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I am a former resident of James Street in the St Mary's area, I also worked for SRB2 programme which covered parts of the wards of Bargate and Bevois and I wish to support those arguing for St Mary's to be kept in the city centre wards. I still live in the city centre and have been a resident of Bargate ward for over 40 years. St Mary Street acts a local centre for the neighbouring communities in Kingsland, Chapel and for some services Ocean Village. Community and youth work has covered Holyrood, St Mary's, Kingsland and Chapel as one area. Hoglands Park is the main open space for larger community events and family activities for St Mary's residents. St Mary's is part of the city centre both in the services it provides and in the outlook and activities of the residents. The current boundary between Bevois Ward and the St Mary's area is appropriate as it follows the significant physical boundaries between the two areas, railway lines and a dual carriage way that is only crossed through a network of subways. There are few links between the two areas as there are different GP's surgeries, schools, youth work, and community centres in each area. I support the proposal to shift the boundary back to the existing Bargate boundary on the east so the Golden Grove estate/St Mary's St area bordered by (Old) Northam Road, Six Dials and the railway line all as fixed physical boundaries are still in Bargate South. Secondly to adjust the boundary on the northern edge to match the railway above and below ground, so that it drops down to below the Civic along to New Road, i.e. all the properties north of the railway line going to London/Bournemouth are Bargate North and those below are Bargate South. This would put the cultural quarter, Northern Above Bar, Park Walk and Solent University into Bargate North where that are strong links centred on the University and cultural quarter. This proposal would address the change in numbers by including St Mary's into Bargate South.

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