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please find attached a document with my submission re changes to Hollingdean and Stanmer ward ,
poroposed to change to Fiveways.

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Response re Boundary Commission Brighton and Hove

I live in Hollingdean, Brighton and have lived here for 14 years, my son went to school here. My partners parents who are in their 90's live in Hollingdean as does his sister and his family have lived here all of their lives so my comments are reflecting both mine and my partners opinions.

I am commenting on the new 'Fiveways' ward as I don't believe that the commissioners' draft recommendations have found the best solutions to apply the LGBCE's overriding principles.

Fiveways ward

The recommended **name** for this ward ignores the entire Hollingdean community, which is a major Brighton community so ask that the ward name is changed to **Hollingdean and Fiveways**. This will have continuity with the current Hollingdean and Stanmer ward, as well as to encourage people living in Hollingdean to identify with the new ward and participate in the democratic process.

Lewes Road is the established boundary between the current Hollingdean and Stanmer ward (which the recommended Fiveways ward partly replaces) on the west and Moulsecoomb and Bevendean ward on the east. In recommending that this ward boundary move further west to the rail line, the commissioners have taken an already deprived part of Brighton (known locally as Saunders Park), and cut it off from its community in Hollingdean. The difficulty of crossing the Lewes Road in this location, means there are minimal links between the different sides of the road. Residents of Saunders Park have established links to the west rather than the east. The boundary should be maintained as the Lewes Road, and not moved to the railway track.

Brighton's Cityclean refuse depot and recycling centre is a major employer in Hollingdean, and by following the east/west part of Hollingdean Lane, the draft recommended boundaries split the depot site in two. I believe that effective and convenient local government demands clear lines of councillor responsibility for the depot and its workforce. It does not make sense splitting the site across two wards. I believe that effective local government will be served by retaining the current ward boundary at this point, so that from the gyratory junction (Lewes Road/Hollingdean Road/Bear Road), the ward boundary follows the railway line until it meets the Ditchling Road. Or, if the commissioners are now concerned that Downs Infant and Junior Schools should be in the same ward, then the boundary could be moved so that it follows the rail line south and loops around the whole Cityclean depot by following the north/south part of Hollingdean Lane back to the junction with Florence Place.

I have also been looking at 'The Friars' Friar rd etc which I think should be included in Hollingdean and Fiveways and also how far the boundary should go into the current Preston Park ward. So below are the changes which I would like the commissioners to adopt.

Hollingdean and Fiveways ward

- a) An eastern boundary following the Lewes Road as far south as the gyratory and only then moving to the railway line which will retain Saunders Park as part of the ward.
- b) Ensuring the whole Cityclean depot site is within this ward, either by following the railway line up to Ditchling Road or by adjusting the boundary around the entire site rather than cutting it in two.
- c) Including "the Friars" within this ward; ie, the streets named Friar Road, Friar Crescent, Friar Close, Friar Walk, Hollingbury Copse and Surrenden Park.
- d) Moving the boundary with the recommended Preston Park ward to the centre of Balfour Road, so that the neighbourhood from the western side of Balfour Road to Surrenden Road is included in that Preston Park ward, with which residents of that area have much greater affinity and community of interests.

These boundaries would produce a Hollingdean and Fiveways ward having greater local cohesion and meaning for electors than the recommended Fiveways ward, and which will result in more effective and convenient local government.

