

## Derby City Council

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### Comment text:

I wish to object to the proposed moving of my area on the east side of Carlton Road to Normanton ward from its present position in Abbey ward, which I feel does not properly reflect community links or cohesion. The northern end of Carlton Road in particular predates (according to historic maps I have seen) the housing development of nearby areas of New Normanton. At the time my house and others around were built they were accessed from Burton Road and looked towards the then-separate village of Littleover. Carlton Road and the immediate surrounding roads such as Whitaker Road and Grafton Street retain a cohesive character and an outlook as a community significantly closer to areas on and around Burton Road and Farley Road than towards New Normanton and Peartree. We, like many of our neighbours, tend to do our convenience shopping in Littleover Village rather than Normanton, and larger shopping in Kingsway. Our children go to school at Bishop Lonsdale on St. Albans Road in Abbey ward. We use Burton Road and other major roads in the present Abbey ward every day but major local roads in Normanton ward such as Upper Dale Road or Walbrook Road only very rarely. Our bus links take us towards the city centre or Littleover – the only present and somewhat roundabout bus link to Normanton is almost entirely to the portion of the ward which is planned to be removed from Normanton ward and is across a busy dual carriageway which inevitably impacts potential community links, and I'm not sure the local roads would support a route linking from here to the remainder of Normanton ward without a significant detour. Our day-to-day involvement with Normanton ward is extremely minimal while our involvement with Abbey ward (and to a lesser degree Littleover, home of our nearest rank of shops and post office) is considerable. I note as well that, looking at your mapping tool, the revised Abbey ward appears to have a significantly smaller electorate than most proposed three-member wards, with Normanton as one of the largest. Retaining the present clear ward boundary, primarily following the line of the park and allotments, would create a more equally sized electorate between the proposed wards in addition to, I feel, better representing community links and histories. While I appreciate the contact we get from our present Abbey ward Councillors and am aware there is a significant coherent population with overlapping concerns, I would be suspicious that our area's issues would barely register against the much larger and very different bulk of Normanton ward's concerns and we might struggle to be heard. Based on these factors, I wish to object to the area on the east side of Carlton Road being moved to Normanton ward, and would like it to instead stay within Abbey ward.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded