by bicycle. Kemp Town village is our (only) 'natural' local shopping centre and to find our route to it, and the shopping centre itself, bisected by your proposed boundary is seen as being perverse. In addition, the natural route from polling district PHEA (Pankhurst Estate) and half of PHEF to the City Centre is via Queen's Park Road or Freshfield Road, both in Queens Park Ward, and it seems to me to be 'sensible' to keep these areas together as far as possible." Residents Association and Church Warden for area (<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/80965/view>)

"Please consider the alternative put forward that would retain Queens Park in Brighton Kemptown and would return the Pankhurst Estate, Brighton General Hospital site and all of Queens Park Road to Brighton Kemptown from Brighton Pavilion." Current Labour Party Councillor for East Brighton (<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/80145/view>)

There is in my view a strong link between Pankhurst Estate and Craven Value. The joining of Craven Vale and Bakers Bottom is very much welcome but the rest of the area could be united as one.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (3): Take all of Existing PHEA (Top Part of Freshfield, Firle Road, Glynde Road, Plumpton Road, Stonehurst Court and north of Down Terrace) which would add 556 electors and then all of the road East of Queens Park Road in PHEF (East of Queens Park Road in PHEF, Hallett Road, Clayton Road but excluding all Elm Grove in PHEF and the Brighton General Hospital Site) which would add 742 electors. A total of 1,298, minus the 60 voters on Elm Grove meaning 1238 voters. These are the numbers from the Conservative Party proposal.



This would leave the two wards with the following electorate:

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		65			67			2c Add Rodean Court	65	0.025	67
		1,238			1,254			3 Adding Pankhurst Estate	1,238	0.013	1,254
<b>2 EAST BRIGHTON TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>9,396</b>	<b>4,698</b>	<b>10%</b>				
	3	12,728	4,243	10%	13,986	4,662	9%	Hanover & Elm Grove Commission Proposal			
		-1,238			-1,254			3 Removing Pankhurst Estate	-1,238	0.013	(1,254)
<b>6 Hanover &amp; Elm Grove</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11,490</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>12,732</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>-1%</b>				

Whilst this would make East Brighton large at 10% over average, it would keep a community together and mean that the other wards were closer to the average.

## Queens Park

I support the idea of a two member Queens Park Ward, however it is 10% over the average quota of electors to councillors and the commission made choices on Phoenix Place and St Luke's which the residents and myself do not support.

Taken with my other suggestions on Kemptown and Marina ward the numbers would be:

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		-626			-645			Remove Upper St James Street and South	-626	0.03	(645)
<b>12 QUEENS PARK TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7,789</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,783</b>	<b>4,392</b>	<b>3%</b>				

The commission was wrong about Phoenix Estate. It sees itself as part of Hanover. Topography is key here, Phoenix estate do not access Queens Park as their main park or St James' Street as their shopping streets they align with Hanover.



On the left you can see Phoenix Estate marked. It looks northwards to Hanover and West ward to London Road. The hill inhibits community links with Queens Park.

Therefore the proposals on Phoenix Rise, Tamplin Terrace, Malthouse Lane and Phoenix Place can not be supported. These areas feel part of Hanover and if anything the commission moved the line in the wrong way.



#### ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (4):

- (a) Restore Phoenix Rise, Tamplin Terrace, Malthouse Lane and Phoenix Place into Hanover and Elm Grove ward.

MALTHOUSE LANE	10
NEWHAVEN STREET	87
PHOENIX PLACE	22
PHOENIX RISE	92
SOUTHOVER STREET	255
TAMPLIN TERRACE	18

- (b) In the last local government boundary review Albion Street, Richmond Place and North or Richmond Parade were moved into Queens Park, they did not identify as Queens Park and by moving these back in this would allow for a connection to be restored for Phoenix Rise, Tamplin Terrace, Malthouse Lane and Phoenix Place to be connected to Hanover. Addresses on Gove Hill and South of Albion Hill (namely the blocks Lee Bank, Gove Bank, Ecclesden and Tornsedale) could stay in Queens Park. Keeping them in Queens Park would keep them with the other housing blocks in the wider estate.

