

Manchester District

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I believe the 'Manley Park' neighbourhood should stay part of Whalley Range ward. This north-western corner of the current WR ward contains MOST of the public facilities for the WR ward. The well-used bars on Upper Chorlton Rd (Nip + Tipple, Hillary Step, Jam St) are some of the only places that local residents can meet for drinks, food and non-alcoholic drinks. Manley Park itself is popular for exercise, childrens play area, general relaxation, and special events like 'Celebrate Festival'. Manley park also contains a youth centre. The shops on Clarendon Road are always busy, and act as a focal point for people to meet. The JNR8 Community Centre at 82 Cromwell Rd, is HQ for Whalley Range Community Forum, and hosts regular classes and activities on weekdays: the premises are then used for the youth club in evenings and weekends. The only other facilities in the entire WR ward are the shops (and the Mediterranean Cafe) at the north end of Withington Road: and Alexandra Park (which includes the Tea Hive café). The whole of the rest of the ward is housing (plus a few schools, and some places of worship). There is no real focal point to the Whalley Range ward. To remove the manley park area from WR ward, would decimate it! It would be very difficult for community COHESION, when there would be so few places to physically meet fellow residents. The Whalley Range Community Forum would lose its' base (which is in Manely Park area) and find it very difficult to continue its work which tries to unify the rest of the ward. WR residents would have very little chance to meet anybody except their near-neighbours. New residents would not identify with the area, if all they do there is come home to sleep at night. This may even impact on GOVERNANCE- local councillors (who also use manley park for their surgeries) will find it harder to connect with the electors. And finally, SENSE OF COMMUNITY- Whalley Range is proud to be an independent area- I have lived in the manley park area for 8 years, and do NOT feel any affinity with 'CHORLTON'. I know many people in the manley park area who are just as proud to be in WR as I am. I suggest a compromise: the Wilbraham Rd area, but only as far North as Manley Road, could be moved from WR to Chorlton. But Clarendon Road and the Dukeries, should stay WR. Milton, Cromwell, York and Bury should also say WR. The shops on Upper Chorlton Rd, and the Western end of College Road, should also stay in WR.

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