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The suggestion of removing 90% of present day Patcham (the entire Mackie estate) into a ward called Hollingbury and Carden is absurd. I live in this area and it takes me 5-6 minutes to DRIVE to any area you could suggest might be within a Hollingbury and Carden ward. The draft and further draft proposals for the creation of this new ward is so wide of the mark I can only assume it was done remotely, on a map, without any understanding of this area of the City and the topography of the area. The proposed boundaries all but suggest removing the whole of Patcham from the ward called Patcham. Not only that but the Patcham community focal point of the Ladies Mile Pub would now lie outside of the Westdene and Patcham ward. You'd also be facing the absurd notion of living on Warmdene Avenue directly opposite Patcham School and not being in the same ward as it. The very fact the proposed boundary makes an unnatural detour around the Patcham Schools complex in order to get it within the Westdene & Patcham ward plainly confirms that the plan is fundamentally flawed, and that this detour to the boundary had to be made to avoid universal mockery of the proposal. Geographically I could see how one might try to pull the roads sited between Ladies Mile Road and Carden Avenue into the Hollingbury & Carden ward. Put to propose anything north of Ladies Mile Road into this ward, which encompasses nearly all of modern Patcham, is ludicrous. The Mackie Estate focused around the green at Eastwick Bottom is clearly defined and totally separate in terms of geography and road links to the Carden Avenue neighbourhood, which can only be reached on foot in less than 30 minutes via a mountainous 150ft climb up a set of steps that few local residents could probably scale without a rest. Suggesting the Mackie Estate become part of the Hollingbury & Carden ward is as nonsensical as suggesting Coldean is in Hollingbury or that Westdene is in Hove Park. I hope that this proposal ends up in the bin where it belongs and that when future proposals are drafted they're done by people with some understanding of the area in question.

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