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I work in the ward of Sinfin and so can only really comment with a thorough understanding for that ward. I believe the boundaries of the Sinfin ward should be changed to reflect the reality and identity of the area. I have worked within the community and with residents in this ward for five years and very quickly learned that the two areas that make up the Sinfin ward - Osmaston and Sinfin - are two completely separate areas that share no similarities other than belonging to the same political ward. The Sinfin area itself of course has its own distinct areas, 'New' and 'Old' Sinfin for example, but these areas are clearly a part of the same community. People identify with the area, is has its own identity, resources and community. People who live in Osmaston tell me they live in Allenton (which politically is split over three wards - Boulton, Alvaston and Sinfin) and use all resources based in the areas of Alvaston and Boulton. There has been many times where people who live in Osmaston tell me during meetings such as Neighbourhood Board meetings that they are the "poor relative" to Sinfin. The way that Osmaston and it's residents have been included in the Sinfin ward does not make sense in reality. People do not identify as living within that ward, nor is there any communication between the two - the areas are separated by a large amount of industrial land including Rolls Royce. People living within Osmaston engage in the communities of Alvaston and Boulton, not Sinfin. There are streets within Alvaston, Boulton and Osmaston where the boundary is separated by one single street, whereas between Osmaston and Sinfin there is far more distance. In my opinion and based on conversations throughout the past five years with residents, it would make far much more sense for the community of Osmaston to be in a ward alongside sections of Alvaston and Boulton. A ward named 'Allenton' would make the most sense, given that this is the area that citizens actually identify as living within, where the resources are that they most use. I would suggest using the "Osmaston triangle" for this - so including all the streets within the red triangle (see image) in to the new 'Allenton' ward alongside sections of Alvaston and Boulton (where people equally identify with living in Allenton), or within the Alvaston or Boulton wards if this is not possible. There has also been housing development in each of these areas increasing population size considerably, of which I'm sure you have the accurate figures.

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