ALBION STREET	90
RICHMOND PARADE	10
RICHMOND PLACE	76



This would result in the following numbers:

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		-176			-194			4b Add Richmond Ter/Albion Street	-176	0.100	(194)
12 QUEENS PARK TOTAL	2	7,129	3,565	-7%	8,067	4,033	-5%				
	3	12,728	4,243	10%	13,986	4,662	9%	Hanover & Elm Grove Commission Proposal			
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		176			194			4b Add Richmond Ter/Albion Street	176	0.100	194
6 Hanover & Elm Grove	3	12,150	4,050	5%	13,448	4,483	5%				

The removal of St Luke's didn't reflect community links at all. Again Typography is important the St Luke's Residents Association said the following in regards to suggestions of putting St Luke's apart from Kemptown and the seafront:

*"Putting the St. Luke's area of Queen's Park Ward into [another area] would make little sense to my local residents and association members. We naturally fit with Kemp Town and see ourselves as part of the Kemp Town area linked to St. James' Street and the Seafront. A sensible revision would be to keep the St. Luke's area and the Queen's Park ward... ..At the moment our residents' association contains the RH side of Down Terrace going up the hill ..."* Chair of St Luke's Residents association.  
(<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/79193/view>)

By splitting this area up you will be splitting a residents association which already has a defined boundary with the Pankhurst estate to the north and a porous boundary to the south – Queens Park. Again, topography is important where St Luke's physically looks down to shops and facilities and not either east or north

Alternative proposal (5): restore the St Luke's area, Down Terrace (south side), Freshfield Road (North East), Freshfield Street, Queens Park Rise, Queens Park Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Terrace in Queens Park.

DOWN TERRACE	71
FRESHFIELD ROAD	100
FRESHFIELD STREET	114
QUEENS PARK RISE	131
QUEENS PARK ROAD	70
ST LUKES ROAD	87
ST LUKES TERRACE	75

These changes would mean that the two wards are very equally balanced and a better reflection on the area:

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<b>12 QUEENS PARK TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7,777</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>2%</b>				
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<b>6 Hanover &amp; Elm Grove</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11,502</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>12,778</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>0%</b>				



## Hanover and Elm Grove

Just by making the changes already discussed

- Putting St Likes back into Queens Park (Removing 648 from Hanover and EG)
- Adding Albion Street and Phoenix Estate from Queens Park (Adding 680 to Hanover and EG)
- Removing Pankhurst Estate into East Brighton (Removing 1,298 from Hannover and EG)

Hanover and Elm Grove becomes a better size from 9% over to exactly on the average quota.

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If this remains the ward I support the name change to Hanover and Hartington, better describing the two communities.

The suggested changes I have made so far work each as a standalone, they are about adjusting boundaries to create stronger communities. The proposals that now follow are about splitting a ward to create three two members wards. I do this out of a desire to get good communities that work together. I however acknowledge that the some streets would have to be excluded in the new wards to get the balance of voters correct, and that the commission would have to make a judgement as to its overriding desirability, but they do create stronger community areas.



## New Ward and adjusted councillor numbers in wards

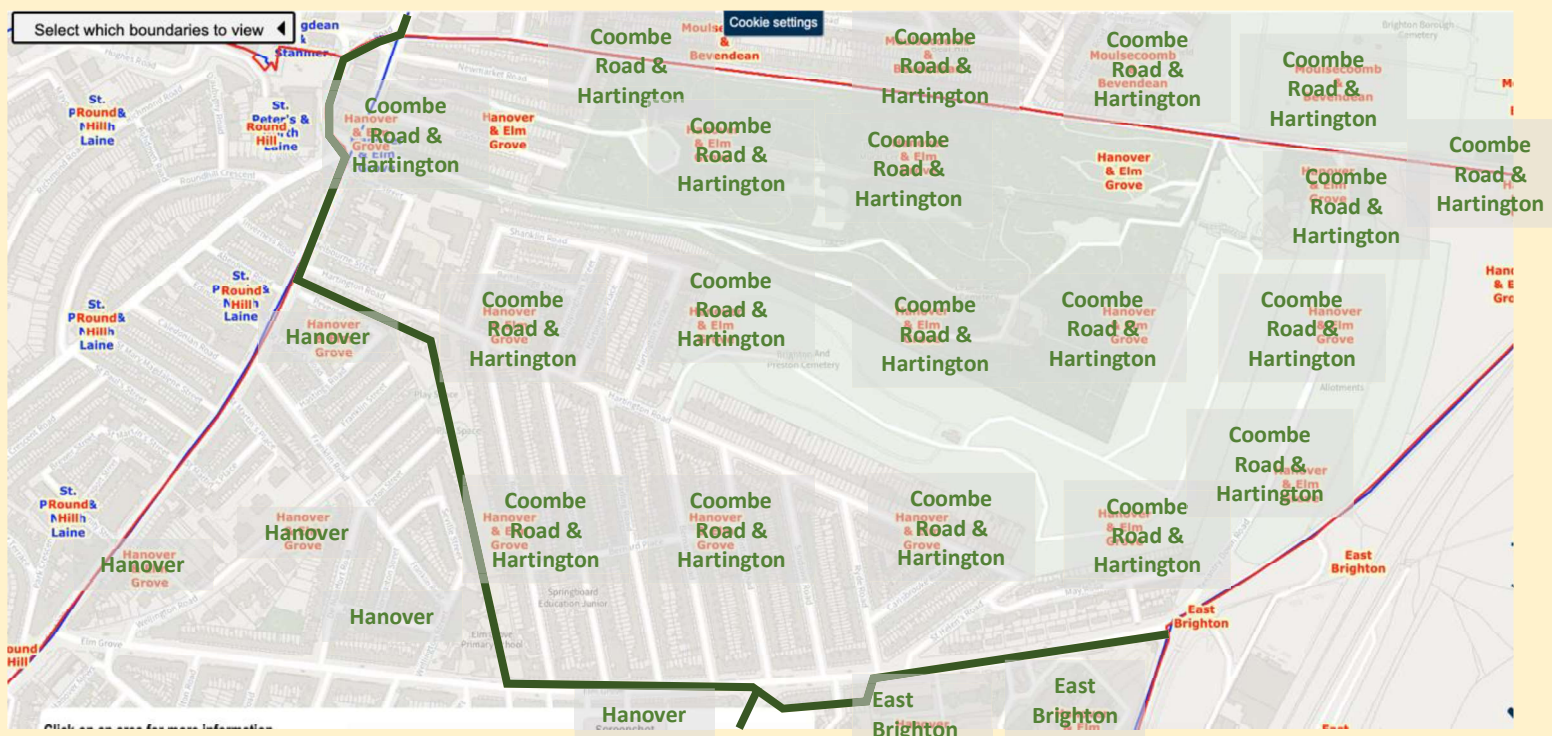
I would favour 2 member wards which are smaller and easier to build communities within. Until the last boundary commission Hanover was a ward itself, without Hartington/North of Elm Gove, this could still be achieved now.

This can be achieved by the creation of a new ward “Coombe Road and Hartington”, this would be based on the former Tenantry ward with Bear Road and the cemeteries at their heart.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (6): With PHEB (2,545 electors) and PHEC down to Hartington Road (1,172 electors) out of Hanover and Elm Grove this would result in a Hanover Ward with 9,003 electors and with a two-member ward .

These streets would be retained into Hanover ward from PHEC:

CORONATION STREET	38
FRANKLIN ROAD	104
FRANKLIN STREET	94
HARTINGTON ROAD (South in PHEC only)	118
HASTINGS ROAD	55
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ST LEONARDS ROAD	28
UPPER WELLINGTON ROAD	71
PEVENSEY ROAD	50
PICTON STREET	80
SEVILLE STREET	91



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		-648			-670			5 Restore St Lukes to QP	-648	0.034	(670)
		-3,717			-4,312			6 Remove Hartington	-3,717	0.160	(4,312)
6 Hanover & Elm Grove	2	7,785	3,893	1%	8,466	4,233	-1%				

A perfectly sized ward and reflecting the Hanover area as is seen by the community and closer to the original Hanover ward.





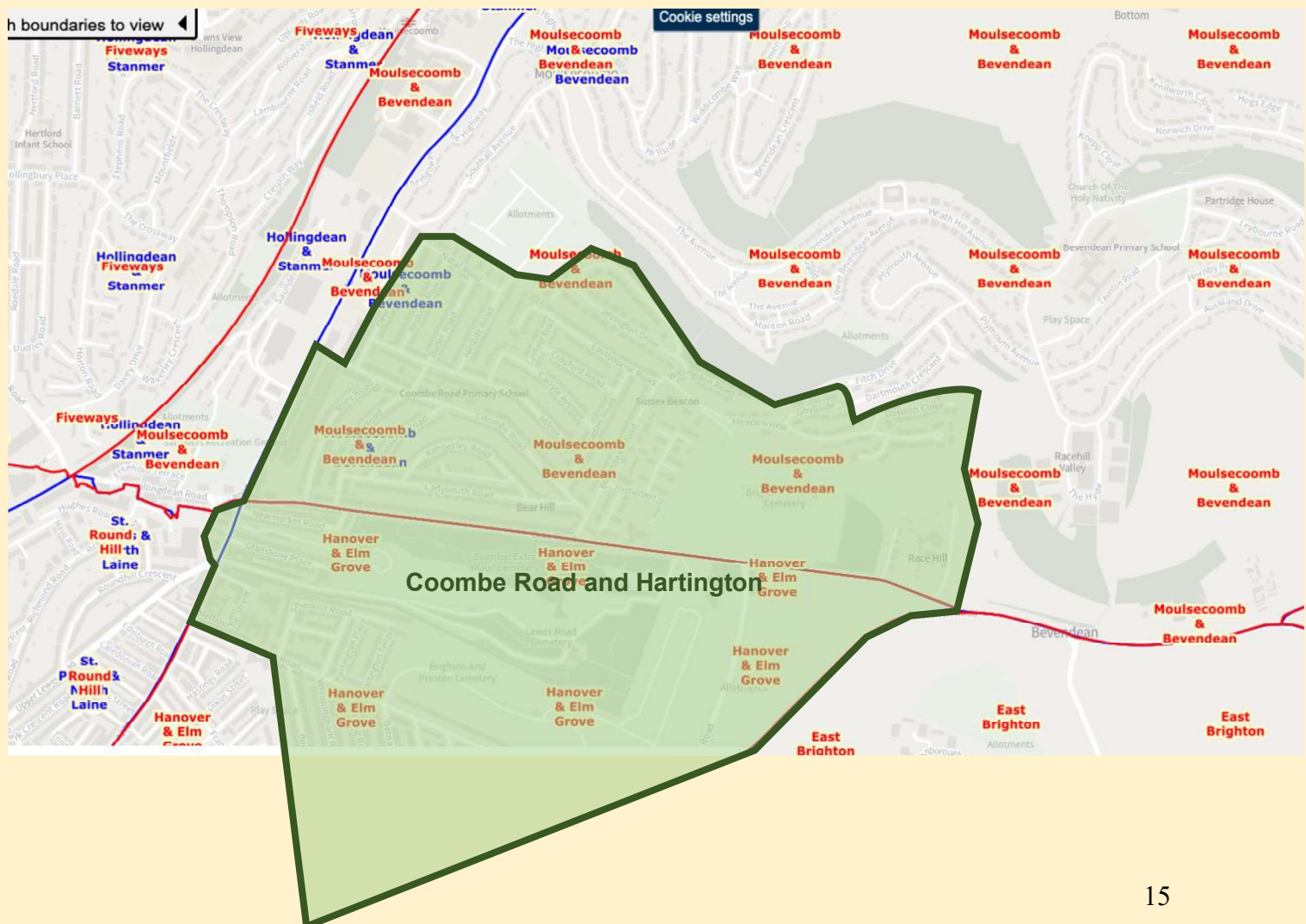
## Moulsecoomb and Bevendean

I still favour a 2-person ward, I support the other changes to follow the railway line until the viaduct. The commission proposed adding Saunders Park and Bates Estates (PHED and PHEC currently) with M&B is positive.

Until the last boundary review the Coombe Road, Tenantry and Meadowview Areas were not part of M&B. They are physically cut off and with steep topography are hard to navigate between the two. It is difficult to drive between Coombe Road and Meadowview without going on the Lewes Road this is a long journey, walking paths are also steep. The commissioner rightly rejected the Conservatives proposals to link Bevendean and Whitehawk and this link should also be rejected because of the lack of topological link between the two.

