

Brighton and Hove City Council

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As a resident, and property owner, living in [REDACTED] I want to comment on the proposed splitting of Kemptown between two wards, which I don't think is a good idea. My submission relates to the area bounded by Old Steine, Edward Street, Bedford Street and the seafront, which the Boundary Commission has included in Queen's Park ward under the proposals but in fact is part of Kemptown and should be in a ward with the rest of Kemptown. Under the boundary commission's proposals, my address and street would be in the Queens Park ward and not in the Kemptown ward. However Kemptown runs across the entire St James Street strip from Old Steine to Sussex Square. The identity of local residents in this area is strong and if you knocked on doors or spoke to any residents along my road or any of the other roads south of Edward street and asked them where they lived they would say without hesitation that they live in Kemptown. This identity is confirmed by the stated addresses of all local commercial premises in this area. For example all the local hotels in the area south of Edward Street have Kemptown in their address, such as the New Madeira Hotel Kemptown. So do the bars (e.g. Brighton Rocks) and restaurants and churches (St Mary's church). Therefore it does not make sense that the Boundary Commission has put these areas into the Queen's Park ward and not the Kemptown ward. It will be confusing for local residents who will look up who their local councillor is, assume it is a Kemptown councillor, and then find out they are in Queen's Park. I suggest that the Boundary Commission instead bring the whole of Kemptown together in one ward, starting at Old Steine and ending at Sussex Square, using Edward Street as the northern boundary. This would best fit the community of interest, which is very strong.

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