

Brighton and Hove City Council

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I am responding to the draft recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission for 'New electoral arrangements for Brighton & Hove City Council' dated February 2022. I am opposed to the proposal, within the draft recommendations, to join the Brunswick & Adelaide ward with a reconfigured Regency ward under the name of 'Regency' for the following reasons: 1. This does not fulfil one of your three Statutory Criteria "Reflecting community interests and identities" for the following reasons: a) Regency ward is largely a tourist area in Brighton. It contains the pier, seafront amenities, conference centre, cinema, many shops and large stores, many restaurants and major hotels both on the seafront and further back. The buildings are of mixed period. b) In contrast Brunswick & Adelaide ward is quieter, mainly residential area in Hove, mostly composed of grade 1 and 2 listed properties which were built in the 1820s and 1830s as the original Hove. It is not a commercial area, has no large stores or hotels and the seafront which faces Hove Lawns is devoid of tourist areas. The presence of a strong community in Brunswick & Adelaide with 3 strong residents' associations with high levels of activity and engagement from residents, is a demonstration of community interest and identity. a) Clearly these two wards are of very different character with completely different issues and problems and have no affinity. They do not "reflect community interests and identities". 2. The merging of the two wards will destroy the Hove/Brighton border which is of historical interest and should be retained. I am surprised that the Boundary Commission has not visited the areas in person and conclude that this maybe the reason why you have not realised the difference in character of these two wards and merely lumped them together because they are on the seafront. The proposed changes to Brunswick and Adelaide ward by the Boundary Commission will be severely detrimental to residents and fail to fulfil your criteria. I strongly object to them and trust you will make appropriate changes to your report.

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