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I write this as both a Bitterne Park ward resident and as one of the three City Councillors for the ward. As I see it there is little or no change expected for this Southampton ward and this generally has my support. However, I believe there is one minor anomaly and one improvement to be made which which are linked to the same area within the ward The Western boundary of the Ward, where it meets Swaything Ward, is the River Itchen - up to the A27 Bridge over the river Itchen at the North end of the City and Riverside Park. The boundary then turns east and runs along the A27. Only one property is affected by this which is the White Swan Public House. However, all issues around conservation, green space, access, planning, licencing, and transport etc will be those linked to Bitterne Park Ward and not to Swaythling Ward, so having this bit in Swaythling Ward makes no sense. Additionally, I have a strong belief that councillors are elected to represent and protect, not only the residents of the Ward, but also the green space and ecology etc. There is a significant protected area beyond the river, running North from the White Swan PH and extending N or the M27 and to the border with Eastleigh BC. This is connected, apart from the A27, to Riverside Park and Marlhill Copse which are part of Bitterne Park Ward and is part of an very, very, important wildlife corridor. It would be far better if these areas came under the same councillor. It would therefore be better for the boundary with Swaythling to, instead of turning East along the A27, to follow the line of the old Itchen Navigation (Canal to Winchester) which leaves the river on the outside of the bend immediately North for the A 27 Bridge and proceeds North in a straight line. The boundary would then follow the eastern boundary of the Southampton Airport site until it reaches the Eastleigh BC boundary. This will allow these green spaces to be dealt with as one entity by councillors as all would be in Bitterne Park Ward. I would be very happy to discuss further with anyone from the Commission. Best wishes Tony Bunday. [REDACTED]

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