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To: reviews
Subject: Councillor submission for the review of Norwich ward boundaries

Dear Sir or Madam,

Could I please urge you to do a number of things please with regards to Mancroft ward which I represent:

- 1) Ensure that MA4 and WE2 are kept together. Given that there is a residents group that covers both polling districts it does NOT make sense to divide this very homogenous area. Similarly keeping this area together with WE3 and also NE1 also makes sense as they are very similar demographically. Furthermore as NE1 and NE2 share the same focus on the Earlham Rd shops, it makes sense to have a ward which contains MA4, WE2, WE3, NE1 and NE2
- 2) That the area to the north of the city remains intact. The area in particular around St Augustine's Street is a very strongly established community, with an active residents association. Fracturing this area up would not be helpful for the local residents or indeed councillors who would have to represent these residents.
- 3) MA1 should remain as part of the city centre as its proximity and ease of access (through the West Pottergate underpass) as well as down Earlham and Dereham Rd mean it is more clearly defined as part of city centre than part of "Golden Triangle". This area does have its own residents association and the electorate there are very distinct from those living on the western side of Heigham Road. Finally given that this area is part of the parish of St Giles and the church there takes a keen interest in activities there, it would make sense to retain this as part of the new Mancroft ward which would cover the city centre
- 4) MA3 should remain linked to the shops on Dereham Road and remain part of Mancroft ward. Given that many residents use the services provided by the shops on both sides of Dereham Road, this should remain part of the area which MA1 finds itself in.
- 5) The area of MA5 at the bottom of Ber Street (the south eastern part of the polling district), while being part of the city centre per se, feels quite cut off from the rest of ward. This could and probably should be given to another ward, e.g. Lakenham or Thorpe Hamlet. The current boundary makes no sense as issues in Foulgers Opening for instance are much the same as issues at the bottom of King Street/Rouen Road. Similarly Southgate Lane itself is cut off from the rest of Mancroft by Bracondale and so should probably be part of Lakenham.

Thanks a lot for your time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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