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Submission to the Boundary Commission – Objection to Draft Ward Proposals

We wish to object to the draft proposals published by the Commission. In particular, we oppose the inclusion of the Lowfield area — comprising Dijon Avenue, Kir Crescent, Lowfield Drive, Lowfield Green estate and surrounding roads — within a proposed three-member Holgate & Acomb East ward.

The Lowfield and Front Street community has distinct local interests and patterns of daily life that differ markedly from those of the St Paul's Square area. Residents here look to the Front Street shopping area for retail, leisure, and community services, whereas St Paul's connects naturally with the City Centre for such facilities. These areas therefore represent separate communities with different identities and priorities.

We propose that a single-member ward be established to cover the Lowfield and Front Street area, reflecting its cohesive community character. The remaining parts of Holgate could form either a single-member or two-member ward, depending on local preference.

We strongly believe that single-member wards enhance accountability, ensuring that elected representatives take clear responsibility for their decisions and cannot deflect issues onto colleagues. Local democracy would be further strengthened if annual elections by quarters were introduced, reducing disruption and maintaining continuity while allowing residents to hold their representatives to account more regularly.

Attached Documents:

None attached