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Ref: Nottingham City Ward Boundaries – Radford & Park Ward Dear Sir / Madam I am writing to make a submission to the boundary review that is currently open for consultation. I am making this submission in a personal capacity. I have lived in the Nottingham Park Estate for over 20 years and have lived in the local area in this part of Nottingham for nearly 30 years. I am also a Committee Member of the Nottingham Park Estate Residents Association. Background I believe that when the last set of ward boundaries were set out, an anomaly was created in the boundary between the current wards of Radford & Park and Dunkirk & Lenton, where they meet on the western side of the Park Estate. The current review provides a good opportunity to correct this anomaly and I think that an adjustment should be made. At the moment a small area that is within the Nottingham Park Estate is located in Dunkirk & Lenton Ward, when the vast majority of the rest of the Park Estate is located in Radford & Park Ward. I believe that the whole of The Park Estate should be located in one ward since the estate (known as The Park) has a strong internal 'community of identity'. More information about the history of The Park can be found here, which explains the reasons behind its strong community of identity: www.thenottinghamparkestateltd.co.uk/pages/53/1/A_Brief_History_of_the_NPEL.html In simple terms The Park consists of an estate of un-adopted roads, managed by a resident run company (Nottingham Park Estate Ltd - NPEL) that provides services that cover what would broadly be termed 'street scene and public realm' in the estate. Other services are provided by Nottingham City Council in the normal way. NPEL services are funded by a 'Rate Charge' levied on residential and non-residential property in The Park. I understand that the powers to levy this charge are covered by an Act of Parliament. The Nottingham Park Estate Act 1990. See: www.legislation.gov.uk/ukla/1990/14/pdfs/ukla_19900014_en.pdf The presence of such a charge, along with the geographical boundaries of the estate, create a very clear boundary, as well as a defined area that residents are familiar with. Owners of property know if they are liable for their charge or not, if they are, they are residents of The Park Estate. Problem with existing ward boundary Since the Park Estate has such a strong internal community of identity, and clear boundaries, it would be beneficial for all of the estate to be located in a single ward. However, a very small part of the south west corner of The Park was placed in Dunkirk & Lenton ward at the last review. It would clearly be much more logical for any ward boundary in this area to be drawn such that it followed the boundary of the Park Estate. In this area the boundary of The Park falls along the boundary between properties on Lenton Road, The Park, and Park Road, Lenton. There is also an Estate boundary between 78 and 80 Castle Boulevard, on the north side of Castle Boulevard. Proposal With the above in mind, I propose that the boundary in this area is redrawn to bring the following properties into the same ward as the rest of The Park Estate. • 43 Lenton Road NG7 1DU (consists of 3 flats, currently 2 people listed on the Electoral Register) • 45 – 47 Lenton Road NG7 1DW (consists of 8 flats, currently 11 people listed on the Electoral Register) • The next property, 74 Park Road NG7 1JG, would remain in its existing ward of Dunkirk & Lenton (or whatever a future ward that covered that area might be). • The properties from 78 to 66 Castle Boulevard NG7 1FP (inclusive) should also fall in the same ward as the rest of the Park Estate (none of these are currently residential properties, but they are within the boundary of the Park Estate and it is possible that the land might at some future stage be used for residential dwellings as has happened to other land in the area close by.) The boundary should follow the defined Park Estate boundary (mostly a section of wall) at the end of Park Road, and then the property boundaries between 45-47 Lenton Road and 74 Park Road, then follow the western boundary of the property at 78 Castle Boulevard until the ward boundary met Castle Boulevard. Impact on Electoral Variances The proposal I am making relates to a very small number of properties and not all of them are residential at the present time. The number of registered electors affected by making this change would be very small (currently 13 people residing in 11 flats). Making a change of this scale would not have enough impact on the overall number of electors in either adjoining ward for it to have wider implications. Impact on local government representation The proposal I am making would improve this because people in an area with a clear community of interest would all be represented by the same ward councillors as their neighbours in the rest of the Park Estate, they would cast votes in the same polling station as others in The Park Estate, and the situation would be more logical to the residents concerned. Other related boundaries in this area The canal to the south of Castle Boulevard is a relatively strong 'natural' barrier. Castle Bridge Road might also be considered a reasonable 'east west' barrier. There are a small group of properties beside the canal on the north bank (south side of Castle Boulevard) in this area – they are 177 to 171 NG7 1GY Castle Boulevard and 1 to 7 'Greystacks' NG7 1GY (a student accommodation building). Although not related to the submission content above (they are not in The Park Estate), the Commission my wish to decide if this section of the south side of Castle Boulevard should be in the same ward as the rest of the properties along the south side of Castle Boulevard, which is the current Radford & Park ward – ie the same ward as 169 to 61 Castle Boulevard further east. I hope these suggestions can be taking into account. Yours faithfully Daniel Lucas [REDACTED]

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