

Brighton and Hove City Council

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My submission relates to the proposed Westdene and Hove Park ward. I have lived in Westdene in this house on [REDACTED] for 54 years and have strong appreciation of the local area and its residents. I also represented Westdene as a ward councillor on Brighton & Hove City Council for 17 years, retiring in 2019. During this entire time the ward was called Withdean. Personally I feel that the Boundary Commission's proposal for Westdene & Hove Park seems to fit the area quite well and is a great improvement on the Withdean Ward. The residents of Westdene have much in common with the Hove Park area residents than with the Surrenden Road area near Fveways for instance which used to be included in the ward. Residents in Westdene generally do their shopping in Hove, which are the main nearest shopping centres. We have always used the Waitrose in Hove Park for instance and only the other day I was at Curry's in Hove shopping for a new ipad! We do walks over into the Hove Park area such as the Three Cornered Copse and we park in the Westdene side and then walk into the Hove Park areas, as do many residents. When we were fitter, we would leave cars at home and walk from here and walked the entire route which ends right at the bottom of Woodland Drive in Hove Park - a lovely walk through the woods! These walks have been very important over recent years for my family as we try to maintain our health. The Green Ridge area in the northern part of Westdene links to three cornered copse as well, extending this continuous walk. Over many years we have walked our dogs up there. There is good bus service locally which goes around Westdene streets and then down Dyke Road Avenue down into Brighton and people from Hove Park and Westdene get on the bus as it goes along Dyke Road Avenue. I am a member of the Hove and Portslade Horticultural society as I have interest horticulture and that is the local club for me. I have judged entries at the Hove and Portslade Horticultural society as well. I am a member of the Brighton radio flying club which meets up at Golf Farm. In my youth I played football for at Hove because that was the natural nearest club to me in Westdene that played in the Brighton, Hove and district league. I say all this as lifelong resident of Westdene to show that we have always had a community affinity with Hove Park as opposed the surrendean rd area in the old ward which faces more towards Fiveways. I therefore support the proposals and wish the Boundary Commission well in your deliberations.

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