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Related subject: Clifton and Guildhall Wards: area bounded by Museum Gardens and St Peter's School

The area which includes Marygate, Marygate Lane, St Mary's, St Mary's Lane, Hetherington Street, Frederick Street (shown coloured blue on the attached map) is currently in Guildhall ward of City of York Council. This is despite it being effectively distanced and isolated from the rest of the ward by Museum Gardens, Bootham School and the old Bootham Hospital Grounds (as shown). This predominately residential area has little in common with the more commercial areas of the nearer parts of Guildhall ward in the city centre. Its nature is much more aligned with the adjoining area which is in Clifton Ward and includes the also mainly residential Bootham Terrace, Longfield Terrace, Sycamore Place, Sycamore Terrace, Almerly Terrace, Queen Anne's Road and North Parade (shown coloured green on the attached map) The separation of these two areas is arbitrarily made along the line of the York – Scarborough railway and while this is a physical divide it is relatively 'porous' with a central underpass linking the two areas, this is in addition to the connections via Dame Judi Dench Walk and Bootham.

The two areas have in the past experienced common problems around drug use and anti-social behaviour and community concern resulted in the establishment of the Bootham South Resident's Association to cover the whole area (outlined in red on the map, also <https://www.bootham-south-residents-association.co.uk>). The Resident's Association was responsible for bringing together all the relevant bodies and resolving the problems. It has now become a focus and cohesive force for the improvement of the local community and its environment. The success of this group reflects the desire of the residents to take control of their own locality. This is made more difficult by the need to co-ordinate discussions and actions with two wards having five Councillors between them.

I therefore request that serious consideration be made to moving the area under discussion into Clifton ward in which I believe it more logically sits.

Attached Documents:

- ra-map-bc.pdf



Clifton Ward



Guildhall Ward