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I am going to focus first on a number of orphaned groups of houses which I believe are in the wrong wards, and which would make very little change to the overall numbers for each ward (so correcting them would not cause knock-on effects which need fixing). - Burgess Road properties to the north of the common which are currently in Portswood Ward should be in Bassett ward. Currently they are separated by the University from all other Portswood properties and are more likely to share amenities and community with the similar houses across the road on Burgess Road, correctly situated in Bassett. - Bluebell Road properties west of Daisy/Lobelia Road bordering Daisy Dip, which are currently in Swaythling Ward should also be situated in Bassett. It is unusual for such a disconnected fragment of a road to be placed in a different ward when the houses opposite are not. This would allow the boundary to be drawn along the centre of Daisy Dip park, representing a clear natural division. - Spring Crescent houses on the south of the road should be in Portswood Ward, not Bevois as current plans suggest. Spring Crescent is clearly part of the Portswood Park area of the ward and separating out half of this road creates an odd division through the middle of an established area. - The few houses on Tremona Road currently in Bassett Ward have always struck me as odd, given the entire rest of Tremona Road is in Shirley Ward, and this boundary could be comfortably continued along Tremona Road up to the boundary with Coxford Ward. - The Portswood/Swaythling boundary should continue along Bowden Lane, not divert south along Arnold Road, a much more logical dividing line as Bowden Lane continues clearly on from Welbeck Avenue which forms the rest of the ward boundary. My next points are about ward names. A number of wards have historically had clearly erroneous names and this is an excellent opportunity to fix them, as well as provide better names for the two new wards. Bitterne - Should be renamed to Thornhill, or Thornhill and Hightown. It does not cover much of the area many would think of as being Bitterne, and very few in the ward would associate where they live as being Bitterne. Woolston - Given the growth of the ward to the South away from the traditional centre of Woolston, a better name would be Weston or Weston Shore. Millbrook - The actual area of Millbrook is divided between Millbrook and Redbridge wards - many residents of Redbridge ward would say they live in Millbrook. However Regents Park is contained wholly within the ward, and is a far better understood location to those in the area and across the city. Therefore a better name would be Regents Park. Coxford - Again, very few in the ward would say they live in Coxford, and it's poorly understood as an actual location. A better name covering the two largest areas would be Lordswood and Lordshill. Bargate North - The new ward does not come particularly close to the actual Bargate, and does not really describe the areas within the ward except with knowledge of the ward boundary history. A better name would be Banister's Park as this is the largest population area in the ward, or Bedford Place as this is the main commercial area and the community centre. Bargate South - The loss of the Polygon and St Mary's mean that a more specific name could be given to this ward, such as Ocean Village. Failing that, retaining the name Bargate (without the delineation of "South") would be preferable.

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