

Future District Ward Boundary Consultation

I have been a St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor serving the Moreton Hall ward (originally part of Eastgate ward) since 1995 (23 years). I have also served as the Suffolk County Councillor for the Eastgate and Moreton Hall Division from 2001 - 2005 and from 2009 to date (13 years).

Having lived on Moreton Hall since 1978, almost from its beginning, I have seen the continuous housing and commercial expansion. I originally stood for election to ensure that Moreton Hall evolved for the benefit of its residents and to ensure the impact on our neighbours in Eastgate was acceptable.

Although the first build dwellings of the Moreton Hall estate were initially in the Eastgate Ward, the rapid level of housing expansion soon justified the creation of a separate ward. This was a straightforward process as Moreton Hall, then as now, had clearly defined boundaries with the railway to the north, the A14 trunk road to the west and south and Rougham airfield and Rougham parish to the east. There was, and remains, one important difference between the wards; one is long established with its name reflecting one of the historic entrances and its proximity to the town and the other, a very large new housing estate alongside a large and expanding Suffolk Park.

I was the councillor involved in the creation of the Eastgate Community Association and latterly I initiated the setting up of the Moreton Hall Residents' Association. Both are prospering, both have excellent knowledge of issues affecting their local communities and both have achieved high levels of representation for local people by local people.

The priority for any review should be to benefit communities and to protect their identities. It should not centre on the numbers represented by each member because that principle loses credibility in two or three-member wards, particularly if there is different political representation. What is to prevent every constituent contacting just one member in a multi-member ward? Clearly, nothing, so the equal representation falls at the first hurdle.

I understand that this conforms with guidance, but we should not interpret guidance as mandatory. Over many years, the DCLG "guidance" on housing densities and parking standards was obeyed without challenge. That guidance has now been relaxed but it is far too late to prevent the consequences of crammed in housing with inadequate parking.

Councils are supposed to represent communities; not divide them. The covering email from Leah states that, "... the options for the council wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of communities." I agree that they should but the proposals for the Eastgate and Moreton Hall wards do not because Eastgate is urban, Moreton Hall is suburban and Rougham is rural. That alone is reason not to mix them. The interest and identity of communities must not be compromised for council expediency.

Reference is also made to "acceptable electoral equality." While juggling figures may satisfy the quest for equal numbers, the cabinet system of local government ensures power remains vested in just a handful of members.

The issue of house occupancy is another factor that is variable and can quickly create imbalance. For example, I live in, and am surrounded by, three and four-bedroom houses with just one of them occupied by more than two people. Circumstances can change that will alter the balance.

I question why, when local government has so many challenges, energy is expended trying to create a black and white solution in a grey world.

I see no justification in changing the boundaries of the Eastgate or Moreton Hall wards but would accept the inclusion of the 500 houses at Lark Rise into Moreton Hall.

Trevor Beckwith

Suffolk County Councillor for Eastgate and Moreton Hall Division
St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor for Moreton Hall Ward

From: [Brown, Simon](#)
To: [Osman, Fiona](#)
Cc: [Mickleborough, Leah](#); [Glossop, Susan](#); [Hopfensperger, Rebecca](#); "[lynnplampin@btinternet.com](#)"; [Jane O'Brien](#); [Bull, Carol](#); [Smith, Andrew](#); [carol everett](#); "[Caroline](#)"
Subject: RE: Rural Warding Review
Date: 27 March 2018 18:30:37

Good evening Fiona,

Please note for the record my opposition to the proposed Boundary changes for Pakenham Ward. I can also confirm that Troston Parish Council and likewise RAF Honington are in opposition to these changes. I understand the RAF Honington Station Commander has issued a letter raising their opposition also to the proposed changes.

Along with this, it makes logical and practical sense to for Ingham to be part of Risby and Barnham to be kept within its current Ward.

I understand Cllr Andrew Smith has provided a proposal for the boundaries, which I very much support and the reasons given. I trust this will be given due consideration and any final decision respects and values the wishes of the respective villages, communities, Parish Councils, Borough and County Councillors, as well RAF Honington.

Yours,

Simon

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Pakenham Ward - Borough Councillor

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Subject: warding
Date: 23 March 2018 10:59:00

Dear All

These are my thoughts as to how the warding should look for the new council.

Barton Mills

Worlington

Freckenham

Red Lodge 1

Herringswell

Barton Mills

Worlington

Freckenham

Red Lodge 2

Herringswell

Tuddenham

Cavenham

Icklingham

Lackford

Flempton

Hengrave

Higham

Risby

This may seem a big ward but some of the villages meet bi-monthly and some quarterly and some only twice a year.

Gazeley are happy to go with Kentord and Moulton but think that Dalham should be included

Regards

Cllr Mrs Rona Burt

Local member Icen Ward

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Subject: Rural Warding Review
Date: 27 March 2018 13:27:03
Attachments: [North East Warding Recommendation.xlsx](#)

Dear Fiona,

I would like to place on record my objection to the proposed ward boundary changes as they specifically affect Bardwell Ward. In short, my proposal is that there should be no change to the current Bardwell and Pakenham wards and that Ingham remains as part of Risby ward. For the record, I am reflecting not just my own, but also wide ranging local views, which have been expressed during a series of meetings/discussions involving Parish Councils (Barnham, Honington & Sapiston, Fakenham Magna, Euston and Troston), SCC Councillors Joanna Spicer and Rebecca Hopfensperger, the RAF, Borough Councillors Simon Brown and Susan Glossop. As a consequence of such wide ranging discussions, it is inevitable that resulting formal representations will be similar in many ways, but whilst accepting that the warding review had to start somewhere, there has been some understandable surprise that "Option A" proposed splitting RAF Honington across two different wards. I also believe the base commander will be writing to emphasise that this is not an acceptable position from the perspective of the RAF. Turning now to Barnham where concerns relate mostly to splitting the village away from Euston (and also the Euston Estate), I would ask that significant weight is given to the fact that Barnham and Euston share many things including clergy, school, village hall, Over 60s Club, British Legion, Women's Institute and as such they should remain inextricably linked. Similar historic, community and cultural links also extend across the remaining Parishes in Bardwell ward. The attached spreadsheet seeks to also highlight the issue that under this proposal Ingham Parish would be better served as part of Risby Ward (not Pakenham Ward). In short, the position highlighted in the spreadsheet can be described as follows:-

Bardwell Ward (to remain as present)

Bardwell 628, Barnham 476, Coney Weston 308, Euston 99, Fakenham Magna 128, Honington (Village) 254, Sapiston 141 - 2034

Pakenham Ward (to remain as present)

Pakenham 680, Troston 572, Honington (Station) 439, Great Livermere 178, Ampton 49, Timworth 48, Little Livermere 28 - 1994

Risby Ward (from data in consultation)

Delete Barnham – minus 476 but add Ingham 355 - 2023

In summary the strengths are:-

- Keeps existing communities together.
- Ward electorates are in-line with West Suffolk electorate target (2,055 + or – 10%).
- Barnham remains part of Bardwell Ward.
- Avoids splitting RAF Honington (supported by the RAF).
- Keeps Euston Estate intact.
- Ingham much closer aligned to Risby Ward than Barnham (Supported by local Ward Cllr).
- Has the support of two SCC Councillors and 3 Borough Councillors.

