

## Brighton and Hove City Council

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### Comment text:

Firstly, thank you for consulting the public, very important to do. I think that some of the tinkering with the boundaries is unnecessary however i also think that it is understandable and necessary depending on population size, location and growth which changes over time. My main comment is about the naming of Wards, and the changes of that, which i also understand is difficult and you can't please everyone. A big thank you for proposing to change the name of the Patcham Ward to 'Patcham & Hollingbury'. That is something that i commented on, and asked for, in the initial consultation before and i am so pleased you have suggested it. It is where i live and i am so pleased that Hollingbury is potentially going to be put back into a Ward name and given the recognition it deserves as a separate housing community. Thank you again! You have listened. While it doesn't affect me, and i understand you it is not easy, it is a shame that 'Hollingdean' is going to be removed from the Ward names, although Fiveways is a good choice. Maybe this would be better called 'Fiveways & Hollingdean' as they are definitely two distinct suburbs. I think 'Stanmer' on its own doesn't represent the fact that includes Coldean and part of Moulsecoomb which is a shame. I also think it is a shame you have split Moulsecoomb and i thought have thought Moulsecoomb was big enough to have its own Ward, maybe as 'Moulsecoomb and Coldean' although i think 'Stanmer and Coldean' and 'Moulsecoomb and Bevendean' are a better fit, though it depends on if they are balanced population wise of course. It is sad to see 'Withdean' go but good to see 'Westdene' appear. I think the proposed 'Westdene and Hove Park' is a shame as it begins to blur the edges between Brighton & Hove (even though we are 1 City now) and it merges 2 Wards where 1 is in Brighton and the other is in Hove and i'm not sure if this has even happened before or is welcomed. If it does go ahead, then the name is apt, but then i would say that the proposed 'Preston Park' should be called 'Preston Park & Withdean' and maybe take out Withdean Park, Peacock Lane, and Withdean Rise area from 'Patcham' and add to the proposed 'Preston Park' and give Friar Road area to 'Patcham and Hollingbury' in replace of it. I have never heard of an area called 'Hartington' and this seems odd. I prefer 'Hanover & Elm Grove'. Most people refer to Elm Grove as an area. I wonder if any thought has been given to the location of so many buildings that are now student flats that have been erected in our City, such as along London Road and Lewes Road as that will certainly increase the populations of those Wards and might mean that those Wards do not need to be as big geographically as there will be a greater concentration of people in a smaller area. Maybe if Lewes Road is going to have an increased student population then north Moulsecoomb could be given back to a Ward called 'Moulsecoomb' and another Ward could be created or named as 'Bevendean and Lewes Road' to include all the students soon to be living in the old Preston Barracks area. The trouble is that once you tinker with one bit it has a knock on effect to neighbouring Wards and beyond, so there is no easy answer. In a way, naming is less important than making sure each Ward has a similar amount of people in it for proper electoral representation and democracy and also there is often no strict boundaries for neighbourhoods and some are bigger than others. For example, i'm not quite sure how big Tongdean is or where it is precisely and it is not on a Ward name probably because it is quite a loose name and was originally only a farmstead long since swallowed up by development. Finally, please please rename 'Patcham' as 'Patcham & Hollingbury'. This is my main request above all else. Many thanks Proud Hollingbury resident. Please keep me consulted and updated on proceedings.

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