

Brighton and Hove City Council

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This is a family response from a long resident (50 years) family of the Brunswick Area We were amazed to see no mention of Brunswick and Adelaide in the Conservative Group proposal, on which the draft proposal have been based. We refer you to the Brunswick Town Conservation Strategy Document funded by BHCC, currently out for consultation (April 2022)

https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/planning/brunswick-town-character-statement/user_uploads/brunswick-town-conservation-area-character-statement-rev-02-low-res.pdf

§ These are objections to the proposal to remove the Brunswick and Adelaide Ward from Hove and combine it with Regency. We have lived here for over 50 years (and worked in Hove.) The ward is walked and/or cycled each day so is well known to us § Brunswick and Adelaide has had excellent Councillors who have realised the importance of the area and the interests of those living here: they have consistently supported residents in all their activities - from saving buildings to the removal of Estate Agent Boards § The residents have developed over the years a very close identity and feeling of community which was consolidated when the different groups in Brunswick came together to enter the National In Bloom competitions, and the local primary school changed its name to Brunswick reflecting the catchment area of the pupils. § It has a residential identity, partly shaped by the built environment which is architecturally cohesive and distinctive in style. § Quite unlike Regency Ward with its multiple shops and bars which serves a different community. § Brunswick and Adelaide fits the model of the '15 minute city' or '20 minute neighbourhood' which is currently seen as ideal in living and working terms. § Bigger is not necessarily better, and three councillors representing the larger proposed Regency Ward would not be able to serve the residents of Brunswick and Adelaide or their specific needs. § It will diminish the democratic representation of local residents because their needs will only be part of the responsibility of councillors. It will also diminish democratic accountability. § The Hove Lawns and Esplanade which start at the Peace Statue primarily serve the local community and visitors and are integrated with the residential squares and crescent which flow out to them, very different from the east seafront. § It is regrettable that the consultation period for these proposals coincided with inclement weather and the serious local spread of Covid, making face to face meetings were impossible. These factors have had an impact thus limiting individual responses.

Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1649601419_final+response+hunting+family+april+22.pdf