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My residence is in the southern half of Swaythling ward, which is forecast to be the smallest in population. As the ward would need to drastically change, I am suggesting that the new ward is drawn to locate all of the 'Flowers Estate' in one council ward, specifically Violet Road and the roads adjoining, and Copperfield road as well. Currently the western half is in Bassett ward, but its residents primarily use local shops along Burgess Road, as well as sharing usage of the Daisy Dip park and the U2 bus route. Additionally, the Flowers Estate has more in common with less gentrified areas such as Leaside Way and Mansbridge than it does with the wealthy areas near Bassett Avenue, which have more in common with neighbouring parts of Upper Shirley not in the ward. Copperfield Road has less in common with Swaythling overall but it would make sense to pair it with the rest of the estate as it is currently. As Swaythling ward is undersized, if the general layout of wards is the same then this strikes me as a logical way to enlarge the ward. Should this version of Swaythling be oversized with the increase in councillors, I suggest removing all residents of Sirdar Road and Kitchener Road and putting these roads in a Portswood-based ward - unlike Hampton Park, these roads have far more student houses and thus have more in common with nearby roads in Portswood (e.g. Shaftesbury Avenue). This should be a big enough move to make a difference, and a boundary would follow the natural boundary of the brook. Although there are many students in Swaythling, a lot of the southern half of the ward is linked Portswood more generally as well. If it's still oversized as a resident of the Hampton Park area I would prefer to be paired with Highfield/the University Road area than with Mansbridge or the rest of Swaythling - I personally travel to Portswood more and only ever venture to Mansbridge or Bassett Green for a walk. I tend to rarely use the shops on Burgess Road either - Portswood is just as close on the bus. Burgess Road could be an alternative boundary. Logically from the population figures the new ward would be in the central part of the city - I'll leave that to residents in that area for specific ideas, but in my view Northam/Newtown and Nicholstown/St. Mary's/Chapel should form the basis of one ward. As one of the more deprived parts of the city with a high Asian population, it would benefit from having a councillor from that community and focused on its needs. The other parts of Bargate and Bevois wards are wealthier, so I would have similar sentiments for those areas as I do for residents of Swaythling/Bassett wards.

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