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Related subject: Noctorum, Claughton and Oxton

Having reviewed the proposed boundaries in comparison with the existing ones, I believe there have been cultural and community shifts in several key areas that may not be immediately visible through short-term observation or site visits. To ensure the most accurate and representative ward boundaries, I strongly recommend engaging with local residents through surveys or consultations. Understanding local priorities, concerns, and community identity from those who live there would lead to a more balanced and evidence-based approach to defining boundaries.

From a practical and cost-efficient perspective, such a survey could be distributed via email or included with standard council tax correspondence. Using standardised questions would help simplify the process of analysing responses and identifying common themes across areas.

For example, Birkenhead Park is a significant communal space, and local residents are particularly concerned about issues such as crime and antisocial behaviour. Although both parks lie within Claughton, the area also includes the Noctorum Lane greenbelt, which has become a focal point for residents campaigning to protect it from development. These different priorities illustrate the diverse concerns even within a single proposed ward.

I am also concerned about the proposed grouping of Noctorum with Claughton and Oxton, starting from Townfield Lane. Having lived in this area for most of my life, I believe this grouping overlooks important distinctions between these communities. I would strongly suggest instead considering three two-councillor wards: one each for Claughton, Noctorum, and Oxton. This would provide more accurate representation of the

area's distinct communities and local issues.

Attached Documents:

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