If anything is not clear please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Cllr Andrew Smith

Ward member for Bardwell

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

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Polling district	Parish	Bardwell Ward			Pakenham Ward			Risby Ward		
		2023 Parish Projection	SEBC Ward Consultation Proposal	Community Recommended Warding Solution	2023 Parish Projection	SEBC Ward Consultation Proposal	Community Recommended Warding Solution	2023 Parish Projection	SEBC Ward Consultation Proposal	Community Recommended Warding Solution
		Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate	Electorate
WBdw - Bardwell	Bardwell	628	628	628						
WBhm - Barnham	Barnham	476	0	476				0	476	0
WCWe - Coney Weston	Coney Weston	308	308	308						
WEus - Euston	Euston	99	99	99						
WFMa - Fakenham Magna	Fak Magna	128	128	128						
WHon1 - Honington - Pt One	Honington	254	254	254						
WSap - Sapiston	Sapiston	141	141	141						
BHon2 - Honington - Pt Two (Station)	Troston	0	439	0	439	0	439			
BPak - Pakenham	Pakenham				680	680	680			
Btro - Troston	Troston				572	572	572			
BGLi - Great Livermere	Gt. Livermere				178	178	178			
BAmp - Ampton	Ampton				49	49	49			
BTim - Timworth	Timworth				48	48	48			
BLLi - Little Livermere	Lt. Livermere				28	28	28			
WIng - Ingham	Ingham				0	355	0	355	0	355
WRis - Risby	Risby							596	596	596
WCul - Culford	Culford							360	360	360
WFle - Flempton	Flempton							124	124	124
WHen - Hengrave	Hengrave							132	132	132
WIck - Icklingham	Icklingham							299	299	299
WWSt - West Stow	West Stow							142	142	142
WWor - Wordwell	Wordwell							15	15	15
		2,034	1,997	2,034	1,994	1,910	1,994	2,023	2,144	2,023

From: Joanna Spicer
To: [Osman, Fiona](#); [Mickleborough, Leah](#)
Cc: [Smith, Andrew](#); [Brown, Simon](#); [SCC-RHopfensperger](#); [Barnham PC](#); [Honington cum Sapiston Parish Council](#); ["Fakenham Magna PC"](#); [Graeme Norris](#); [Griffiths, John](#); [Thorndyke, Jim](#); [Bull, Carol](#); [David Nettleton](#)
Subject: Ward Boundary consultation
Date: 26 March 2018 19:52:10

Dear Fiona and Leah

This is my official response to the current consultation on proposed new ward boundaries as they effect the Suffolk County Council Blackbourn division and neighbouring wards. (but particularly the current Bardwell ward) . I have been the County Councillor for this area for almost 29 years and I also supported my husband who was the Borough Councillor for the Pakenham and Troston (RAF Honington) Ward for 12 years until 2015 Quite specifically I wish to record an objection to your proposal to split RAF Honington across two different wards and to separate Barnham away from Euston and link it to Risby and Icklingham.

In the case of RAF Honington to split the camp residential areas between two wards divided by only a narrow road when the community facilities are on both sides of the road seems divisive and confusing. The actual camp and airfield covers 4 parishes and all have been consulted and all feel that the whole camp should remain as at present. For the record, until about 15 years ago it was split between Honington and Troston parishes and after due process with the Boundary Commission and the Borough it was all brought in to the Pakenham/Troston ward. All parishes involved meet regularly with the Station Commander and senior RAF managers (RAF Honington Parish Liaison Committee) and County and Borough Councillors also attend.

In the case of Barnham the concerns relate mostly to splitting the village away from Euston (and also the Euston Estate). Barnham and Euston share many things including clergy, school, village hall, Over 60s Club, British Legion, Women's Institute. The villages are 0.7 miles apart. But there is also bewilderment to link Barnham to a village as far as Risby which is 11 miles away and there is absolutely no connection between any of the communities proposed for that ward.

Since the consultation was launched there have been a series of parish council meetings (Troston, Honington, Barnham, Euston, Fakenham Magna) who all share these concerns. Councillor Andrew Smith, Councillor Simon Brown and I have also had a meeting with the chairmen of Honington and

Troston parish councils together with RAF Honington who are important in all this. County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger and I both agree on this response

None of us want to just oppose your consultation proposals unless we can put forward an alternative that works with your numbers criteria. Nor are we aware of any contrary views likely to come forward before the end of the consultation. This is as follows :

Bardwell Ward (to remain as present)

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Pakenham Ward (to remain as present)

*Pakenham 680, Troston 572, Honington (Station) 439, Great Livermere 178, Ampton 49, Timworth 48, Little Livermere 28 - **1994***

Risby Ward (from data in consultation)

*Delete Barnham – minus 476 but add Ingham 355 – **2023***

Ixworth/Ixworth Thorpe (1902) Barningham (2211) and Stanton (2234) wards to also remain as at present

Strengths

- Keeps existing communities together.
- Ward electorates are in-line with SEBC electorate target (2,055 + or – 10%).
- Barnham remains in Bardwell ward.
- Avoids splitting RAF Honington across 2 wards
- Supported by the RAF (MOD)
- Supported by Barnham, Euston, Fakenham, Honington/Sapiston and Troston Parish Councils
- Keeps Barnham and Euston together (they have mostly joint organisations and services).
- Keeps Euston Estate all in the same ward.
- Ingham much closer aligned to Risby Ward than Barnham
- Allows for projected population growth in Ixworth
- Avoids 2 member rural wards
- Has the support of two SCC Councillors and 3 Borough Councillors.

Best wishes

Joanna Spicer, County Councillor

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From: Barnham PC
To: [electoral.review](#)
Cc: [Smith, Andrew](#); [Ed Wyer](#)
Subject: Response to Warding Consultation - 2018 - Barnham Parish Council
Date: 26 March 2018 13:47:46

Hello

Barnham Parish Council would strongly recommend the status quo regarding warding boundaries. It would like to continue being a member of the **Bardwell Ward:** *Bardwell 628, Barnham 476, Coney Weston 308, Euston 99, Fakenham Magna 128, Honington (Village) 254, Sapiston 141 = 2034 people.*

This is based on the Barnham's very strong historical links with its neighbours – particularly Euston and Bardwell.

Kind regards

Caroline Dowson

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From: Susan Boor
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Boundary Changes
Date: 22 March 2018 15:42:59

At a recent meeting of Depden Parish Council concern was expressed that the new boundary did not take into account the Church Benefice of Chedburgh, Chevington, Depden, Hargrave, Hawkedon and Rede.

It was also felt that Depden has a greater social inter-action with Wickhambrook ie the doctors surgery, shop and links with Kellys Meadow

Regards

Susan Boor

Clerk to Depden Parish Council

Adam Jones
Chairman
Fakenham Magna Parish Council

West Suffolk Council - electoral review consultation

Dear Sir or Madam,

At our recent meeting, Fakenham Magna Parish Council had the opportunity to review the proposal for the new set of wards for the future West Suffolk council. Naturally, we focused our view on our proposed new ward and our neighbouring communities, addressing your concerns of:

- Do the proposed wards reflect local communities and offer effective local government?
- How can the proposals be improved whilst maintaining electoral equality?

We were surprised and disappointed that the proposal has split Barnham village from the existing Bardwell ward and paired it with Risby. From a local community point of view this would seem to be a retrograde step for the following reasons.

1. Barnham has been part of the Euston estate since 1692. Fakenham Magna, Honington, Sapiston and Euston are also part of the same estate and are therefore similarly affected by estate matters.
2. Barnham church has been united with Euston for over eighty years. Fakenham Magna is also in the same Benefice.
3. Barnham, Euston and Fakenham Magna have shared a local publication "The Link" for many years.
4. Fakenham Magna Parish Council have a representative on Barnham Village Hall Committee. This is a requirement of the committee's constitution, and is a reflection of the past and current links between the two villages.

5. Local issues that affect Barnham are more likely to affect the surrounding communities of Euston, Fakenham Magna, Honington and Sapiston than Risby. From the point of view of the councillors and the communities it would seem beneficial to keep Barnham in a ward with its closer neighbours.

The new ward boundaries not only have spliced Barnham away from their nearest geographical neighbours, they have also managed to divide the camp at RAF Honington into two adjoining wards.

To answer your second concern, a simple improvement to the issues raised would be to move Barnham to the Honington & Bardwell Ward, shift the RAF base into the Pakenham & Troston ward, and finally move Ingham to join Risby. This would not only maintain electoral equality, but also maintain the historic community links between Barnham and its neighbouring villages.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Jones
Chairman, Fakenham Magna Parish Council

From: clerk
To: [electoral.review](#)
Cc: [SCC-RHopfensperger](#)
Subject: Great Barton Ward
Date: 26 March 2018 11:25:11

The Parish Council of Fornham All Saints, having considered the proposals to create a ward encompassing Fornham All Saints, Fornham St Genevieve, Fornham St Martin & Great Barton and taking into account the following questions would like to submit the comments to each as below:

1. Do the proposed wards reflect local communities and offer effective local government?

The Parish Council of Fornham All Saints opposes the allocation of one ward with 2 councillors to include the above parishes for the following reasons:

- There is a concern that there will be penalisation of The Fornhams by having 2 Councillors – difficult to envisage this working with equal share of duties and responsibilities – there may be an issue with only one being ultimately responsible for issues raised. Concern that the largest ward will in effect have the one Councillor and that the other villages will be left with a reduced resource.
- Concern that Fornham All Saints will be subsumed into Great Barton.
- Loss of identity for Fornham All Saints.
- Similar-sized parishes are retaining one Councillor representation which should be considered here.
- Despite working together on one project, Fornham All Saints has no or little affinity with Great Barton.

2. How can the proposals be improved whilst maintaining electoral equality?

The Parish Council agreed that it wished to maintain the status quo and remain as the 3 Fornhams with the inclusion of a village/villages geographically closer i.e. on its borders e.g. Culford/Hengrave/Flempton. It was felt that there was more “village-ness” in hooking up to smaller villages surrounding Fornham All Saints and staying with Fornham St Martin and Fornham St Genevieve.

3. Are the proposed names of the wards right? The Parish Council does not support the name and would wish to see the name Fornham included in the title of the ward – the suggested name of The Fornhams and Great Barton is acceptable. However the comments raised above are still valid.

The Parish Council would also like to state that whilst it recognizes that a longer more formal consultation period will be entered into during the Summer of 2018, the Parish Council is concerned that this consultation period on the initial options for the new ward boundaries to inform both St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath’s recommendations is not sufficiently long enough or detailed enough.

Regards,

Victoria

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From: Linda Harley
To: [Mickleborough, Leah](#)
Subject: Response to consultation on district ward boundaries
Date: 22 March 2018 15:02:28

Hi Leah

Just wanted to let you know Gt Barton Parish Council's comments on the proposed warding arrangements:

They prefer the idea of being a 2 member ward and combining with The Forhams, to Gt Barton being warded and split across 2 district wards.

Thank you,

Linda

Mrs Linda Harley (CiLCA)
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From: Colin Poole
To: [electoral.review](#)
Cc: [Mickleborough, Leah](#); [Osman, Fiona](#)
Subject: Ward Review: Haverhill
Date: 27 March 2018 11:47:47

Dear Leah, Fiona,

Haverhill Town Council considered the two options provided in respect of Haverhill, Option G and Option H. The Council have asked me to make the following observations:

1 – Thank you to the officers and working party for their work on this matter. We appreciate the complexity of the task.

2 – The Town Council did not feel able to commit support to either option over the other at this stage. Instead, the Council have opted to make observations in respect of both:

- a. The Town Council support the principle of smaller wards with single or two Councillors representing each ward.
- b. The Council would prefer to see local historical identities for wards rather than geographically defined names. This is particularly pertinent where the extended and complex geographical nature of proposed wards mean that such terms are inaccurate.
- c. Positive comments about Option G were that the Council preferred the less complex boundaries and the apparent headroom in two wards' electorate to allow for expansion of the town.
- d. Positive comments about Option H were about the establishment of a Haverhill Central ward that was mostly coterminous with the Masterplan area and CBD. This was felt to be a good idea.
- e. Negative comments about Option H was that 1, the 'South' ward actually pushed too far north and would make no sense to the residents and 2, the complexity of the ward boundaries in Option H would be confusing for residents to know which ward they were in and who their Councillor was, which polling station to use and for canvassing purposes, volunteers knowing which ward they were in to ensure the correct candidates are represented. E.g. Camps Road/Burton End road passes through three wards.

The Council suggests that the existing options offer a good basis for tweaking areas to satisfy the electorate count criteria whilst establishing a clearer boundary structure which can be easily understood by the electorate.

Thank you for taking these views into account

Kind regards

Colin

Colin Poole PSLCC

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From: Bennett Swayne
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Ward Boundaries Review
Date: 23 March 2018 15:31:35

Dear Sirs

As Chairman, I am writing on behalf of Higham Parish Meeting with some comments on the proposed ward boundaries review.

The two proposals submitted are identical so far as Higham is concerned, so we appear to have no opportunity to offer a choice, as this seems to have been made. We lose our association with Tuddenham, Cavenham etc and our current excellent long-serving Councillor, Rona Burt, and are placed with Moulton, Gazeley and Kentford, all of them much larger parishes.

The comments made by those who have responded to me following my circulation of the consultation are:-

- 1 There is no mention of Higham in the proposed Ward name.
- 2 We would rather stay with the status quo – current councillor and parish associations as we fear we will be far outweighed by the needs of the other much larger parishes.

Yours faithfully

Bennett Swayne

Chairman – Higham Parish Meeting

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From: John Sadler
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Cc: [Mickleborough_Leah](#)
Subject: Lackford Parish Council - Proposed ward boundary changes - Observations, comments and proposals
Date: 26 March 2018 12:44:30
Attachments: [oledata.mso](#)
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Importance: High

For the attention of Democratic Services

I set out below, and attached, the observations, comments and proposals, for the proposed ward boundary changes from Lackford Parish Council.

The Council believe the observations and proposals should strengthen the reasons for Lackford to stay within the Risby ward.

Yours sincerely,

John F Sadler

Clerk to Lackford Parish Council.

These are the unanimous observations of Lackford Parish Council on proposed boundary changes for the combined Council of West Suffolk

These observations apply to both proposals "A" and "B" and refer to the effect the proposals will have on the Parish of Lackford.

Lackford Parish Council are extremely unhappy and concerned, that the proposed ward boundary changes that moves Lackford from the Risby ward group of parishes into the Manor ward. This move will not reflect the residents of Lackford, happy, long-standing and ongoing interaction with adjacent parishes within the existing Risby ward that works well and fits together. As a consequence, the proposal will not offer cohesive or effective government.

The Manor ward - The residents in the Parish of Lackford have no schooling, medical, social or religious links with the parishes of Barton Mills, Cavenham, Freckenham, Tuddenham or Worlington and to just append Lackford at the western end of the Manor ward will not bring about cohesive or effective government. The communities do not work well or fit together. The Parish Council understand that the name, Manor ward, is historical but has no meaning whatsoever for Lackford. Furthermore, the name does not give any clue as to its whereabouts.

Schooling - Lackford is within the catchment area of Risby primary school. Older children within Lackford attend the schools in Bury St Edmunds passing through the parishes in the Risby ward along the A1101 corridor. There is no schooling link with the proposed parishes in the Manor ward or in the adjacent wards in Mildenhall.

Doctor's surgeries - There are no surgeries in Lackford, all medical needs are catered for in Bury St Edmunds with travel via the A1101 corridor.

Social events - Lackford is a small community without a village hall, and as such, social events are very often combined using the social facilities of the parishes of Flempton, Hengrave, West Stow and Culford, which are all within the existing and proposed Risby Ward.

Anglican Church - There is an existing and ongoing very strong social link with the parishes of the Risby ward through the Church of England. The Parochial Church parishes of Lackford, Culford, Flempton, Hengrave and West Stow & Wordwell are all combined within the Lark Valley Benefice in the Church of England Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and are currently, all within the Risby ward.

Transport and Logistics - The omission of Lackford and the addition of Icklingham to the Risby ward does not appear logical. In order to get to Icklingham one would normally travel along the A1101 and pass through the Parish of Lackford.

Balancing of ward boundaries - The Council understand that there must be some balancing of numbers within the wards. However the revised ward boundaries, as proposed, appears to give greater emphasis to the numbers rather than, and more importantly, a reflection of the existing an ongoing links within local communities.

Summary

1. The proposal that the Parish of Lackford is grouped within the Manor ward, does not reflect the existing an ongoing links within the local community and therefore will not provide cohesive or effective local government.
2. Existing and ongoing social links are more important than pure numbers for electoral equality.
However, further to a telephone discussion between the Clerk and Fiona Osman of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, we now believe there is a solution that would allow Lackford to remain within the Risby ward yet still keep the numbers within 10% of the ideal electorate number of 2055.
We understand that it is almost certain that the Parish of Barnham will be removed from the proposed Risby ward, and the parish of Ingham will be reinstated into the Risby Ward. This changes the numbers as set out below, and thus should allow Lackford to be reinstated into the Risby ward, while still keeping the electoral numbers within the chosen parameters.
3. The proposed name "Manor ward" for ward number 16, does not give any clue to a stranger as to the whereabouts of this ward and would appear not to reflect the parishes within the proposed ward. A more appropriate name would be "Barton Mills and Worlington ward".

(We are aware that this proposal is made without any knowledge or association with the parishes proposed for this ward.)

From: Roberta Bennett
To: [Osman, Fiona](#); [Mickleborough, Leah](#)
Cc: [Bowman, Ruth](#); [Mayor Andy Drummond](#)
Subject: RE: Review of ward boundaries
Date: 27 March 2018 08:55:59
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Fiona,

Further of the Town Council Meeting last night, the council considered the options and would like on record their preference for option K – 6 wards of 1 district member. In addition to that, the council wishes to retain the original names where possible, and use Newmarket heritage names for other wards.

As such we would like to suggest the following

Newmarket North – Studlands

Newmarket East – Severals

Newmarket South East – All Saints

Newmarket South West – St Mary's

Newmarket West – Scaltback

Newmarket Central – Phantom and Morton

Please let me know if you have any queries,

Kind regards

Roberta Bennett

Town Council Manager

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From: Christopher Turner
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Change in Wards- Poslingford
Date: 26 March 2018 17:13:40

I am writing on behalf of Poslingford Parish Council for whom I am the Parish Clerk. They have asked me to contact you with their comments on the proposed move from the Cavendish Ward to Clare. Currently they are with a number of small villages whereas if they are moved to Clare it is felt that as a small village attached to a "town" any problems they encounter are likely to be pushed to the back of the queue instead of being dealt with equally with their much larger neighbour. Consequently they would wish to remain where they are currently. Chris Turner- On behalf of Poslingford Parish Council.

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council
Submission in response to proposed
new West Suffolk Council Wards

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J Ian Steel

Chairman, Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council

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Sara Mildmay-White

Borough Councillor, Rougham Ward

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Karen Soons

County Councillor, Thingoe South Division

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Executive Summary

A new West Suffolk Council will replace Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council; new council wards will be needed for this, as the number of Councillors will be reduced from 72 to 64. Two alternative proposals affecting Rushbrooke with Rougham have been put forward. Option A would divide the Parish, with the North Ward being included in a redrawn Moreton Hall East Ward represented by two Councillors and the South Ward included in a single-Councillor Rougham Ward with Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George and Bradfield St Clare and possibly Stanningfield. Option B would combine the Parish with Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George, Bradfield St Clare, Stanningfield, Great and Little Whelnetham, Horringer, Ickworth and Nowton in a two-Councillor Ward.

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council does not believe that either of these proposals meet the needs of this rural Parish with a distinct identity and recognisable boundaries. Option A is considered particularly unsuitable as it destroys the integrity of the Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council and it is inappropriate for part of a large and mainly rural Parish to be included as part of a suburban Ward. There is a very strong local view that the Bury St Edmunds Town boundary should not move any further east and a fear that the Parish could lose its identity by being absorbed into Bury St Edmunds. The Parish Council is also concerned about the practical aspects of being included in a two-Councillor Ward.

Consequently, the Parish Council is proposing a new option, namely a single-Councillor Ward with an electorate of 1986, based largely on the current Ward.

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council proposal

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council is proposing a new Ward that would include all of the Parish of Rushbrooke with Rougham, together with the Parishes of Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George

The arguments in favour of this proposal include:

- The electorate of the Parish would be represented by one Councillor, which would increase democracy and empower the residents, giving them a much greater say in local affairs
- This proposal creates a cohesive and identifiable Ward, easily recognisable and maintaining the strong community links
- Strong local support for maintaining the integrity of the Parish, documented by a recent petition (90+ responses)
- A real fear that the Parish could be absorbed into Bury St Edmunds and therefore lose its distinctive identity and long history
- The Parish boundary with Bury St Edmunds runs along Lady Miriam Way and along the escarpment to the north of Lady Miriam Way to the Railway line. The Parish Council proposes that the boundary for the new Ward should reflect these distinct borders and not split the Parish into two parts

- It is logical to maintain the existing links with Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George, since these are also rural Parishes, with similar issues and challenges

For these reasons, Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council strongly believes that the Parish should be represented on the new West Suffolk Council by a single Councillor with experience and knowledge of rural matters.

Introduction

It is proposed that Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council will be replaced with a new West Suffolk Council; the order to create the new Council is due in Parliament soon. New council wards will be needed for the new Council, in line with guidance that the number of Councillors should be reduced from 72 to 64. The two existing Councils have presented a number of initial options for the ward boundaries which are open for consultation before submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in April 2018.

Local groups, councils and the public are being encouraged to comment on the options and are invited to put forward further suggestions.

The LGBCE will hold its own consultation over the summer and make the final decision.

Background

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish is currently part of Rougham Ward, together with Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George. The existing Ward is represented by one Councillor on St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

The Community Governance Review (CGR) examined parish electoral arrangements in 2015-2016 and this led to some changes in Parish boundaries in 2017. As a result of this, and in line with the Parish Council submission, Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish now extends to the railway line in the north, and to Lady Miriam Way and the A43 in the west. The Parish will be divided into North and South Wards.

It has been confirmed that the current warding review will not affect the external boundaries of West Suffolk or the existing boundaries of any Parish or Town Council. Current Parish and Town Council boundaries will be the building blocks to create district-level wards. It is intended that each Councillor on the new Council will represent a similar number of electors, approximately 2,055 people ($\pm 10\%$). In some cases, this will be achieved through larger two-Councillor wards.

It is estimated that the number of electors within Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish will increase by 577 by 2023 and this figure needs to be taken into consideration.

Council proposals

The two proposals affecting Rushbrooke with Rougham put forward by Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council are:

- Option A: Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council North Ward would be included in the redrawn Moreton Hall East Ward and represented by two Councillors on the new combined Council. Rushbrooke with Rougham South Ward would be incorporated into a single-Councillor Rougham Ward comprising also Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George and Bradfield St Clare and possibly Stanningfield (Option A for Rural Wards and Option E for Bury St Edmunds and surrounding Parishes). It should be pointed out that there are significant inaccuracies in the proposal for Option A as the text (List of

Rural Wards – Ward 6 Rougham) does not state that this includes only the South Ward; therefore if a Rushbrooke with Rougham elector was reading this without consulting the map or looking at Option E and F1 (Bury St Edmunds and surrounding Parishes), they would assume that the whole of the Parish was included. Also the number of electors specified on the maps relating to Options A and B for this Parish does not differ, even though the North Ward is excluded from Option A

- Option B: The whole of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish along with Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George, Bradfield St Clare, Stanningfield, Great and Little Whelnetham, Horringer, Ickworth and Nowton would form a two-Councillor Ward (Option B for Rural Wards and Option E1 and F for Bury St Edmunds and surrounding Parishes)

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council proposal

Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council does not believe that either of these proposals meets the needs of this rural Parish with a distinct identity and recognisable boundaries. Option A is considered particularly unsuitable as it destroys the integrity of the Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council. Moreover it is inappropriate for part of a large and mainly rural Parish to be included as part of a suburban Ward within Bury St Edmunds Town Council. The effect of Option A would be that the Parish's electorate would be represented by two Councillors from Moreton Hall East Ward and one from Rougham Ward. It would be incumbent on the Moreton Hall East Councillors to report to the Parish Council on what the new combined West Suffolk Council is achieving for that area.

There is a very strong local view that the Bury St Edmunds town boundary should not move any further east and a fear that the Parish could lose its identity by being absorbed into Bury St Edmunds. The Parish Council is also concerned about the practical aspects of being included in a two-Councillor Ward.

Within Options A and B, there is no other Parish that is split with the electors of one part being represented by another Ward representing more than one Parish or Town Council such as that proposed within Option A.

Consequently, the Parish Council is proposing a new option, namely a single-Councillor Ward with an electorate of 1986, based largely on the current Ward:

- **This new Ward would include all of the Parish of Rushbrooke with Rougham, together with the Parishes of Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George (Appendix A)**

Rationale for new proposal

The electorate of the Parish would be represented by one Councillor, which would increase democracy and empower the residents, giving them a greater say in local affairs. If the Parish's North Ward were combined with the Moreton Hall East Ward, the North Ward electors would comprise only 14.5% of the total electorate of that Ward and would therefore have little influence in local issues affecting them. Although the Parish will be divided into two Wards

from 2019, this is intended to ensure that residents north of the A14 will be fully represented on the Parish Council and should not be regarded as a precedent for split representation on the new West Suffolk Council. In connection with this, residents were asked their opinions about proposals to divide the Parish between Wards and there was overwhelming support for maintaining the Parish as a single entity on the West Suffolk Council. (see *Appendix B* for 90+ responses).

In the Parish Council's submission for the Community Governance Review, it was emphasised that there was a real fear that the Parish of Rushbrooke with Rougham could be absorbed into Bury St Edmunds and therefore lose its distinctive identity and long history. The Parish boundary was moved eastwards with the previous expansion of Moreton Hall and there is a strong feeling that there should be no further eastward movement.

The Parish Council accepts that emotion cannot be the only argument against dividing the Parish. The practical reasons why the area of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council should be maintained as one unit under the new combined Council are set out below.

The residents of the Parish are proud of the long history of Rougham and Rushbrooke villages with some families tracing their histories back for centuries. The most recent history of this whole area is inextricably linked with the WW2 United States Army Air Force (USAAF) Rougham Airfield.

The Parish boundary with Bury St Edmunds runs along Lady Miriam Way and along the escarpment to the north of Lady Miriam Way to the Railway line. The Parish Council proposes that the boundary for the new Ward should reflect these distinct borders and not split the Parish into two parts.

The proposed Ward would be a distinct and recognisable community, as shown by the following:

- The northern part of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish has an incontrovertible link with Rougham, because of the history of the USAAF airbase at Rougham
- The roads in Lark Grange (the Taylor Wimpey development to the north of the Parish) are named either after US airmen who served with distinction or after the aircraft flown from Rougham airfield during the Second World War. A plaque will be placed on each road sign explaining how the name originated, thus encouraging a feeling of connection to the past history of Rougham
- It is logical to maintain the existing links with Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George, since these are rural Parishes, with similar issues and challenges
- The road layout also reinforces the natural affinity between these villages, as Junction 45 of the A14 serves all of them
- Many residents of all these villages use facilities in Rougham, specifically Rougham shop and Post Office
- The Bennet Arms in Rougham is the last remaining public house in the proposed Ward since the closure of the Fox and Hounds in Bradfield St George

- Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church is on the boundary of Rougham and Bradfield St George and offers a wide range of community activities to residents of all three villages

If our submission is accepted then the entire electorate of these interconnected villages will be represented by one Councillor. This would increase democracy and empower the residents, giving them a greater say in local affairs.

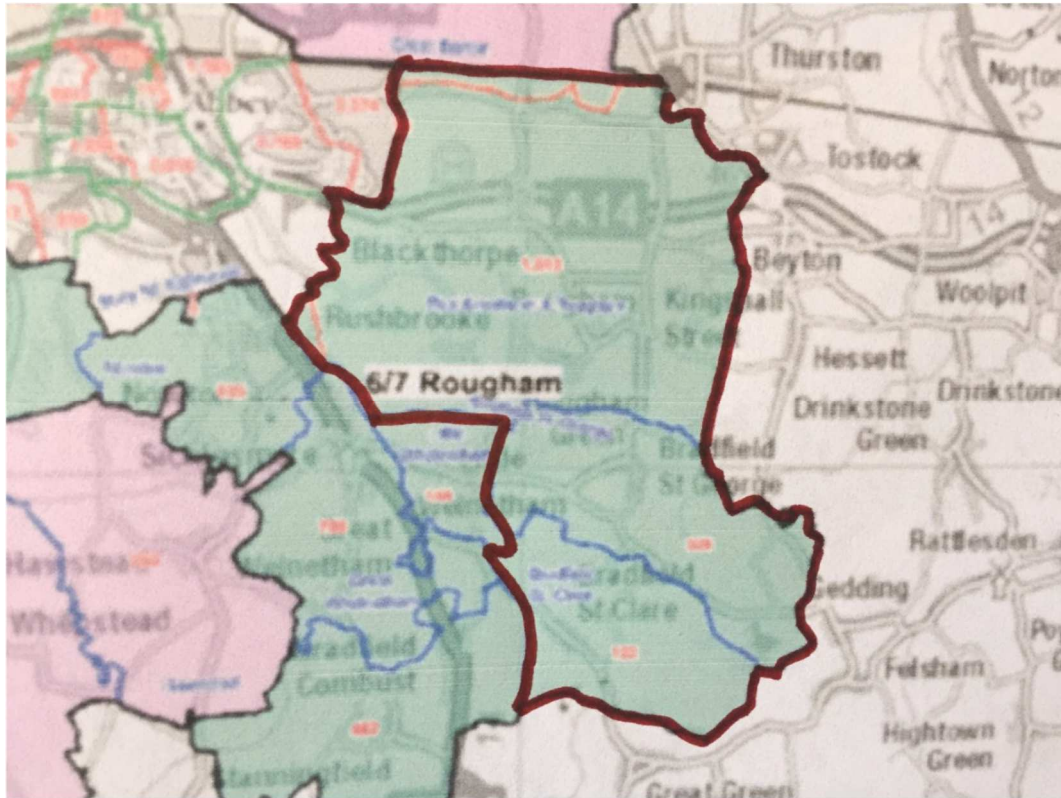
Conclusions

For the reasons listed above, Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council strongly believes that the Parish should be represented on the new West Suffolk Council by a single Councillor with experience and knowledge of rural matters. It is proposed that the Ward should consist of Rushbrooke with Rougham, Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George, thus maintaining the integrity of the Parish as a whole and continuing the links with two other rural Parishes that face similar issues and challenges.

