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Dear Reviewing Officer
Re: Moss Side ward boundary, Manchester

I write to you as the Chair of Friends of Whitworth Park, of Moss Side in Manchester ([M14 4PW](#)). We were unaware of plans to change the ward boundary of Moss Side so that it would no longer incorporate Whitworth Park and Whitworth Art Gallery which is based in the grounds of the park. We understand that the deadline for comments has passed but concern is widespread and we would be grateful if you would take on board our comments.

There are very few areas of recreational land serving the growing population of Moss Side, which consists of tightly packed terraced houses with tiny yards. This park is seen very much as part of our local heritage and as part of the identity of Moss Side. It was bequeathed by Sir Joseph Whitworth in the late 1800s for the benefit of the people. It is used mostly by the local people of Moss Side who feel a strong connection to it.

The proposal is to now make it part of Ardwick. Ardwick has always been separated by the hospitals and universities: a vast expansion of non-residential buildings that separate the residential area of Ardwick from the park. The proposal to make a couple of streets to the north of Denmark Rd part of Ardwick does little to incorporate this park into the community of Ardwick as these streets consist almost entirely of halls of residence, or student housing, ie., the population is mostly transient. The connection and sense of heritage of this wonderful asset to the local community is far strongest with residents of Moss Side to the south of Moss Lane East (which borders the park.)

We have no committee members from Ardwick. We feel no geographical connection to Ardwick, yet believe firmly that this park and its gallery are at the heart of the Moss Side community. The boundary can easily be changed to allow the park to remain part of Moss Side without any increase in the constituents. We urge you to make these changes.

Yours faithfully

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