

Brighton and Hove City Council

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommend that two wards (Westdene and Hove Park; Regency) should cross the Brighton / Hove boundary. That is fine. The historic town boundary between Brighton and Hove is now an anachronism and becomes ever more meaningless. The unitary authority of Brighton & Hove was created 25 year ago. Hove is no longer a separate town, as some claim. Those who argue that any move to cross the historic Brighton / Hove boundary will destroy essential, deep-rooted community identity are out of touch with modern reality. They look backwards, claiming a singularity for each side that is an illusion because the population (increasingly comprising incomers) has moved on. I have lived at five different addresses in Brighton and two different addresses in Hove during the past 45 years. I live here now and will remain here for the rest of my life (I am about to turn 70 years of age). Effectiveness Size matters. With the number of local electors per councillor projected to rise from 3,849 in 2021 to 4,267 electors per councillor by 2027, the proposed number of councillors is inadequate to the tasks of representing constituents, scrutinising the executive, and developing the specialist knowledge they need to do the job properly. So that local democracy is not overstretched and can deliver for the people of this city, there need to be another four to six councillors. Ward names I caution against removing the name 'Brunswick'. This does have deep historical resonance because it is a name that has been in constant use defining a geographical area continually since the 1820s – whereas 'Regency' has no specific geographical identity and could be associated with many parts of older Brighton and Hove.

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