

## Norwich District

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### Comment text:

I have been a city councilor for Wensum ward for the past four years, so would like to make a comment on my experience regarding the outline of the ward as it is currently and the communities I have encountered. At the moment the ward borders on Mancroft ward on Northumberland Street, Armes Street and Nelson Street. This split of the area into two wards is very artificial. Residents between Old Palace Road/ Dereham Road and Waterworks Road form a natural community which is currently split into two by the ward boundaries. WE2 and MA4 should definitely be included in one ward. Residents share similar concerns, many open spaces and parks, a local pub a community center (on Hotblack Road) and a residents' association (The Wensum Residents Association). As a ward councillor I have long worked across those boundaries as issues such as parking, traffic, anti social behaviour and drug dealing usually affect WE2 and MA4 in a similar way and are not separated by the ward boundary. The other artificial boundary is on Earlham Road, the cemetery side of Earlham Road is currently part of Wensum, whereas the other side is part of Nelson. Residents on Earlham Road clearly form a local community which shares concerns about the same problems and uses the same local facilities, including a church and local shops. These two sides of the road should therefore also be united. I would therefore propose that WE2, MA4, NE1 and NE2 should be part of the same ward after the boundary review.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded