31st August 2026

Town Hall
Sheffield, S1 2HH

Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Via email

Re: Park and Arbourthorne Ward

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the local government boundary review in Sheffield, with specific reference to the current Park and Arbourthorne Ward.

Arbourthorne Ward was created in 2004 from parts of Heeley, Park and Intake wards, and was renamed in 2016.

We believe the core of the ward, the Arbourthorne and Norfolk Park estates, works well together and has a shared identity and common community interests. However, the 2004 boundaries leave two communities divided.

Hurlfield forms part of Gleadless Townend. The primary school catchment is Gleadless Primary School in Richmond Ward. Residents there tend to look east along the main road and south towards Crystal Peaks, rather than into the city centre.

Heeley is also split between Park and Arbourthorne (P&A) and Gleadless Valley (GV). This division is particularly problematic on Heeley Bank Road, where it appears to make little sense on the ground to residents. Heeley residents in both P&A and GV use shared facilities such as Heeley City Farm and the shops at Heeley Green. Their primary school catchment is Anns Grove. The Council places the polling station for the AF polling district in GV Ward because there is no suitable location within AF itself. This demonstrates that the current boundary performs poorly against the LGBCE criterion of convenient and effective local government, as a polling station can only be accommodated outside the ward.

We propose moving Gleadless Townend south of Hurlfield Road into Richmond Ward.
We also propose bringing more of Heeley into the ward. Either Prospect Road/Spencer Road or the lower part of Gleadless Road would provide a clearer and more recognisable boundary than the current arrangements. Both roads meet the existing Gleadless Road boundary at Heeley Green.

The area of Heeley around Chesterfield Road was historically known as "Heeley Bottom" and distinguished from the hamlets to the south ("Upper Heeley"). We would consider "Arbourthorne and Upper Heeley" to be a suitable name for the ward, as it would be clear to residents and has a historical basis.

The former name of "Park" referred to a wider area, including what is now the Manor estate (for example, Park Rifles Allotments), which historically formed part of Sheffield's deer park. The name

has little resonance today, and most residents assume it refers to Norfolk Park. However, as Norfolk Park is split between Manor Castle and Park and Arbourthorne wards, it would not be a suitable ward name as it could misdirect residents.

Yours faithfully.



Cllr Ben Miskell
Councillor for Park and Arbourthorne