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I'd like to suggest that the current draft proposals on the new division boundaries are reviewed at the point where several streets on the north of Victoria Road are separated into Castle and Newnham, when they have historically been in West Chesterton, while others go to the new Arbury.

These roads on either side of Victoria Road have long made up a single community that has little or nothing in common with the vast spread of Newnham and Castle.

I on principle disagree with two member wards as well, as the geographical link between democratic representatives and their constituents is crucial at local government level. Separating out an existing local community in this way and attaching it to an oversized, incoherent multi-member ward completely goes against the principle that ward patterns should reflect community interests and identities. There is in particular no logic to the pattern of this giant ward at the point it covers Victoria Road, as these roads are clearly bolted on to mop up some extra households rather than reflecting any coherent community pattern. The natural boundaries of this area are at Chesterton Road and Castle Hill; this reflects shopping patterns, school catchment areas and healthcare use.

All the best,
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