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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed boundary changes affecting Ventnor Gardens and Ventnor Crescent and the proposal to retain this area within the Saltwell Ward.

As a resident of Ventnor Gardens, I was surprised to learn that the cited reason for this proposal was that the local community has a much closer affinity with the Saltwell Ward. Following discussions with neighbours, it would appear there has been no attempt to consult on our sentiment on the matter, nor can I find any evidence or justification for this assertion.

It's essential for the commission to engage with residents directly to understand our sentiments and preferences accurately. I would be keen to understand who has made this assumption and on what grounds they have reached the basis of their statement.

For the record, it is the widely agreed perspective amongst residents of Ventnor Gardens and Crescent that we feel a much stronger connection to the Low Fell Ward and have been vocal in our advocacy for the switch. Geographically, our homes are much more accessible to the Low Fell Ward. Local amenities are far more accessible in the Low Fell Ward and we are physically separated from the Saltwell Ward by barriers such as the local allotments, the cemetery and Saltwell Park. It is far more practical for us to engage and interact with residents of Low Fell Ward.

Given the significant impact that boundary changes can have on communities, I urge the commission to reconsider this proposal and engage in

meaningful consultation with the residents of Ventnor Gardens and Ventnor Crescent before reaching any decision on this matter. Our voices deserve to be heard, and any decision should reflect the true sentiments and affiliations of our community.

I would appreciate it if someone could provide clarification on how and why these conclusions were initially reached, and provide any further information on how the commission plans to consult with residents of Ventnor Gardens and Ventnor Crescent to ensure that our views are considered in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

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Attached Documents:

None attached