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As a resident of Pierremont, I would like to take the opportunity to express my disappointment that the draft proposals for the new Pierremont ward do not include Pierremont Crescent, Pierremont Gardens and Woodlands Terrace.

These streets and the surrounding area are clearly part of the Pierremont community. Residents rely on the same local services, amenities and facilities, and share a common identity with the wider Pierremont area. Excluding them from the proposed ward would not accurately reflect established community boundaries.

At Primary School level, residents from this area of Pierremont generally look to the Abbey Schools rather than the Mowden Schools and the large, old houses are more likely to be separated into flats and apartments which can bring its own potential problems that are not experienced in Mowden.

Having read the Commission's draft proposals, I can understand the rationale for including streets such as Thornbury Rise and parts of Carmel Road North within the proposed Mowden ward, given their proximity to the existing Mowden ward and the fact that several neighbouring streets off Carmel Road North are already associated with that community.

However, the same argument does not apply to Pierremont Crescent, Pierremont Gardens and Woodlands Terrace. These streets are intrinsically linked to Pierremont by name, geography and community identity. Their inclusion within Mowden, which has a completely different local

character, would weaken the coherence of the proposed Pierremont ward and fail to reflect the way local residents identify with their neighbourhood.

I therefore respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary and include Pierremont Crescent, Pierremont Gardens and Woodlands Terrace within the proposed Pierremont ward in order to better reflect established community ties and local identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached