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Manor Castle ward has several small focal points rather than one large 'High Street' style of centre.

The shops and Park Library on the lower part of City Road (as it joins Duke Street). Park Library is volunteer run, with volunteers drawn from the local community, particularly the Norfolk Park and Park Hill areas. The Library includes the Park Centre, which is used by local groups for meetings and leisure activity (indoor bowls and exercise classes). Groups from Park Hill make considerable use of this space, hiring it for community meetings for groups such as 'Park Hill Against Hate' and the 'Friends of Skyeline Parket Park'. The Post Office and various small shops and takeaways along this lower stretch of City Road and Duke Street are the natural focus for the communities in the Norfolk Park area (Norfolk Road, Talbot Road, Ingram Road, Granville Road, Holdings Road etc).

Manor Park Centre is a focal point for the Manor estate, providing shopping, Post Office and takeaway food outlets. There are also community resources such as the Community Space, which offers advice and guidance to local residents.

The Green Estates projects and Manor Lodge, both on Manor Lane, provide a focal point for community pride and a sense of history. Manor Fields, between City Road and the cemetery is also a focal point, as it is a large area of green space with good play facilities. The local community which surrounds Manor Fields has particularly strong connections to this space, as it has been a community-led regeneration project of a neglected area.

Around the Fairleigh roundabout, the shops and St. Swithun's church are well used by the local communities.

I would say that Prince of Wales Road acts as a border for our community, with people more likely to shop, socialise and use leisure facilities on the western side of this road.

The tram lines act as a border on the western edge of Manor Castle ward (athough the border itself is the river Sheaf, which runs under the station) There is a sense of ownership of the South Street Park and ampitheatre which lead up from the tramlines and station: local ward-based groups have planted trees and run community events such as picnics and litter picks over many years.

Looking at the projected figures for 2032, and at the map of current ward boundaries, it would make sense to:

Enlarge Woodhouse ward, by moving the area to the NE of the A57, (Bramley Park Road etc) from Richmond in Woodhouse. This makes sense geographically - the ward boundary runs along several roads, such as Handsworth Road, leading to houses on opposite sides of the same road being in different wards.

This would reduce the size of Richmond ward. This could be countered by moving some of the streets currently in Manor Castle to the east of Prince of Wales Road (Castlebeck Drive, Castlebeck Avenue, Angleton Avenue, Vikinglea Road etc) into Richmond ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached