

Southampton City Council

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Comment text:

I'm Councillor Warwick Payne, one of the existing three members for Woolston, and I recognise the 'forecast electorate' is likely to make my ward too large and hence some of it must be transferred to other wards. From the outset, I'd like to put on record that I wouldn't want any of the ward transferred elsewhere as I love what I do, and a little extra work wouldn't bother me at all because I enjoy it, but if a portion must be lost then the only part of Woolston Ward where residents do not identify with Weston (the southeastern part of the ward) or strongly identify with Woolston itself would be the following streets: Dyserth Close, Gordon Terrace, Newtown Road, Penistone Close, Tenterton Avenue, Wentworth Gardens, and Wrights Hill. These could feasibly be moved to Sholing ward which might be a better fit for these streets. To lose any other streets in the ward would mean breaking up existing communities and exiling residents who clearly identify with Woolston or Weston to a ward with which they would not identify. My hope is to keep the existing communities together in the ward while just about dipping under the 10% range of tolerance between ward sizes. In short, I don't mind Woolston being a little larger if the ward boundaries respect existing communities and I fear cutting any further geographically would seriously compromise this outcome. As a final comment, I would welcome the ward name being changed from Woolston ward to Woolston & Weston ward as Weston comprises a significant proportion of the ward which is currently not recognised in the name, and Woolston & Weston would be a more accurate description of the area and short enough to still be practical. Thank you for reviewing my comments.

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