A three member ward has been proposed and the ward is 10% over average which is on the large size and will be one of the poorer wards. I would favour a new ward to be created from the south part of M&B and the north part of Hannover making them three two member wards, reflecting communities better and providing more equal numbers.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (7): If changes from the commission were retained but the Coombe Road and Meadowview areas (KMBA 4,535 electors and KMBB 964 electors), were removed into a new Commbe Road and Hartington but retain the new student halls and University of Brighton on Lewes Road within the Moulsecombe and Bevendean Ward (currently no electors but 800 rooms projected for students) the current ward that would leave a 2 councillor ward less than 1% over the average much of an improvement from the 10%.



### **Coombe Road and Hartington**

The remainder ward would mirror the old Tenantry ward bringing together two distinct areas linked by the Bear Road cemeteries.

It would consider of the current polling districts PHEB of 2,545 electors (Roads of Hartington Road), PHEC north of Hartington of 1,214 electors (Roads west of the city cemetery), KMBA of 4,535 electors (Coombe Road area) and KMBB 964 (Meadow View area) a total of 9,258 electors and thus if a two member ward 4,629 electors and only 8% over the average and better than both the current Hanover and Moulsecroomb wards.

Because of the nature of Hartington to balance the numbers roads can be swapped between Hanover and Coombe Road and Hartington Ward.

### **Stanmer**

I support this ward, but would call it **Colden and Stanmer**, most voters will live in Coldean or the Universities and not the very small village of Stanmer.

### **Seven Dials, St Peter's and North Laine**

Whilst reserving my reservations on three member wards, I support this ward but would suggest that it doesn't use the term St Peter's. St Peter's church stopped being a parish church over a decade ago, it is on the edge of this ward and retains prominence as a city centre church and venue which borders three wards but not linked to one area.

The ward name **Seven Dials and North Laine** would better describe the ward and its diversity.

I hope that you will be able to take the suggestions on board.

Yours faithfully



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