Although the Parish will be divided two Wards, the reason for this was to ensure that the electorate living north of the A14 had a full and inclusive representative voice on the Parish Council and hence to bring the Parish closer together and ensure all areas had a voice.

The Parish Council is totally opposed to splitting the Parish into two as proposed under Option A (Rural Wards) because this is divisive for a Parish with a clear and defined rural identity. It would destroy the integrity of this Parish and result in rural residents being subsumed into Bury St Edmunds Town Council, when Rushbrooke with Rougham is a rural Parish which should be represented by a rural Councillor.

Appendix A: Proposed new Ward



Appendix B: Petition responses

From: Tom mckenny
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: West Suffolk Ward options
Date: 09 March 2018 19:17:19

As chairman of Stoke by Clare Parish Council I would be very unhappy with Stoke by Clare being changed to a ward with Kedington and Haverhill. We have had a long association with Clare Cavendish Hundon and Wixoe parishes with naturally shared facilities. We are very happy with the way this functions and see no advantage at all to changing this.

Yours sincerely
Roger McKenny

Send from Tom McKenny's iPad

From: Christopher Turner
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Stoke by Clare
Date: 26 March 2018 16:53:26

I am the clerk to Stoke by Clare Parish Council and have been instructed to contact you with our observations on the proposed area change.

Currently we are in the Hundon Ward the proposal is to move us away from our neighbours to Kedington where we have no links whatsoever. We feel that it is completely unnecessary, bureaucratic for the sake of it, achieve little and cause division between neighbouring communities. It appears that we have just been put into the Kedington ward as we have the right number of electors, regardless of having little or nothing to do with them. We will be on the outskirts of the area and feel we will be largely forgotten. Our main road flows nowhere near Kedington and any Highway issues that we have will be overlooked.

We wish to remain where we are.

Chris Turner- Clerk to the Parish Council and on their behalf.

From: Graeme Norris
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Ward Boundary Change
Date: 16 March 2018 08:04:26

As you are aware the proposed boundary changes for the new West Suffolk cut RAF Honington in two halves again. The northern part in the civil parish of Honington (about 400 voters) going in a new ward with Bardwell and Honington village and the southern part (about 260 voters) in the civil parish of Troston staying in the Pakenham ward. This reverses the very sensible changes made about 15 years ago by the Boundary Commission and the Borough – and splits the camp right down the centre. It would seem that those councillors involved in this now did not know the area or did not realise what was being proposed was not really sensible (they thought they were putting the “camp” back with Honington village not realising they were actually leaving a split at the camp).

Honington Parish Council met this week and do not support the proposed change and they will be writing to the Borough to say that the RAF station should in their view be all in the Pakenham/Troston ward and not split between 2 borough councillors.

Replying as Chairman of Troston Parish Council, we agree with Honington PC and do not support the changes. There is a view that since this matter keeps coming up, is some desire that the Camp would benefit from having two Borough Councillors?

If you need more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me directly

Dr Graeme Norris

Meeting: Proposed Borough Ward Changes

Troston Village Hall 15.00 19th March 2018

Present:

Joanna Spicer (Suffolk County Council) Simon Brown (Pakenham & Troston Ward), Andrew Smith (Honington & Bardwell Ward), Rob Williams (Honington & Sapiston Parish Council), Graeme Norris and Roger Anderson (Troston Parish Council), Diana Saunders (RAF Honington Community Support Officer).

Creation of Single District Council:

In February 2018, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government confirmed that he is going to start the legislative process in Parliament to create a single District Council for West Suffolk.

If Parliament approves the orders then a new set of wards will need to be created before the first elections May in 2019.

Initial options for the new ward boundaries have been proposed. The aim is that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters (give or take 10% from the average).

Problem:

The proposed boundary changes for the new West Suffolk cut RAF Honington in two halves **again**. The northern part in the civil parish of Honington (about 400 voters) going in a new ward with Bardwell and Honington village and the southern part (about 260 voters) in the civil parish of Troston staying in the Pakenham ward.

RAF View:

This reverses the very sensible changes made about 15 years ago by the Boundary Commission and the Borough to keep the “camp” as one – and splits the camp right down the centre. The Commander of the RAF Base, Wing Commander David Tait, wanted it to be clear he believed it was important for the camp to be regarded as one entity. It would seem that those councillors involved in this new proposal either disregarded the view of the 2015/16 consultation or thought they were putting the camp back with Honington village not realising they were actually leaving a split at the camp.

Parish Views:

Troston Parish Council discussed the matter on the 5th March and did not support either Option A or B being proposed. Councillors believe the existing Ward Boundary is a better option as it regards the Camp as one entity.

Honington Parish Council met 12th March and also do not support the proposed change. They will be writing to the Borough to say that the RAF station should in their view be all in the Pakenham/Troston ward and not split between two borough councillors.

County & Borough Councillors' Views:

The existing boundary kept the married quarters on the camp together and was within SEBC numbers commitment and plan.

Conclusion:

The meeting unanimously agreed that neither Option A or B kept the camp together as one entity - and therefore, we did not support the proposed new boundary.

From: Group Captain David C Tait MBE ADC MA RAF



Station Commander
Royal Air Force Honington

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Elections Manager
Forest Heath District Council
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27 Mar 18

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to the council to present the view of RAF Honington with regards to the future Ward structure required for "Single Council" elections in May 2019. The proposed changes would split the RAF Station into two halves. The northern part in the civil parish of Honington (about 400 voters) going in a new ward with Bardwell and Honington Village and the Southern part (about 260 voters) in the civil parish of Troston staying in the Pakenham Ward.

This reverses the changes made about 15 years ago by the Boundary Commission and the Borough to keep Honington Camp as one. In my view this is not ideal. I would prefer that Honington service personnel and families to be kept within one ward boundary and viewed as one entity, with one borough councillor. Keeping the "camp" together has proven to provide us with more effective local government and reflects the realities of our community on the ground.

The proposition below has been put forward by the Parish Councils (Barnham, Honington & Sapiston, Fakenham Magna, Euston and Troston), SCC Councillors Joanna Spicer, Rebecca Hopfensperger and the Borough Councillors Simon Brown, Susan Glossop and Andrew Smith. The station supports this proposal as it keeps our personnel within one Ward boundary.

Bardwell Ward (to remain as present)

Bardwell 628, Barnham 476, Coney Weston 308, Euston 99, Fakenham Magna 128, Honington (Village) 254, Sapiston 141 - 2034

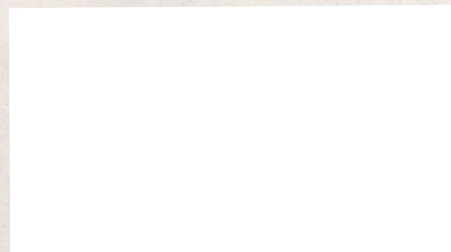
Pakenham Ward (to remain as present)

Pakenham 680, Troston 572, Honington (Station) 439, Great Livermere 178, Ampton 49, Timworth 48, Little Livermere 28 - 1994

Risby Ward (from data in consultation)

Delete Barnham – minus 476 but add Ingham 355 – 2023

I look forward to the outcome in due course.



