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I wish to repeat my belief that the "clear and identifiable boundary" for Harefield ward should be the A334. Maintaining the boundary along Bath Road means that the "other" half of Bath Road and Keynsham Road are very much out on a limb, and it certainly cuts a "coherent community" in half. This area should be replaced in Harefield Ward by the "other half" of the Townhill Park estate, and reunite this community. I also strongly support the renaming of Bitterne ward, either to Thornhill, which forms the largest part of the Ward, or Bitterne & Thornhill. There is a real problem with voter engagement in Thornhill, which was highlighted, yet again, this year with its usual spot as one of the worst three turnouts in the city. Having recognition of their existence in the name of the Ward may well encourage those voters to feel that elections actually mean something to them. As I am sure the Bitterne Local History Society would point out, the old village of Bitterne is largely in Harefield Ward, and it would be far more accurate to rename this Ward as Harefield & Bitterne, not least because their land areas and number must be very similar.

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