

## Brighton and Hove City Council

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The changes proposed by the Conservative Group show that they have little knowledge of the area. It is interesting that they mention that Fiveways is a central area, yet the focus is on the area closest to Preston Park, completely ignoring Fiveways and Hollingdean end. Looking at the Fiveways draft proposal by the Conservative group it encompasses areas of Brighton completely different in need. Grouping them under one ward will not support the residents to feel empowered, more active politically or belonging to their areas. Considering the high levels of disadvantage already identified in Hollingdean, it would be a recipe for disaster to group that area with the more affluent areas of Fiveways, down to Surrenden Road. Considering that Hollingdean has been and still is Labour/Green, these changes only point towards a manipulating tactic to reduce the number of Labour and Green Councillors. These changes will certainly not increase the electoral participation; very much on the contrary, they will put any little participation that there is in jeopardy. The Green and Labour proposals are more in tune with the knowledge and needs of the area and they should be considered seriously. Please do not do this to an area that is finding its feet, with a strong sense of community. If the focus is on increasing political participation, more regeneration work will lead to it. These changes will lead to marginalisation.

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