Moreton Hall



Residents Association

From The Secretary
Moreton Hall Residents Association

E Mail secretarymhra@gmail.com

21st March 2018

Dear Leah

Boundary Proposals for Moreton Hall Ward and the New West Suffolk Council

Moreton Hall Residents Association strongly object to any proposal that Moreton Hall Ward into two.

We also are firmly of the opinion that the new houses currently in Rougham Ward and those yet to be built should be part of Moreton Hall.

In any boundary review we understand that regard has to be had to the following considerations: -

Transport Links

Shared Interests

Community Group

Facilities

Identifiable boundaries

To take the issue of the new houses first.

Rougham Village centre is 3 miles away the other side of the A14 via a country road with virtually no footpath or cycle way. These new houses will use the Moreton Hall Facilities at Lawson Place. The area to the east of Lady Miriam Way is not open countryside as may have been suggested but is a Business Park designed to provide employment from Lady Miriam Way through to Sow Lane and Junction 45.

Transport Links

Moreton hall has its own compact transport links via footpaths cycle ways and cars. Rougham has none of these things and is a spread-out village very rural in character where as the new houses will be the eastern boundary of the Bury St Edmunds Urban area.

Shared Interests

Moreton hall has an established Community Centre and an active Residents Association. The whole community successfully fought against the planning application by McDonald's
The whole of Moreton Hall is also affected by the permanent traffic chaos at junction44 of the A14 and to split any section off is not in our view sensible or indeed desirable.

Community Group

If split into two then the cohesion will be lost especially over traffic and planning issues and problems and issues in Eastgate Ward, part of which is effectively fringe town centre, may not be the same as Moreton Hall.

Facilities

Moreton hall was established to enable the urban centre of Bury St Edmunds to grow and is a cohesive unit and has its own facilities. It is separated from the Town by the A14 and is a self contained cohesive unit within the built up area of the town

Identifiable Boundaries

Ortwell Road to the west going down Mount Road with Eastgate Ward to the north and Moreton Hall Ward to the south the north then along the A14 then along the eastern boundary at Sow Lane and the Northern Boundary along the Railway Line.

The Residents Association preference is for the Moreton Hall Ward Boundary to be Sow Lane to the East. Ortwell Road to the west, going down Mount Road on the junction44 side and then the Railway Line to the north and the A14 to the south and attach a plan showing our proposal which is based on version E amended

We would welcome the opportunity of addressing the Boundary Commissioners and showing them around the Moreton Hall area.

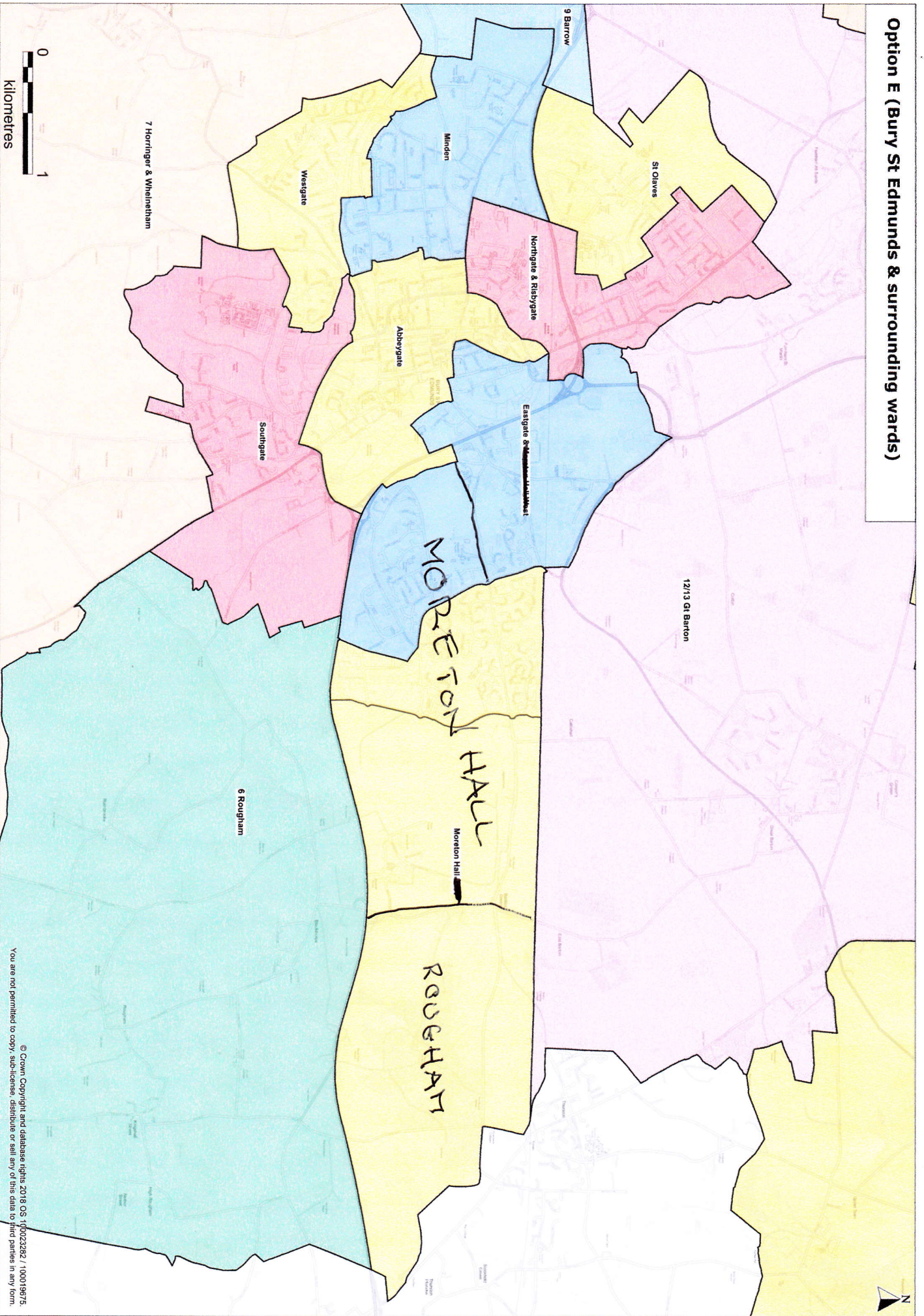
A copy of this letter and plan has been sent to Councillors of all parties who either represent Moreton Hall or live on Moreton hall and represent other wards.

Yours Faithfully

K. HOULTON ~~HART FRICS~~
Secretary
Moreton Hall Residents Association
By E mail and Post

Leah Mickleborough
Service Manager Democratic Services
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
West Suffolk House
Western Way
Bury St Edmunds

Option E (Bury St Edmunds & surrounding wards)



20 March 2018

Elections Manager
Forest Heath District Council
District Offices
College Heath Road
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Dear Sir

Future district ward boundary consultation

As a resident of the current Moreton Hall ward for Bury St Edmunds I wish to respond to your consultation on proposed ward boundary changes as follows:

I suggest a modification of Option E (Bury St Edmunds and surrounding areas). I enclose a copy of my proposal "Amended option E" showing my ward boundary proposal.

