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A few very specific comments about some of the wards in the local area I live in and know well in Northampton around Abington Park. Most comments relate to how the proposals reflect community interests and identities. Firstly, it is proposed to include, Chipsey Avenue, Rushmere Avenue and Cranmere Avenue in the Castle Ward. This strikes me as a bizarre decision as these roads are cut off from the rest of Castle Ward by Northampton School for Boys and St Andrew's hospital and are a completely different community. They should either be in the proposed Phippsville ward or more logically the Weston ward. The proposal states that Rushmere Road has strength as a boundary but this does not remotely reflect the local community identity. People living in that area would consider themselves as part of the same community as the roads on the other side of Rushmere Road. In terms of the Headlands ward, a specific point about the roads at the West end of Birchfield Road East. As a resident, I definitely identify more with the communities of Phippsville and Weston than Headlands, the Wellingborough Road does not act as a barrier. More generally, this ward covers a very wide geographic area that is not a coherent community. It probably makes more sense to have two 1 member wards splitting the ward either North/South or East/West. Boothville is a long way from where I live and a completely different part of town. Finally, a point about naming of wards, I'm not clear how this is decided but I feel local residents should understand the ward they live in based on its name. So Phippsville is a strange name for an area most local residents would call Abington, Phippsville is only a handful of roads to the North of the ward. Weston is another odd name as Weston is not a place, this should be called Weston Favell and Abington Vale. St George is also not the name of a place but the name of one road in the ward, the area should be some combination or one of Kingsley, Semilong or Kingsthorpe Hollow

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