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As a resident of the proposed Pierremont Ward, 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.

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

I am also concerned that the draft proposals overlook the importance of the town centre. In the current economic climate, small businesses in the town centre require effective and coherent local government representation more than ever. While I understand that the town centre may be too small to form a ward in its own right, communities within the existing Park West and College wards, particularly around Southend Avenue and Abbey Road, have strong connections to the town centre through proximity and shared concerns, including parking pressures and congestion during peak shopping periods.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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Pierremont Resident

Attached Documents:

None attached