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I have been a resident of Whitehawk for 35 years.

I walk my dog four times a day on Whitehawk Hill.

I am a member of many community groups – you name it, I'm on it! I started the save Whitehawk Hill group, which wants to stop development plans on Whitehawk Hill. We have had many people sign our petitions as we do not want the nature area built on in the Council's City Plan. I am on the Hawk's Cafe Committee, which is the café in the library which is in the Whitehawk hub and am Chair of patient participation group at the local surgery. I am Vaccination champion and am a member of the Due East neighbourhood council and Chair of the environment group for Due East as well. I volunteer of Bright store which gives out food every Thursday.

I can say that Whitehawk definitely has its own strong sense of community. We are defined in many ways by the hill and the sea and separated from the centre of Brighton the other side of the hill. Whitehawk is up on a hill with Green land either side and look down to the sea and beyond. We have lovely views of the green land and the sea.

I have looked at the Boundary Commission's proposal for East Brighton ward and I don't support it.

Whitehawk needs its own recognition in a ward and its own name. We are our own part of Brighton and everyone knows where Whitehawk is. It is the same as Patcham or Portslade. People know what Whitehawk is and exactly where it is. We have our own football team. East Brighton doesn't have meaning as a name.

I also want to say that we are connected to the sea and should not be separated from Brighton Marina. All Whitehawk people do their big shop at ASDA at Brighton Marina. It is the only major supermarket for Whitehawk and this is where we get donations from people for the Bright store food bank. We all go down to the Marina to shop.

We also go to the Marina for leisure and often go for a wander around. I used to do a lot of fishing at the Marina and had a special pass. We also go to the Weatherspoons on occasion! There is a bus down to the Marina as well to get there and back.

It is time for Whitehawk to have its own ward going all the way from Whitehawk down to the Brighton Marina. This would give Whitehawk the recognition of its own community which is needed and is deserved and put it on the map.

Thank you.