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To: reviews
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing this response to the Local Government Boundary Commission in Nottingham City. I'd first like the opportunity to say, as a recently elected (since the initial consultation) councillor for Bestwood ward that I fully support the commissions proposal to leave the Bestwood ward unchanged. Keeping the Bestwood Estate, Bestwood Park Estate and Leen Valley and Top Valley areas together makes sense for multi-agency working from a council level, school catchment areas, NHS services such as GP surgeries and the local library, community centres and leisure centre. Moreover as a local Councillor I know that residents in all parts of the Bestwood ward identify very strongly as 'Bestwood', which is why I would strongly oppose the Conservatives proposal to move the Bestwood Estate out of the Bestwood Ward into a Sherwood Ward. To me this seems utterly illogical, confusing to residents and problematic for the provision of multiple services.

I'd also like to comment on the proposals for The Meadows as a current resident, and The Park and City wards as a former resident.

Firstly I'll discuss The Meadows where I currently live. I note the commission has decided to split The Meadows community into two single member wards. To me this is utterly illogical, The Meadows is a distinct community who share services including schools, GP services, Meadows Partnership Trust, Meadows Advice Centre (of which I am a former director) and much more. While I would like to comment more on the commissions proposal to split The Meadows I feel somewhat unable to, as the proposals just don't make sense! The commission notes two different areas in The Meadows, but as a Meadows resident this just not the case. These areas are different only in housing style, not communities as evidenced by the sharing of services and award winning community projects such as the Meadows in Bloom project. I am left further confused by the proposals as it places my address, in an old converted mill in the 'New Meadows' ward - certainly not the New Meadows in reality! Perhaps more confusingly is the inclusion of the area around St Saviours Church in the 'Embankment' ward - an area which in housing style is very distinctly New Meadows! I therefore propose merging these wards into one two member ward called 'The Meadows'.

I'd also like to comment on the proposals for The Park and City wards. I propose merging these two wards to make a two member ward. As a former private tenant in The Park Estate I was unable to join the Park a Estate board and thus felt isolated from The Park community. I believe that this ward would ultimately be dominated by more longstanding Park Estate residents leading to underrepresentation of many residents in this ward. Moreover as The Park is a private Estate there are no council facilities in The Park Estate, meaning residents look towards to city for such services. It is also worth noting that only 45% of this ward - under half - actually reside in what would be considered The Park. A large part of this ward is based around the canal and the Castle Marina area. To access the Park Estate by car from these areas at the nearest gate is not possible to non-Park residents due to ANPR electronic bollards. It I also worth noting that residents to the East and North of the Park Estate are much more likely to identify with the city centre.

Thank you for receiving this submission and I hope you take these points into consideration.

Best wishes,

Councillor Georgia Power