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Comments on boundaries and names of new wards: Proposal: Seven Dials, St Peters' and North Laine I think this should just be North Laine and Seven Dials. While St Peters Church is a significant local landmark, naming a ward boundary after a religious building seems out of alignment with the city's diversity and values, as well as the convention that most other ward boundaries are named after local neighbourhoods and community identities. St Peters Church is also at the very edge of the ward boundary, with the entire ward laying within the greater North Laine and Seven Dials communities, so doesn't seem to make any sense to include it. If you get rid of St Peter's you don't lose any description or community identity of the proposed new ward. Proposal: Fiveways. I think the name of the Fiveways ward should be changed and extended to include and Hollingdean as Hollingdean and Fiveways. The geographically vast and entire Hollingdean community lays entirely within this new ward and is a far greater area than the area described as Hollingdean. Hollingdean has a very strong, distinct, local identity, but there are many different community links between the two areas, with people in Fiveways and Hollindean sharing similar transport routes in and out of the area, local shops and assets such as nearby Hollingbury Park and golf course. Fiveways is also geographically a much smaller area Proposal: Queens Park Ward, Kemptown & Marina Ward, and Hanover & Elm Grove Ward This ward seems out of alignment with local geography and community identity. The entirety of St James Street area, including the start of St James Street, is seen as the gateway/entrance to Kemptown. The whole of Kemptown shares a strong community identity and clear geographical and historical area, and that also means that they share similar interests, assets and challenges including anti-social behavior. Kemptown would undoubtedly benefit from being a single ward, with councillors able to represent the area's interests and give united representation. Taking the St James Street area (which on the ground is a fair distance from the northern Queens Park) would be detrimental to the community and against the local affiliation and needs. In addition the north part of this ward seems to lay entirely within what is affectionately known as "Greater Hanover" and again, share similar demographics, housing styles, local assets, interests and needs as Hanover and are separate from the St James Street area in the south of the proposed Queens Park ward. Hanover has one of the strongest community identities, represented by lively community groups, both virtual, in person and in print, where local issues, needs and activities are widely discussed and developed, often with engagement from local councillors. The idea of this large part of Greater Hanover not forming part of Hanover seems completely out of alignment with local geography and community. Proposal: Preston Park Agree entirely with this ward (although parts of Round Hill are geographically and community wise very close to Preston Park and seems to be some overlap here). However as a proposal, the name could easily just be "Preston" or "Preston village" the historical and local names for the wider community surrounding the park.

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