1. The Moreton Hall ward should remain a single entity and not be split into two wards.
- 2 I have marked in red ink the natural constraints that form the practical boundaries for Moreton Hall i.e. the railway line to the North, the A14 to the South and West, and Sow Lane to the East.
- 3 Eastgate (the area in blue to the West of the A14) should be incorporated into the Abbeygate ward with an additional councillor if needed.
- 4 The area to the North of the railway line as far as Compeigne Way (again in blue) could be incorporated into Great Barton or could remain in Moreton Hall.
- 5 Rougham would be as currently shown in green on Option E and would be a primarily rural ward to the South of the A14

The Moreton Hall ward should maintain its community identity as a single ward. I see nothing to gain by "splitting" the ward just to make numbers add up. I can only see confusion.

The Moreton Hall ward should continue, as now, as a predominantly urban area served by 3 councillors.

From:
To: [Mickleborough, Leah](#)
Cc:
Subject: District Ward Consultation: Moreton Hall
Date: 10 March 2018 21:59:18

To whom it may concern.

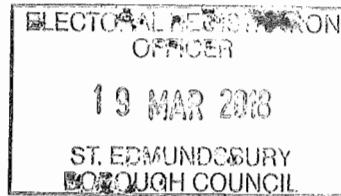
I wish to express my opinion that the new housing to the east of Moreton Hall, together with the new Sybil Andrews Academy, should be included in the Moreton Hall Ward.

Apart from the old Rougham Airfield, now used only for small non-commercial aircraft, this area is closest to the Moreton Hall housing and commercial development, and therefore I feel it should be included in Moreton Hall.

The village of Rougham is far removed from Moreton Hall, and we are separated by the very busy A14.

Yours sincerely

FR. 16th March 2018



The Election Manager
Forest Heath District Council
District Office
College Heath
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Dear Election Manager

I am writing to offer my opinion on the proposed Ward boundary changes.

May I first express my serious concerns over the lack of information and publicity regarding these proposed boundary changes.

I understand that some information was published in the *Bury Free Press* on Wednesday 7th March. For those of us that missed that publication we would be unaware of the proposals. There was no information provided in the *Mercury*.

My Borough Councillor received details on Wednesday 7th March and duly provided us with maps and some information at our parish council meeting on Tuesday 13th March. Time is too short to publish the minutes of our meeting on the official web site and provide copy for the village notice board. We have 60 dwellings in our village and even a conscientious parish councillor would find it very difficult to provide villagers with information / maps and advise them of their options to the proposed boundary changes.

Even those with internet provision (I have none) may not routinely refer to the web site.

I would suggest this lack of time made for consultation is very un democratic.

I wish to object to the proposed ward boundaries as shown on the map.

Barnham, Fakenham Magna and Honington are three very close knit villages and have been so for many years historically. We share connections through the Euston Estate, farming in general, schools, village halls and churches. The villages supported each other, for example, in the routing of HGV vehicles away from Barnham some years ago.

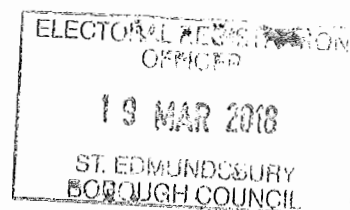
To link Barnham with Risby makes no sense - the villages are miles apart and have no social/community connection of ward interest. Similarly it does not make sense to have a boundary line splitting RAF Honington - it is one community with the older Honington village (and Fakenham). Under this proposal any village problem would need the attention of two different wards, parishes and councillors giving rise to duplication and complication.

Whilst it is reasonable to try to even out ward areas based upon population numbers this must not be the only criteria which overrides the welfare and interests of

Barnham, Fakenham Magna, and all of Honington
A more sympathetic approach is needed for these communities

Please reconsider and please extend the deadlines
and do more to inform the public.

Thank you



From:
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: ward boundaries
Date: 08 March 2018 08:52:28

I reside in Stoke by Clare and have looked the options, for us both are the same. I do not feel any association with Keddington/Haverhill area but do so for Hundon and then Clare. I would ask you to reconsider and redraw.

Many thanks

From:
To: [Mickleborough, Leah](#)
Cc:
Subject: Ward boundary changes
Date: 13 March 2018 10:07:25

Dear Ms Mickleborough

At our Lackford Parish Council meeting last evening we discussed the boundary change proposals for the new West Suffolk District Council, and our Parish Clerk, John Sadler, will be reporting the collective and unanimous view of the LPC. We would like to emphasise that, while we understand the need for some balancing of wards, we are not happy with moving Lackford from our current group of parishes to the new Manor Ward. We would like to add my own submission to support that of Lackford Parish Council with the following observations:

1. Lackford and Icklingham should be transposed, to the advantage of both parishes. Lackford 'belongs' with the Risby group of parishes, and Icklingham 'belongs' with the Manor group. These are longstanding links, with which the people of both parishes are comfortable. The numbers of electors in each are very similar, so that variance from the average would be almost unchanged.
2. Transposing Lackford and Icklingham would be administratively more efficient for the respective Ward Councillors. Communications for Lackford, particularly transport, are more convenient with the Risby group than with the Manor group. A similar argument can be made that travel for the Ward Councillor for Manor Ward would be more economic to Icklingham than to Lackford.

We make these suggestions with the objective of being helpful and constructive, and request that they be taken into account before any submission is made to LGBCE.

Kind regards

From:
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Proposed New Ward Boundaries
Date: 29 March 2018 10:50:18

Dear Sirs

I have only just been made aware of the proposed boundary changes for the present Hundon Ward. I live in Wixoe and wish to remain along with Stoke by Clare, Hundon and Stradishall in the Hundon Ward. We are much more aligned with Stoke by Clare and Clare and I would like to remain within the County Council Clare Division. I support our Cllr Mary Evans in this as we do not want to break the link between the communities on A1092.

Please ensure my view is included in the Public Consultation due to take place in July and August.
Many thanks,

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From:
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Realignment of electoral area - Stoke by Clare
Date: 10 March 2018 11:59:35

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed changes to the electoral area including Stoke by Clare. This community forms part of a series of villages along the A 1092 and has interest in common governance of transport, access and speeding. The new proposals would diffuse this focus and thus lessen the effectiveness with which such concerns are dealt with.

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From:
To: [electoral.review](#)
Subject: Views on Proposed Boundary Changes.
Date: 13 March 2018 10:41:34

Dear Sir Madam,

The proposed revised boundaries to the Risby ward, which excludes Lackford and Ingham but adds Barnham and Icklingham, does not reflect the Lackford community and its long established existing links with other parishes. I strongly believe the proposal will not best serve the best interests of our local communities.

The revised boundaries, wholly appears to be a numbers levelling exercise and does not take into account the important existing links within local communities.

As far as Lackford is concerned, the proposal does not reflect the residents of Lackford interaction with adjacent parishes, which are generally, with the exception of Barnham, within the existing Risby ward and are linked with the A1101 and towards Bury St Edmunds.

The addition of Icklingham may be logical, but in order to get there one has to pass through the Parish of Lackford. Likewise the addition of Barnham and the omission of Ingham seems less logical as the existing parishes in the Risby ward have no links whatsoever with Barnham, and again to get to Barnham one has to travel to Ingham, this aspect seems not considered..

Summary

1. The proposal for Lackford does not reflect the links within the local community and therefore will not provide best and effective local government.
2. Existing social links are essentially more important than pure numbers for electoral ward equality. Consequently, the proposals may be improved by returning Lackford, which is a community of 100+ houses, and possibly Ingham to the Risby ward, and removing the proposal for adding Barnham. (We are aware that this summary note is made without the benefit of electoral numbers.)
3. Importantly the proposed name "Manner ward" for ward number 16, does not give any clue to a stranger as to the whereabouts of this ward and would appear not to reflect the communities within the proposed ward. A more appropriate identifiable name would be "Barton Mills and Worlington ward".

Kind Regards,