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Fareham Labour Party wish to suggest a modification to the ward boundaries currently proposed as part of the current review

We do not agree that the proposed Portchester Wicor and Portchester & Castle wards best represent the local community identity and the natural affinity that electors in this area have.

The proposed boundaries for Portchester are split the wrong way. West and East are not natural boundaries for Portchester. The proposal would split the natural community of Portchester three ways. Portsdown is a community in itself with school catchment areas being in predominant north and south split not east and west. North has a green space and playground that serves the Hill community.

Portsdown hill community and Village Community, proposed boundaries are not natural boundaries they cut across a field, splitting the community the hill community and the village community into two. The boundaries could not be easily defined by residents. The boundaries are complicated when splitting Portchester west and east.

Fareham CLP proposed ward boundaries that run along the A27 West and East Street, down to the seagull roundabout, down cornaway lane and Cranleigh road then cutting across the field south Romsey avenue (to take in the new housing development of 200 houses) up to the Downend and Wallington boundary. The new boundaries don't shift any other boundaries other than Castle and Wicor.

The electorate numbers for our alternate proposal for the Northern ward would be 4,533 electors and the Southern ward 5,034.

When you include a potential 400 electors for the new housing development in North the numbers would be almost equal

Preserving the identities of the two communities we propose the Northern ward is called Portsdown Hill and the southern ward is named Portchester Wicor & Village.

The proposed southern Portchester Wicor & Village ward contains the entirety of White Hart Lane. Portchester Wicor & Village stems off this main road which forms as a central pillar for this wards community. It connects and services the Wicor area community with the Village area community. White Hart Lane contains many community facilities such as takeaways, convenient stores and funeral directors. The West and East proposals split this vital part of Portchester in two.

White Hart Lane then goes onto form Cornaway Lane, Cranleigh RD and Castle Street, connecting up to the A27. This forms a rectangular road artery for the Wicor and Village community. Creating a distinct boundary for electors. Electors will know that everything south of the A27 which encompasses this road group rectangle is their ward of Wicor and Village.

The two new and recent housing developments west of the Wicor & Village Ward one of which has been completed (Southfields) and one to be built (South of Romsey avenue, both of which are currently in Portchester West, form another distinct

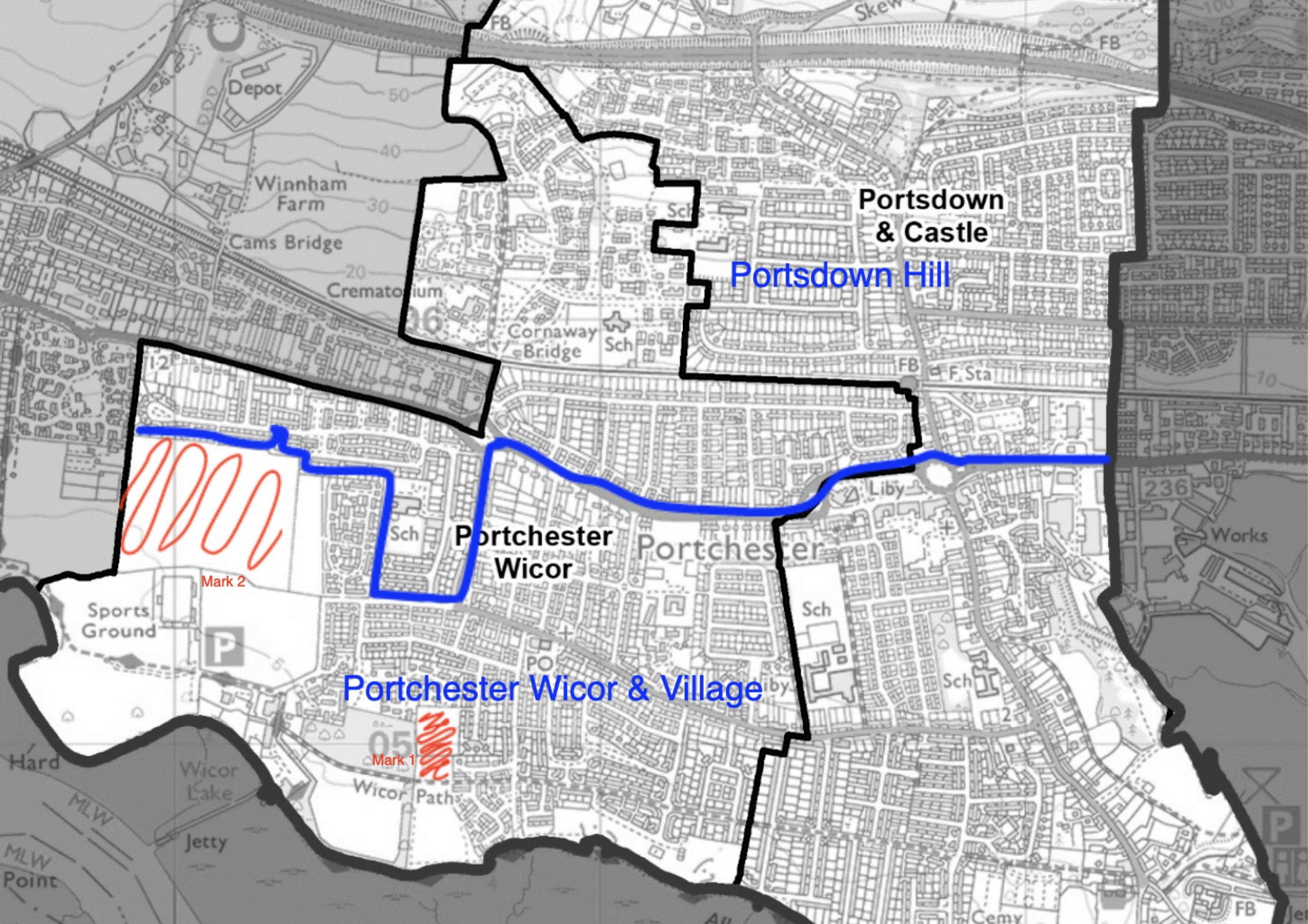
boundary ending between Wicor & Village, Portsdown Hill and the Downend & Wallington Ward. This happens as the new housing developments will be connected by a green space and paths, as well as being visually different to the surrounding houses of Hatherly Cres and Romsey Avenue. Including these new developments in Village and Wicor help keep the elector numbers relatively equal between the two new Portchester Wards.

The A27 West & East Street, going along to the Seagull roundabout, down Cornaway Lane and then Cranleigh and finalising at the new housing developments west of the Wicor & Village wards, create a distinct, observable boundary that makes it clear to electors which ward they are in. The distinct geographical feature of one being on a hill and one being on the coast further help create distinct wards for electors.

Please see attached map of our proposed alternative ward boundaries

Regards

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Portsdown
& Castle

Portsdown Hill

Portchester
Wicor

Portchester

Portchester Wicor & Village

Mark 2

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