

Review Officer (Brighton & Hove),
LGBCE,
P.O. Box 133,
BLYTH, NW14 9FE.

3rd April, 2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Boundary Change and Loss of Historic Ward Name

In [REDACTED] I was elected to Brighton & Hove City Council as a Ward Councillor for Brunswick & Adelaide and was re-elected [REDACTED], and had the honour and pleasure of serving this Ward for 12 years. I was the elected [REDACTED] and in that time visited most parts of this City.

I was able to see that Brunswick & Adelaide ward had a very indentifiable community and the value of this to its very mixed age range and demographics.

From my experience I urge you to retain the boundaries of this Ward in the interests of the residents, who are committed and caring individuals doing everything they can to maintain the area and make it a welcoming place for residents, visitors and students alike.

Brunswick & Adelaide with its Grade 1,2* and 2 listed buildings is part of the Brunswick Conservation Area with its original Brunswick Town Hall, Market and Police Station clearly identifiable. The Hove Lawns are part of this ward and run from the Brighton boundary of the Peace Statue as far as Courtney Gate and are an unparalleled asset to this community as are the wonderful garden squares which give so much pleasure to many flat-dwellers who have no personal outside space.

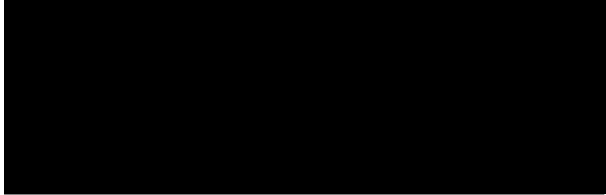
When I was first elected the Council had 72 members and this was reduced a few years later to the current 54 members. I believe there were some changes to boundaries at this time to even out the number of electors in each ward.

The commitment of the residents of Brunswick & Adelaide Ward to one another is shown in the way the various Residents' Associations have joined together so that the Council officers are able to bring matters to all the groups at one meeting, which is I think the only area of its kind.

Please do not destroy this community for no good reason. The name is very special to us.

Yours sincerely,

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Review Officer (Brighton & Hove),
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4th April, 2022.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Review of ward boundaries and possible name change from Brunswick & Adelaide

I have lived at the above address since 1997 in the house my parents bought in the 1970s, so I have seen many changes in that time. However, none have been as shocking to me personally as the suggestion that the historic ward name of Brunswick & Adelaide could be lost and the community made to enter into a forced marriage with Regency ward.

On reading the many pages of details on the website what upsets me is that no actual visit has been made by the committee to the city to view the wards. I appreciate that Covid has been responsible for this, but now restrictions have been lifted perhaps this omission can be rectified.

You would see that although both wards do indeed have the sea as their southern boundaries and also have the shopping area of Western Road running through them, the two wards are completely different. Regency seafront is very commercialised with many businesses in the arches under Kings road offering food and drinks to locals and visitors alike and the BA i360 viewing tower in the middle. Brunswick & Adelaide in contrast has the Hove Lawns for relaxing and only one cafe, the Lawns' Cafe to provide refreshments.

Likewise, the shops on Western Road Brighton are mainly branches of multiples and fairly large. Western Road Hove has mainly small independent retailers.

On Sunday morning I took my dog for a stroll along the promenade and turned to look at the seafront. I was facing Brunswick Square and could see along the lovely facades of the listed buildings all painted the same Brunswick Yellow paint. Continuing to gaze towards Regency ward and Brighton what I saw was modern blocks of flats and large hotels. Hove has always been more residential and Brighton more commercialised. Each part of the City has its own part to play and the differences should be recognised and supported.

I fervently hope that Brunswick & Adelaide Ward can remain unchanged as it is a very historic part of the this city and the residents know this and love it. Please do not succumb to this proposed plan.

Yours faithfully,

