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Related subject: Shieldfield / Ouseburn

We think that the current ward name of 'Ouseburn' is not reflective of the whole of the local community, and propose that the ward name should be changed to Shieldfield & Ouseburn. The Ouseburn ward currently spans both the area of Shieldfield and Ouseburn, and we feel this should be reflected in the name. Our organisation works with many Shieldfield residents, and they report a sense of Shieldfield being overlooked and forgotten. We feel it is important to retain the name of Shieldfield in order to reflect the strong local community and identity which is located here.

Notably, Shieldfield faces challenges (for example, food insecurity and lack of access to green spaces) which are different from our neighbours in the Ouseburn. By having the ward name which only references 'Ouseburn', it gives the impression that the whole area faces challenges that are felt by the immediate geographic area around the Ouseburn river (i.e Stepney Bank & Lime Street).

Attached Documents:

None attached