

I am commenting on the draft proposal for the Patcham Ward in the Brighton and Hove area.

I object strongly to the proposal of transferring thousands of residents of Patcham to differing areas such as Westdene and additionally Hollingbury and Carden.

The Patcham community should be kept as one entity and not divided up in arbitrary fashion.

The natural boundary line between Patcham and Westdene is the major A23 road also shown as Patcham By Pass on your map and all residents to the east of the A23 should be in Patcham including the Patcham Conservation Area with the ancient Patcham Old Village and original Old London Road in Patcham being relatively close to the A23 / Patcham by pass. Our own road is in Patcham and the proposal would link it with Westdene which is another distinct area as it's separated by the very busy A23.

Additionally the rest of the Patcham community to the east of the A23 including all of the Eastwick Bottom area shown on your map which is proposed to be in Hollingbury and Carden is also totally not acceptable. All this area was built as the community of Patcham and has a separate identity to Hollingbury.

The historical recognised boundary line between Patcham and Hollingbury is Carden Avenue and the boundary line of Carden Avenue should be retained up to the area around Wilmington Way.

Patcham community is a well-established community with its own identity and should not be split up by arbitrary boundaries.